



NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION STRATEGY



WHAT IS THE NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION STRATEGY?

The National Standardization Strategy (NSS) is a prioritized listing of standards to be developed over a three-year period.

Standards can be used by private and public actors. Governments can use standards to support regulation in order to address issues of public policy (health, safety, the environment, etc.). Private actors can use standards as a basis for their technical cooperation and to provide a reference for legal agreements in the form of contracts.

The NSS is based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Methodology using statistical data for Trinidad and Tobago for sectors contributing to Gross Domestic Product and export potential incorporating issues with significant social impact and government initiatives.

WHY DEVELOP A NSS?

- To ensure that Trinidad and Tobago Standards are based on national priorities in the fields of the economy and trade, the society, environment or other areas and also takes into account emerging sectors that are expected to gain in importance in the future
- To support stakeholders to meet their strategic goals and fulfil regulatory mandates
- To ensure that involvement of all key stakeholder groups in the NSS development and implementation for the benefit of Trinidad and Tobago



- To assist in managing limited national resources for the development of national standards as part of a more efficient and robust National Quality System
- To improve transparency and build support of the application of standards to drive competitiveness, economic diversification and sustainable development while ensuring that our society is safe and secure

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STANDARDS?

- Optimum solutions to repetitive problems
- Communication, information exchange
- Interchangeability, interoperability
- Variety reduction
- Dissemination of innovative and more sustainable technologies
- Facilitation of market access and trade
- Basis for assurance and the verification of (quality) claims
- Technology transfer and knowledge sharing
- Providing market transparency, e.g. by reducing information asymmetry
- Protection of safety, health, property, the environment



- Supporting network effects and the value of interconnected devices
- Basis for regulations and contracts

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- Participate in standards development committees
- Submit comments on draft standards
- Submit requests for new and revised standards
- Explore mechanisms for the application of standards
- Access standards from the Standards Information Centre, TTBS

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