
**Collaborative business relationship
management systems —
Requirements and framework**

*Systèmes de management collaboratif d'une relation d'affaire —
Exigences et cadre de travail*



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Introduction

The aim of this document is to establish the requirements of a strategic lifecycle framework to improve collaborative business relationships in and between organizations of all sizes. Collaborative business relationships in the context of this document can be multidimensional (see [Figure 1](#)). They can be one-to-one relationships or networked relationships involving multiple parties.

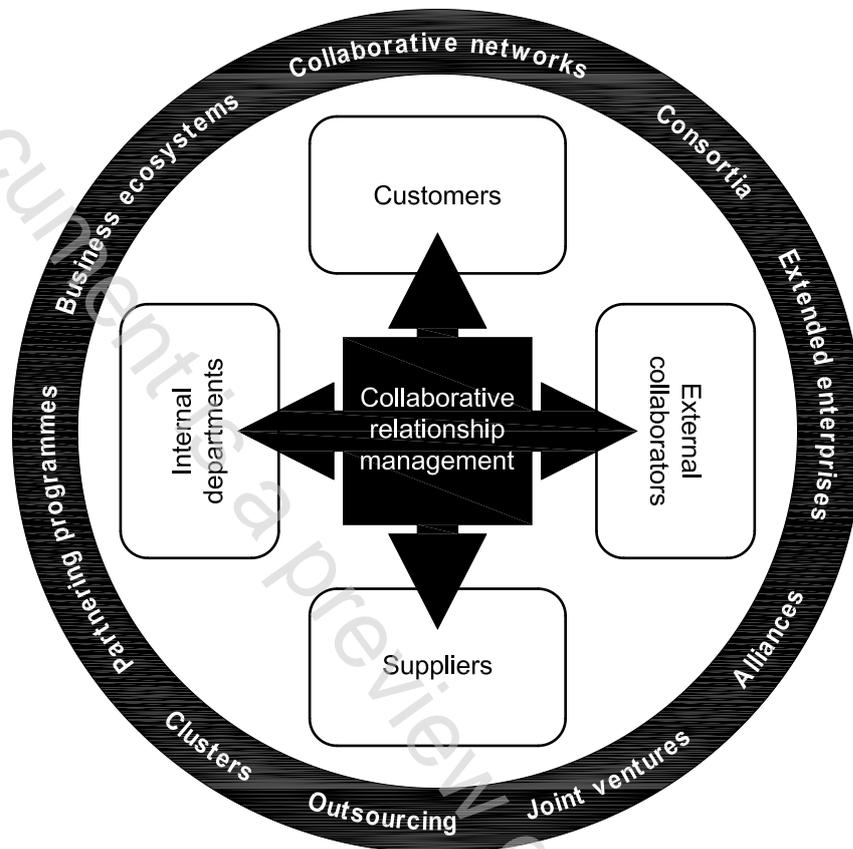


Figure 1 — Multidimensional relationships

While this document principally addresses the management system of an organization, it also recognizes that effective collaboration requires two or more organizations to engage together and that management systems need to accommodate the joint activities of the parties.

In addition to addressing the overall requirements to establish a management system, this document addresses operational process requirements for specific or individual organizational relationship engagement (see [Clause 8](#)). This document also contains a number of informative annexes to assist the user. [Annex A](#) provides a checklist to assist organizations to implement and meet the requirements of this document.

[Figure 2](#) illustrates the relationship between clauses of this document and the organization's systems and processes.

The framework addresses a number of themes that cascade from the high level management system and will vary within the context and maturity of a specific relationships lifecycle. These evolving themes impact the behaviour and organizational culture of collaborating organizations to ensure they are effective, optimized and deliver enhanced benefit to the stakeholders through collaborative approaches.

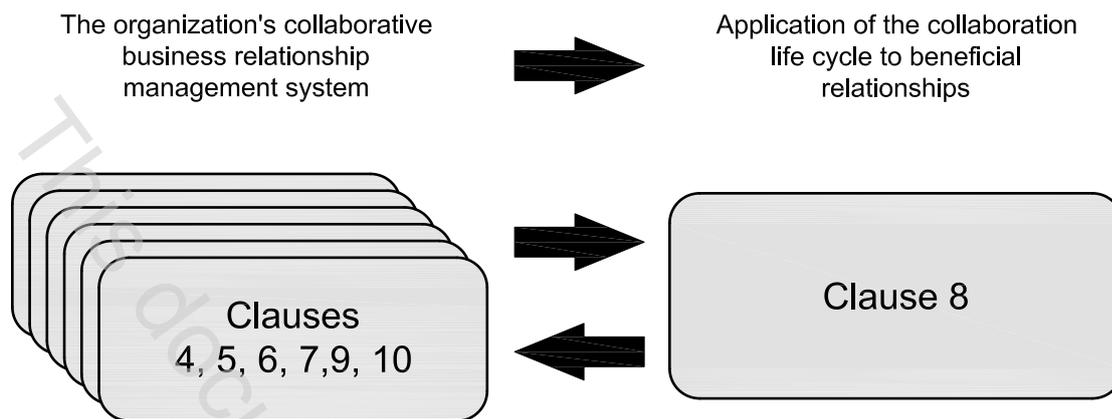


Figure 2 — Relationship between clauses of this document and the organization's systems and processes

Collaborative business relationship management systems — Requirements and framework

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the effective identification, development and management of collaborative business relationships within or between organizations.

This document is applicable to private and public organizations of all sizes, from large multinational corporations and government organizations, to non-profit organizations and micro/small businesses.

Application of this document can be on several different levels, e.g.

- a single application (including operating unit, operating division, single project or programme, mergers and acquisitions);
- an individual relationship (including one-to-one relationships, alliance, partnership, business customers, joint venture);
- multiple identified relationships (including multiple partner alliances, consortia, joint ventures, networks, extended enterprise arrangements and end-to-end supply chains);
- full application organization-wide for all identified relationship types.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1 organization

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its *objectives* (3.8)

Note 1 to entry: The concept of organization includes, but is not limited to, sole-trader, company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority, partnership, charity or institution, or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private.

3.2 stakeholder interested party

person or *organization* (3.1) that can affect, be affected by, or perceive itself to be affected by a decision or activity