



Commonwealth Standards Network

Expectation survey results

2018-10-19

Research objectives, sample and methodology

Research Objectives:

Research was undertaken to gather feedback from Commonwealth National Standards Bodies (NSBs) regarding:

- Their views on standards development and implementation.
- Their expectations for the Commonwealth Standards Network (CSN) on a whole.
- Their needs for an online platform for CSN members.

Methodology:

An online survey of NSBs was conducted between 2018/08/21 and 2018/10/19 among key representatives from Commonwealth nations.

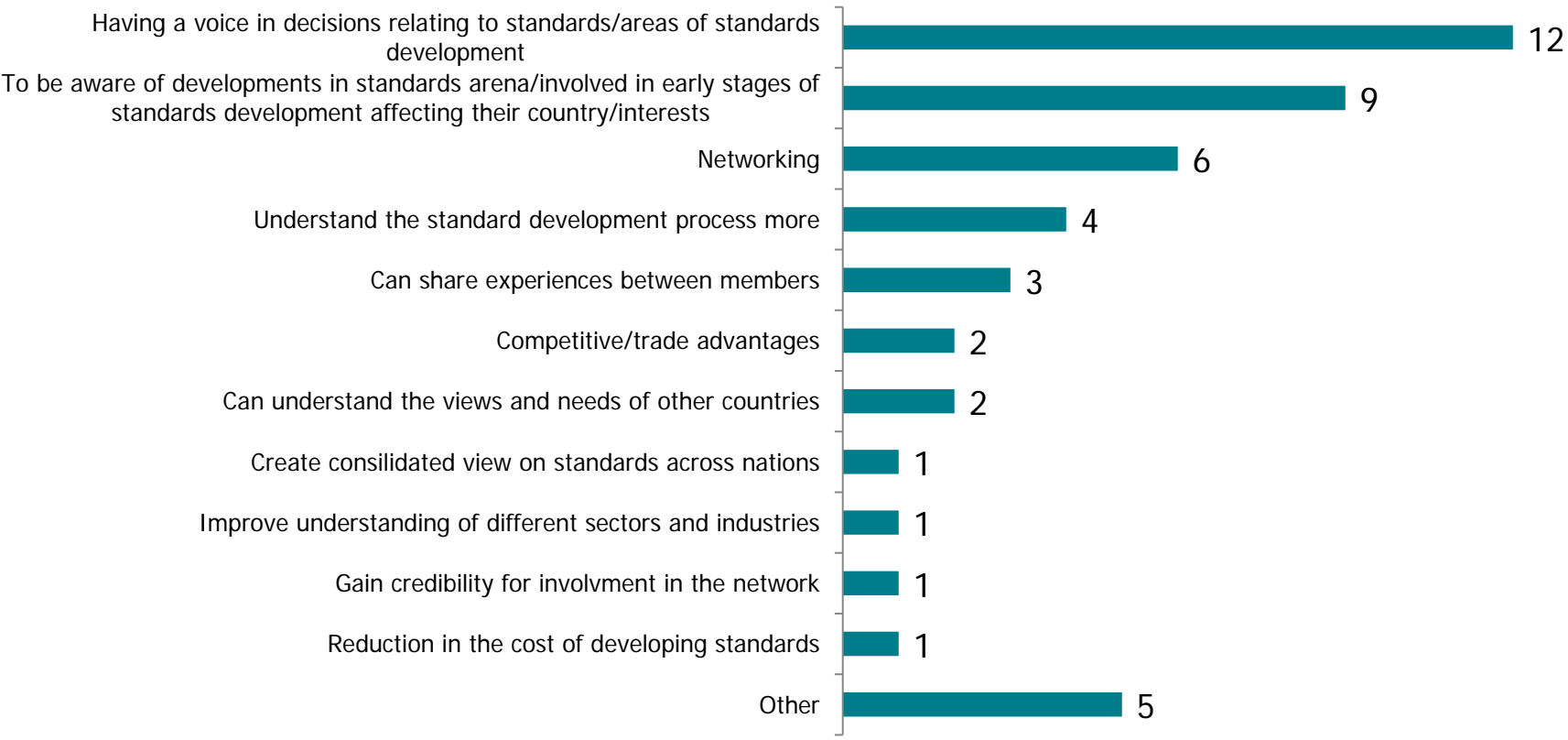
- There are 53 Commonwealth countries, 45 of which are active in ISO or IEC.
- There were 20 responses to the survey – representing a response rate of 38%.
- Responses from: Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia (The), Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Uganda, United Kingdom, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Further Information:

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Having a voice in decisions related to standards is seen as the key benefit to participating in international standards development

Q1. What do you see as the benefits, if any, to participating in international standards development?



Financial constraints associated with attending meetings is cited as the main drawback to participation in international standards development

Q2. And what do you see as the drawbacks, if any, to participating in international standards development?



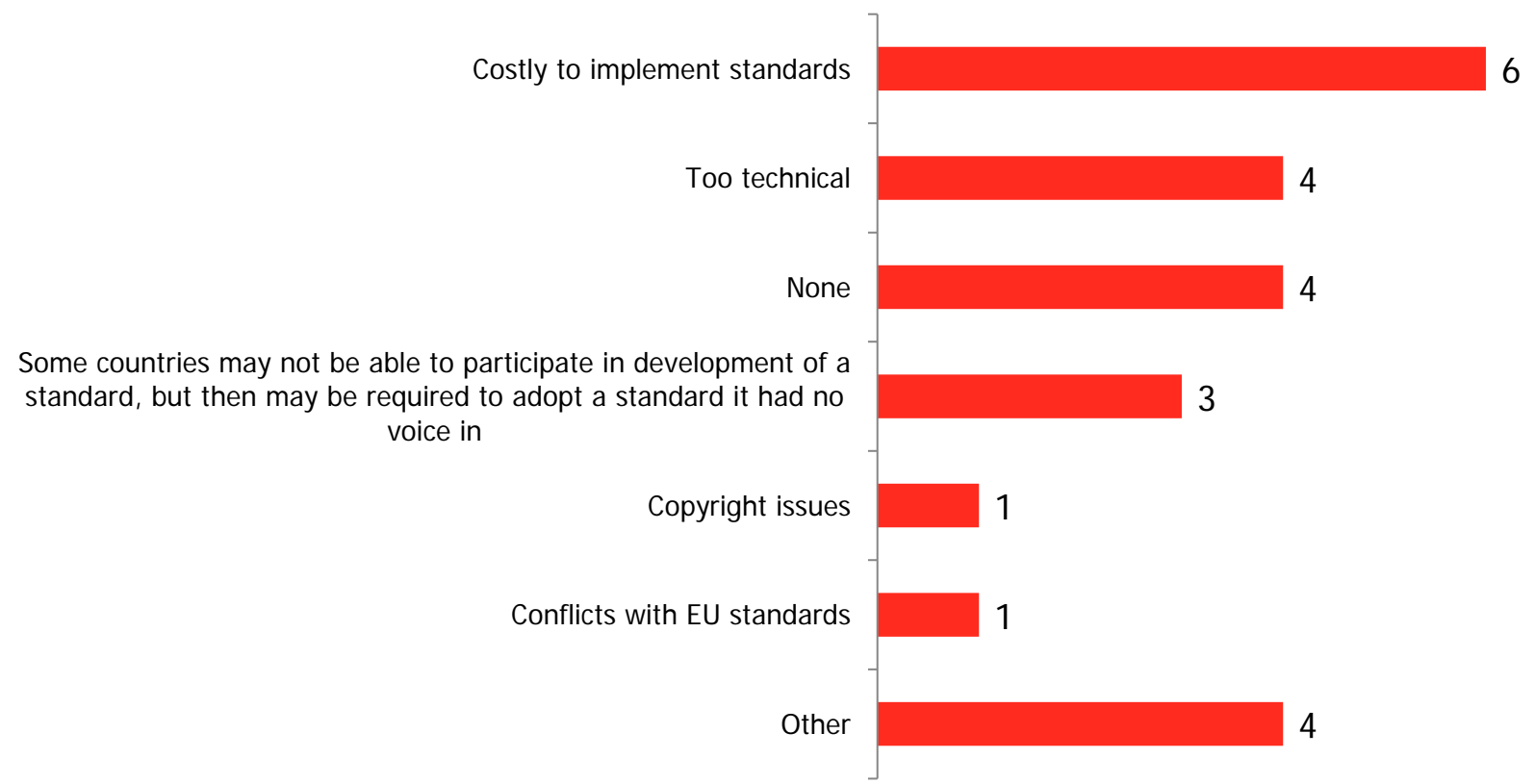
Reducing international trade barriers, meeting WTO agreements and conformity across nations are three key benefits of using and adopting international standards

Q3. What do you see as the benefits, if any, of using and adopting international standards?



Although a number of participants felt there are no drawbacks to using and adopting international standards, the cost of doing so was highlighted as a possible issue

Q4. And what do you see as the drawbacks, if any, to using and adopting international standards?



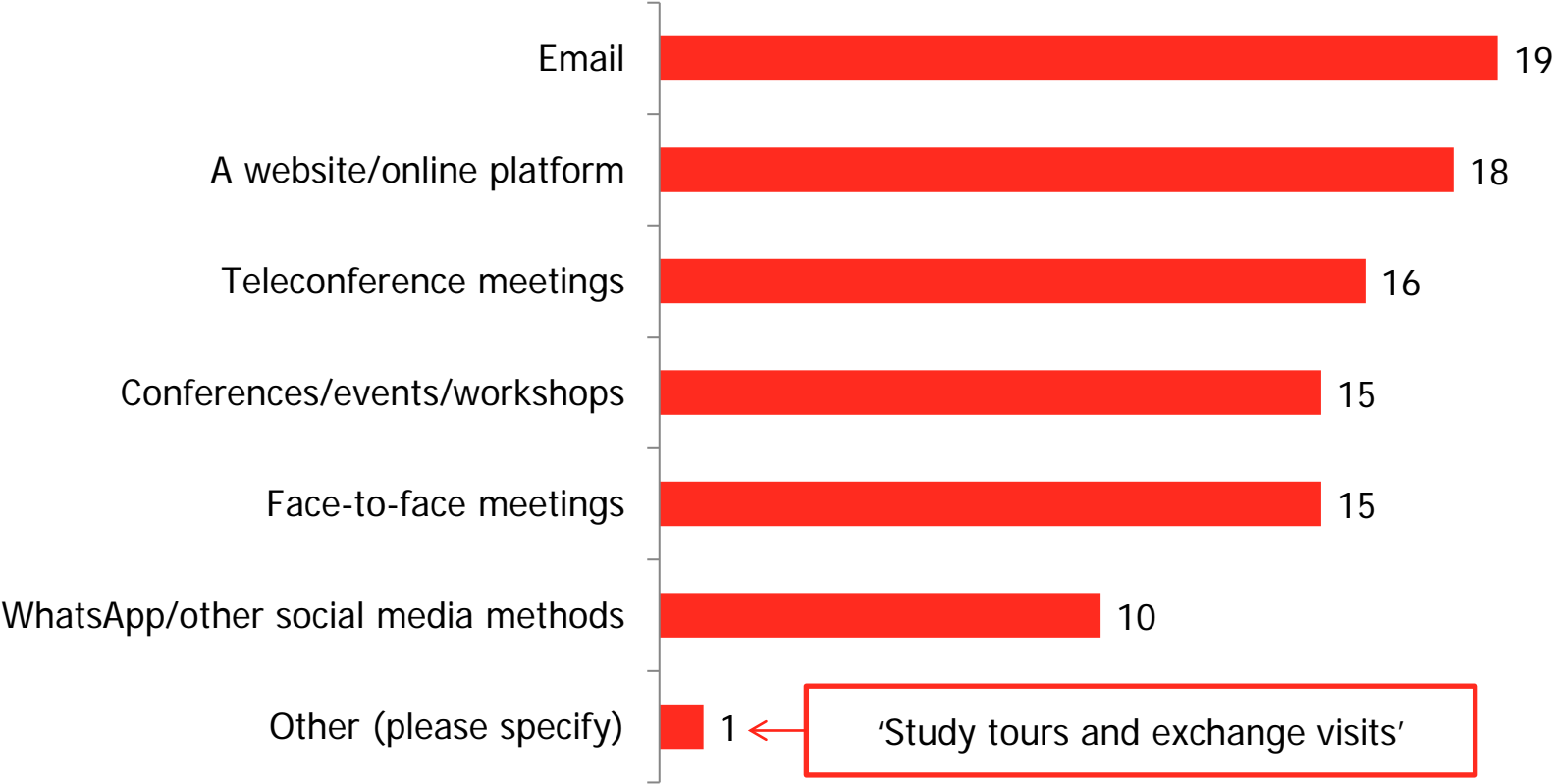
Building capacity for standards development was cited as the key anticipated achievement for the CSN amongst members

Q5. What would you like the Commonwealth Standards Network to achieve for your National Standards Body or organisation?



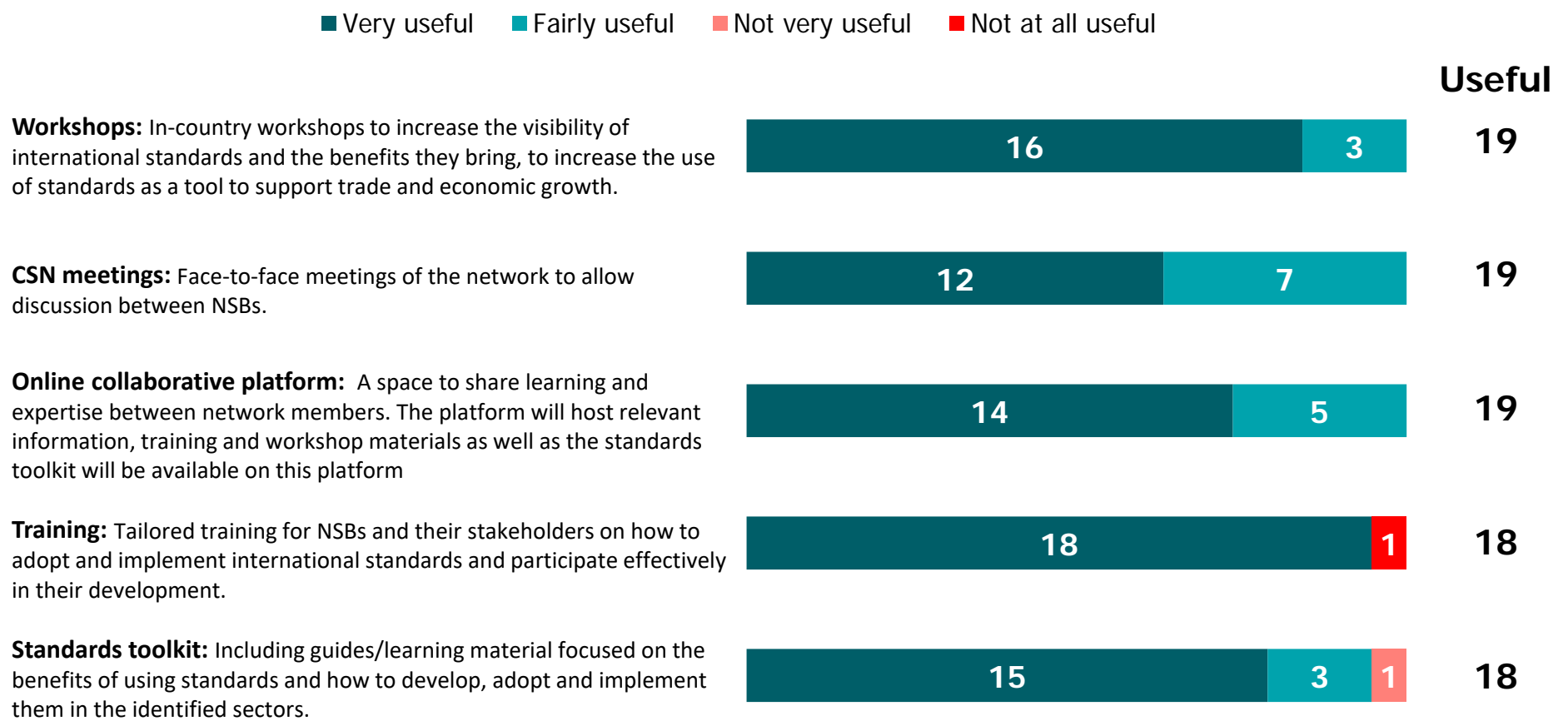
All participants stated they would prefer to interact with other CSN members by email

Q6. How would you prefer to interact with other members of the Commonwealth Standards Network?



Workshops, CSN meetings and an online collaborative platform were viewed as useful to all participants in supporting their involvement with the network

Q7. How useful do you feel each of the following would be to support your involvement with the network?



Members expect to use the online platform primarily as a space for information sharing and interaction with other NSBs

Q7a. What are your expectations for the online platform?



Standards training and workshop materials, a document store and event calendar are seen as key features of an online platform amongst CSN members

Q7b. What features would you like to be able to access in the online platform to help interact with other Commonwealth Standards Network members?



Sharing knowledge and expertise between members are seen as the main benefits of participating in the CSN

Q8. What do you see as benefits, if any, to your participation in the Commonwealth Standards Network?



Over half of participants do not see any drawbacks to their participation in the CSN

Q9. And what do you see as drawbacks, if any, to your participation in the Commonwealth Standards Network?



Healthcare and farming and fishing are the top national priority sectors for development cited by participants

Q10. What are your national priority sectors for development?

