The 6 Principles of International Standards Development

OPENNESS
ASTM International membership and participation are open to people and organizations throughout the world.

TRANSPARENCY
Information on proposed new ASTM International standards, revisions, and approvals are accessible through Standards Tracker, eNews, and other online tools and channels.

IMPARTIALITY AND CONSENSUS
ASTM International has a robust process for achieving consensus. The organization’s rules require a balance of voting interests on committees.

EFFECTIVENESS AND RELEVANCE
Standards needs are identified by the marketplace, and ASTM International standards are reviewed frequently to keep pace with industry and innovation. Due to their reputation for high quality and market relevance, thousands of ASTM International standards are cited in about 75 countries.

COHERENCE
ASTM International staff and members work to avoid duplication and to collaborate in order to pursue international standards work in a smart way.

DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION
ASTM International is cognizant of the needs of developing countries shown through 100+ Memorandum of Understanding partnerships with national and regional standards bodies in developing economies. ASTM International provides access to standards, the standards development process, and many training opportunities.

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