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STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE IEC AND ISO STANDARDIZATION IN INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION

1 Scope

This Guide is applicable to IEC and ISO standardization for the industrial automation sector. It provides strategic principles for use by the various technical committees and subcommittees working in different domains within the sector, as well as other bodies within IEC and ISO with interests in the work of these committees.