

Understanding Why Gender Matters in Standardization

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The Gender Declaration

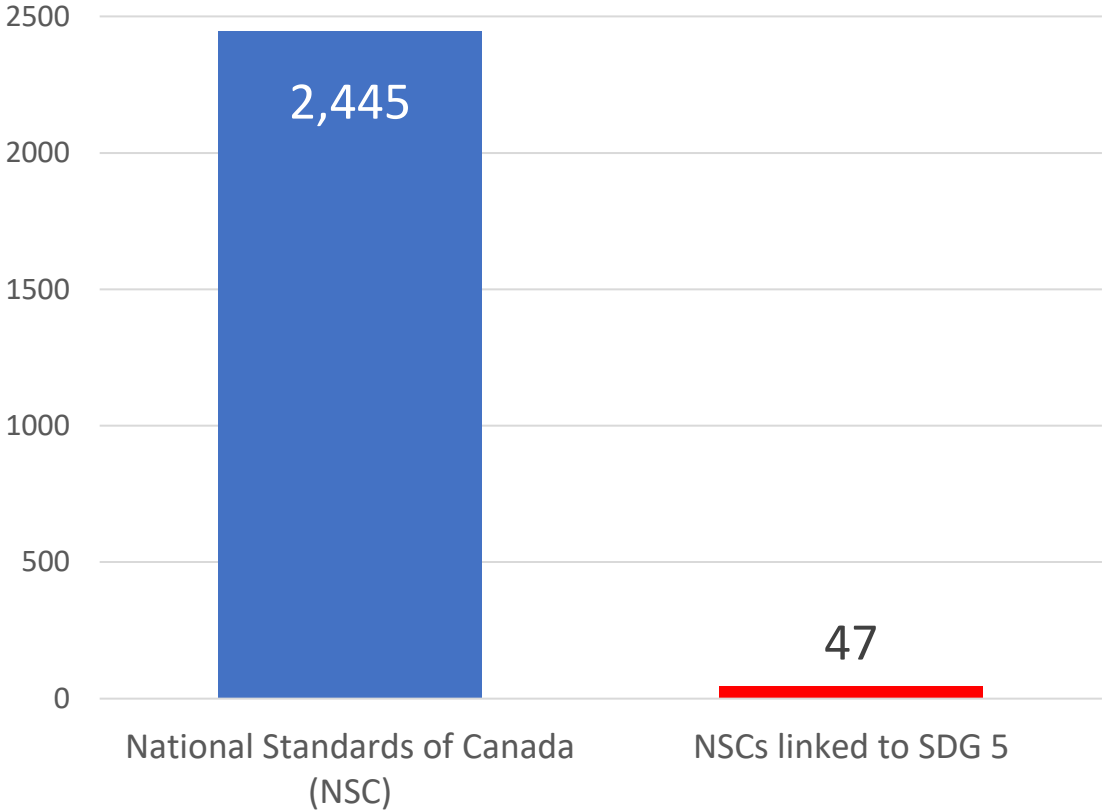


The Declaration, “acknowledge[s] that representation of women in standards development is almost always below parity and that the outcomes for men and women are not explicitly addressed during the standards development process.”

Canadian Standards and SDG 5



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



“Safety issues do not distinguish between men and women, hence when writing our requirements we do not need to distinguish whether a man or a woman shall be protected.”

“We are working on technical products/issues. Our products are neither male nor female nor diverse.”



The Consequences...



When One Size Does Not Protect All: Understanding Why Gender Matters for Standardization



GRSI Project Team 2 - Methodology



Guidelines on Developing Gender-Responsive Standards:

PURPOSE: To ensure that standards meet the needs of men and women by developing clear guidelines on the process to be followed to ensure standards are gender-responsive.

AUDIENCE: Standards developers, specifically people involved in the development and review of standards (i.e., technical committee chair and members).

Guidelines for Developing Gender-Responsive Standards



The [guidelines](#) focus on two areas:

1. How to increase representation of women on technical committees and ensure that meetings are inclusive to foster the participation of women in standards development.
2. How to ensure that standards are gender-responsive, regardless of the number of women participating on the technical committee.

Next Steps



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Advance copy

Guidelines are currently posted online, and the public is invited to submit comments on the document until May 31, 2022.

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Final report

The feedback will be reviewed and incorporated in the document, as appropriate. The final report will be submitted to WP.6 for approval at the November 2022 annual meeting.

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Dissemination

Pending approval, the guidelines will be released in English, French, and Russian. The Declaration was translated into additional languages, and it is hoped the guidelines will similarly be available in additional languages.

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