

ASTM International announced the formation of ASTM Committee E60 on Sustainability.

The trend toward sustainability - achieving economic prosperity while protecting the natural systems of the planet - is an important issue confronting people and industries around the world. New environmental, social and economic challenges of recent years have heightened global awareness of sustainability even further. While both the public and private sectors have offered various programs that advance sustainability, widespread support is still lacking across mainstream markets.

Newly formed ASTM International Committee E60 will be the forum where diverse stakeholders come together to create the consensus standards that will promote and integrate sustainable development across multiple industry sectors.

ASTM Committee E60 will build upon the vast body of work of multiple ASTM technical committees who have developed standards that address various issues of sustainability. Notable among these is the efforts of ASTM Subcommittee E06.71 on Sustainability, which has contributed numerous standards that support sustainability in the building industry.

The ongoing activities of E06.71, including a newly formed task group on Green Meetings and Events, will now be coordinated by Committee E60. The initial scope of Committee E60 will be driven by subcommittees on Building and Construction, Hospitality and General Sustainability Standards. E60 will also support and serve as a resource for other ASTM committees in their activities that include sustainability issues.

For more information on this new technical committee, visit the Committee E60 Web page.