

IFLA Standards

The process IFLA committees follow to create standards and guidelines.

STEP 01



The Proposal

- An IFLA committee evaluates the need for a new standard or the revision of an existing standard.
- The committee submits the appropriate proposal form (Form A)
- The Review Team reviews the proposal.
- If approved, move to step 2. If not approved, the committee revises and resubmits, if appropriate.

STEP 02



The Development

- Draft the standard
- Include broad internal (IFLA committee) and external (related bodies) consultation.
- Review and revise the draft based on feedback
- Submit the draft and the appropriate forms (Form B)

STEP O3



The Review

- The standard or guideline is reviewed against the criteria by the Review Team
- The Review team usually consists of:
 - The Professional Council Chair
 - The Division Committee Chair
 - 3-4 members of the Committee on Standards

STEP 04



Evaluation & Recommendation

- The Review team reviews the standard or guideline
- A determination is registered of approved, approved with revisions, or a request for revision and resubmission.

STEP 05



Endorsement, Publication, Dissemination, Implementation

- Approved standards move to the Professional Council for endorsement.
- Standards are edited, formatted and published to the IFLA Repository as a resource for the field.
- Committees review their standard every 5
 years and determine maintenance,
 revision, or withdrawal of the Standard.