



DEVELOPING STANDARDS

How to Join the International Multistakeholder Process

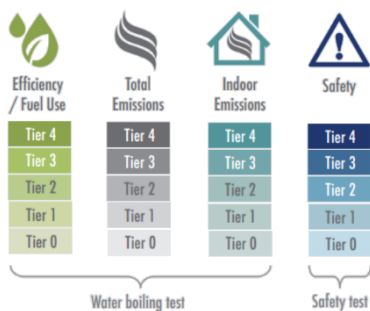
BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STANDARDS

All stakeholders benefit from a common terminology for communicating, understanding, and improving stove performance and adoption. Global standards also:

- Help consumers and users make informed purchases
- Allow designers and manufacturers to affirm product quality and drive innovation
- Provide policy makers, donors, investors, programs with a credible basis for evaluating and comparing stove performance and safety

PROGRESS TO DATE – INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AGREEMENT

IWAs are a streamlined ISO consensus process that can be a first step towards formal ISO standards. Unanimously approved in February 2012 by participants from 20 countries, the IWA provides a framework for rating cookstoves on 4 indicators, each along 5 tiers. The IWA also identified 6 resolutions for additional work, which Alliance partners have been working together to address.



GOALS OF IWA FRAMEWORK

1. Acknowledge progress while setting aspirational goals
2. Allow organizations and countries to select indicators and tiers based on local priorities
3. Harmonize different protocols together (e.g. policy requirements, cultural contexts, and testing preferences)

WHY ISO



Partners

Develop and approve standards

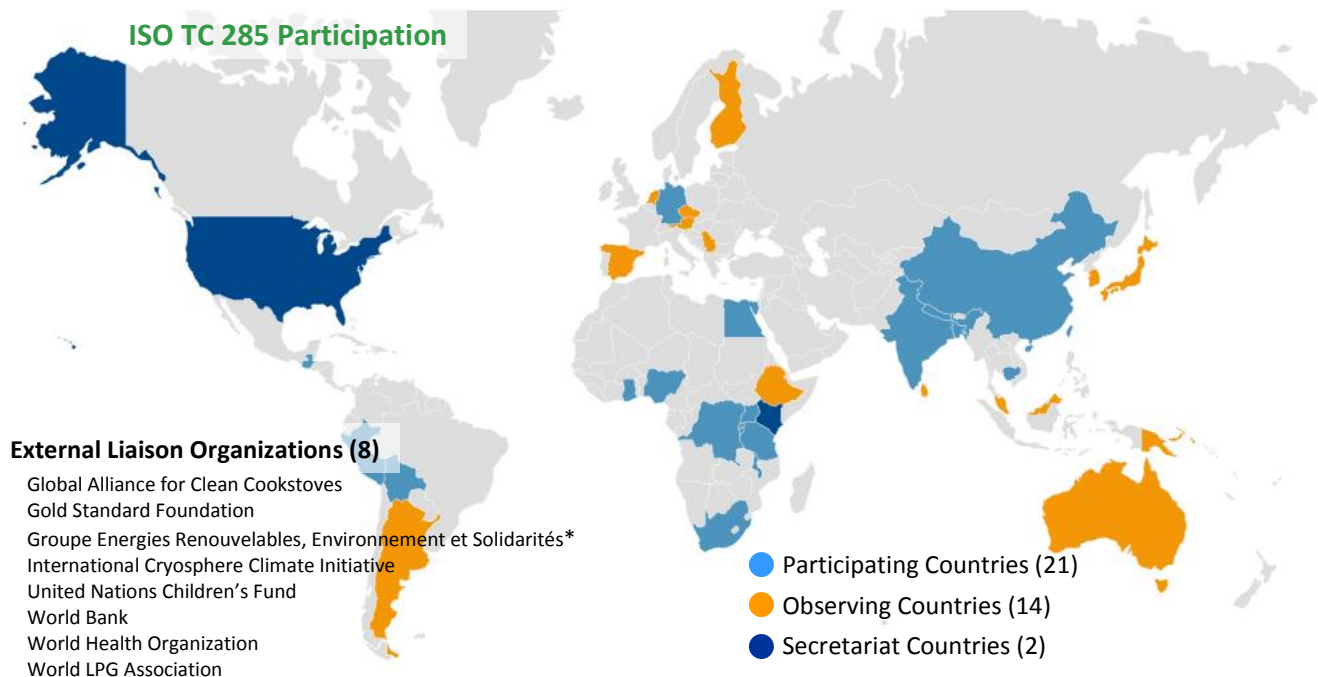


Support standards development



Provide process for developing standards

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a network of 164 national standards bodies. The ISO process has been used to develop over 19,500 International Standards. The Alliance has partnered with ISO and national standards bodies to provide a **consensus-based** and **transparent process** for clean cooking sector experts to develop and approve standards



ONGOING PROGRESS – ISO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 285 ON CLEAN COOKSTOVES AND CLEAN COOKING SOLUTIONS

ISO TC 285, the key body that will develop and approve standards, was approved in June 2013. This committee is comprised of experts from participating and observing national committees and external liaisons.

ENGAGING IN THE ISO PROCESS

Participating in this effort allows organizations and countries to share their experiences, concerns and priorities. Thus, standards become more valuable and relevant for achieving health, environment, and livelihoods goals.

For National Standards Organizations:

Any full member of ISO may join TC 285 at any time, and Correspondent and Subscriber members may join TC 285 as one of the five committees they may participate in. Interested National Bodies should communicate their intent to participate to tcsupport@iso.org.

For Alliance Partners working in a limited number of countries:

Participating countries form “mirror committees”, open to all affected and interested parties. This committee develops national standards, nominates experts for Working Groups, and develops positions on TC 285 activities. To join your country’s mirror committee, contact your national standards organization (http://www.iso.org/iso/home/about/iso_members.htm).

For International Organizations:

Some international organizations may join as a liaison organization. Liaisons can send representatives to the international standards meetings, recommend experts to working groups, and submit comments on draft standards, but do not vote to approve standards. For more information on how to join as a liaison, please contact Mr. Harjung, Mr. Chepkania and Ms. Seitz.

Working and Task Groups

Formed after plenary meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2014 to develop draft standards and perform tasks related to committee planning:

- Harmonized Laboratory Protocols
- Conceptual Framework for Testing
- Guidelines for Field Testing
- Social Impacts
- Fuels
- Communications

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More Resources

Standards, test methods, testing centers

<http://www.cleancookstoves.org/our-work/standards-and-testing/>

Stove specifications and performance

<http://catalog.cleancookstoves.org>

TC 285 Website

http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards_development/list_of_iso_technical_committees/iso_technical_committee.htm?commid=4857971