

How to Join IFAN

IFAN is open to four categories of members: national, corporate, national developing and prospective corporate members. *National members* are usually standards user organizations/committees in a given country/customs territory which admit standards users to their membership without restrictions with respect to professions, industry sectors, sub-divisions of territory, etc. *Corporate members* are industrial and commercial companies and corporations, sole traders, consultancies, professional and trade associations, public sector bodies, etc. which deal with the use and/or implementation of standards. *Developing national members* are national standards user bodies with limited economic resources. *Prospective corporate members* are members which participate in IFAN activities with a view to becoming corporate members. Developing national and prospective corporate members have the same rights as national and corporate members, with the exception of voting rights.

National members

China

CAS – China Association for Standardization

France

ACANOR – Association française pour la connaissance et l'application des normes

Germany

ANP – Ausschuss Normenpraxis im DIN

Israel

ISUS – Israeli Standards Users Society

Luxembourg

CVN – Centre de Veille Normative du Centre de Recherche Public Henri Tudor

Netherlands

NKN – NormalisatieKringen Nederland

Norway

STANFO – Standardiseringsforeningen

Slovenia

KSK – Standards and Quality Commission, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

Switzerland

NOP – Schweizerischer Ausschuss Normenpraxis

United Kingdom

BSS – British Standards Society

USA and Canada

SES – Standards Engineering Society

Corporate members

- Airbus Deutschland GmbH
- Beuth Verlag
- DaimlerChrysler AG
- Deere & Company
- Information Handling Services (IHS)
- Oxebridge Quality Resources, Inc.
- Procter & Gamble Company
- SAI Global
- Shell International
- Siemens AG - Corporate Standardization and Regulation
- Total

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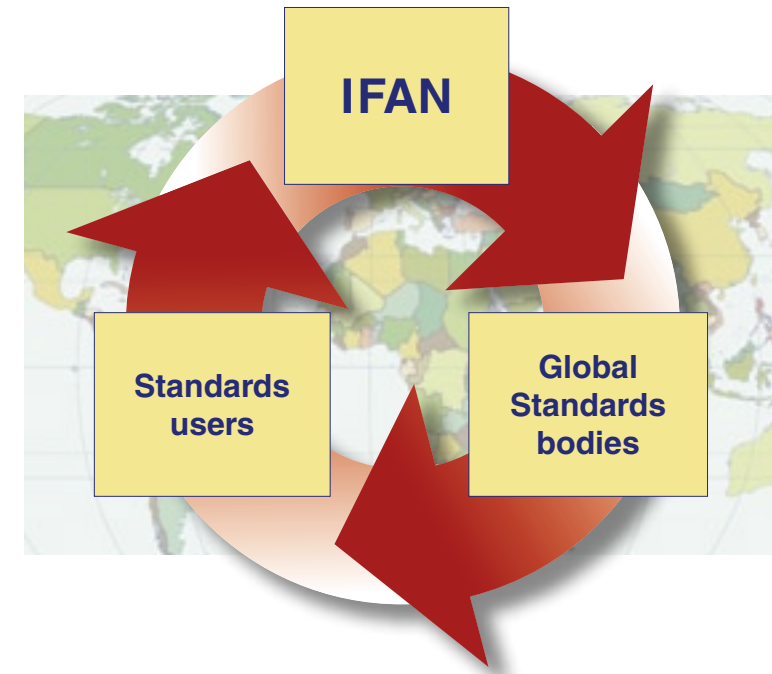
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Our vision:

Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade
by use of International Standards

International Federation
of Standards Users

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Standards :

Ensuring Quality, Reliability, and Confidence

From plumbing pipe diameter to fabric thread-count to semiconductor surface texture, standards, and conformance to them, are the tools that bring our world together. They help meet customer expectations, enhance productivity, and remove technical barriers to trade among companies and countries.

Founded in 1974, the International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN), is the recognized international voice of standards users and provides its members with direct input into international and regional standards associations. IFAN members include national organizations for the application of standards, companies, professional and trade associations, and governmental agencies concerned with the use of standards.

IFAN is an independent, non profit-making association based in Geneva, Switzerland.



IFAN activities

IFAN promotes the uniform implementation of standards, supports reference to international standards in regulations, encourages wide access to standards documents, and develops solutions to standards users' problems without itself developing standards.

IFAN consolidates standards users' interests and views on all aspects of standardization and conformity assessment. It also cooperates with international and regional standardizing bodies, such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), European Committee for Standardization (CEN), and European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) in order to communicate user views to these organizations.

IFAN promotes networking in the field of international standardization and conformity assessment, and encourages openness, transparency and awareness in conformity assessment structures, procedures and results. IFAN also facilitates the distribution of information on standards, standards development and conformity assessment processes.

IFAN Structure

The IFAN organizational structure consists of a Members' Assembly, a Board, working and project groups, and a Secretariat.

The Members' Assembly meets at least once each year, usually in the autumn, and is usually hosted by an IFAN member organization.

The operations of IFAN are governed by a Board that usually meets twice a year.

Working and project groups carry out regular tasks or develop specific projects. Working and project groups are composed of IFAN member representatives and may also include representatives of organizations cooperating with IFAN.

Secretariat services for IFAN are provided by the ISO Central Secretariat.

IFAN holds an International Conference once every three years, in conjunction with the Members' Assembly. This conference, open to all persons interested in the programme, is generally focused on issues of standardization and related matters.

Help Promote Standards Use

By joining IFAN you will help influence the development of strategies and policies in standardization, conformity assessment, and similar matters.

You will gain access to the global community of experienced practitioners in the field of standardization and conformity assessment.

You will be able to communicate your needs, views, and concerns to international and regional standards developing and conformity assessment bodies.

You will be able to contribute to the application of standards and certification projects.

You will gain vital information about trends in international standardization that help your company anticipate future developments.