A Review of Technical Standards for Smart Cities

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Abstract: Smart cities employ technology and data to increase efficiencies, economic development, sustainability, and life quality for citizens in urban areas. Inevitably, clean technologies promote smart cities development including for energy, transportation and health. The smart city concept is ambitious and is being refined with standards. Standards are used to help with regulating how smart cities function and contributing to define a smart city. Smart cities must be officially recognized by national and international authorities and organizations in order to promote societal advancement. There are many research and review articles on smart cities. However, technical standards are seldom discussed in the current literature. This review firstly presents the study of smart city definitions and domain. The well-known smart city standards will be presented to better recognize the smart city concept. Well-defined standards allow meaningful comparisons among smart cities implementation. How smart city initiatives make a city smarter and improve the quality of life will be discussed for various countries. This review highlights that technical standards are important for smart cities implementation. This paper serves as a guide to the most recent developments of smart cities standards.

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1. Introduction

By 2050, it is expected that 66% of the global population will dwell in urban regions [1]. The challenge will be to supply these populations with essential resources including sufficient energy, clean water, and safe food while simultaneously warranting complete economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

Several cities today have aspirations of transforming into the smart cities of tomorrow. However, the challenges to be overcome to accomplish this include the planning of a complicated plan that comprises public and private participants, product vendors, and information technology infrastructure
providers. A smart city needs the foundation of standards-based information technology infrastructure that fulfils and supports a wide range of requirements and can adapt to novel technologies, such as advanced sensors, measurement and analytics tools, and solutions driven by machine learning and artificial intelligence. Smart city development requires support from public organizations, citizens, state and local government, and private enterprises. The benefits of a smart city include the creation of major prospects for sustainability, disaster prevention, business, public safety, and quality of life enhancements. However, there are key challenges that need to be addressed for a smart city including:

Commodification: As discussed by Gandy and Nemorin [2], a major concern regarding the smart cities’ development is the motivation to support this worldwide initiative, from the pursuit of new markets by transnational corporations. Corporate organizations are keen to mine personal data, such as biometric data [3]. Data brokers could create consumer profiles including biometric information, and identities can be located and tracked as citizens move in a smart city. These profiles can also intensify commodification by mining the freshly available sources of data, with the ubiquity of sensors as dynamic data collection points.

Social and digital exclusion: In designing smart cities solutions, it is important to use suitable means to engage and empower population groups which are hard to reach, such as citizens living in poverty and/or social exclusion, migrants, younger and older people, or people with disabilities [4]. Smart city technologies should be made affordable and able to be accessed by all groups of consumers. A smart city should be an age-friendly environment. The World Health Organization defines age-friendly environments as ones which “foster health and well-being and the participation of people as they age” [5]. These environments are accessible, equitable, inclusive, safe and secure, and supportive. Senior citizens may experience negative attitudes and discrimination based on their age. Creating age-friendly environments acknowledges diversity, fights ageism, and ensures that everyone has the opportunity to fully participate.

Privacy and surveillance: Privacy becomes a major concern when the data collected could lead to linking or identifying an individual, especially when gathered from numerous information sources. Data storage by governments is generally non-transparent. The likelihood for cross-sharing data within government services could lead to third parties to have access to the data, where the provider has no intention for it to happen. Zoonen [6] constructed a four-quadrant privacy framework to theorize if and how smart city technologies and urban big data produce privacy concerns among the people in these cities. The framework is developed according to two recurring dimensions in research towards people’s concerns about privacy: one dimension signifies that people see specific data as more personal and sensitive than others, the other dimension signifies that people’s privacy concerns vary according to the purpose for which data is gathered, in contrast to the surveillance and service purposes which are the most dominant. The work concludes that the smart technology options and the use of specific data and analytic tools are important factors to comprehend people’s privacy concerns in smart cities, as well as to their awareness of what type of data to use to serve a purpose. A smart city should address (1) an applied need to substantiate the empirical relation between purpose, and technologies, and; (2) to produce a theoretical and situated comprehension of people’s privacy anxieties in smart cities.

In addition, building a smart city is a gigantic task as there are several working parts and components involved, namely the smart cities domains [7]. Many smart cities are not constructed from scratch or all in a single attempt. Smart city development is a gradually evolving process that witnesses the city becoming smarter, bit by bit. As time progresses, the individual regions of smartness develop together and interconnect, but on the condition for them using the same consistent technical rules that are stipulated by technical standards.

Several researchers have reviewed smart city projects from different perspectives. Camero and Alba [8] explored the computer science and information technology used for a smart city. There is no agreement on a smart city definition and in fact, several definitions are being developed. One explanation is for the iterative process where cities become smarter as time progresses. There are
very few studies on the inclusion of policy and urban planning recommendations in information technology and computer science literature.

Caird and Hallett [9] examined the creation of appropriate, valid, credible, and valuable approaches to smart city evaluation by studying conceptual, measurement, and evaluation challenges for five UK smart city projects. Caird and Hallett [9] identified that a critical challenge for evaluation design is in creating standardized smart city development and performance indicators that give useful citizen and city-centered evaluations. There is a significant amount of work on standardization and smart urban metrics driven by international standards organizations. Specifically, the Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities Coordination Group advises on European interests and requirements concerning standardization on Smart and Sustainable cities and communities. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has concurred on standards for ‘Smart Community Infrastructures’ performance metrics. ISO Technical Report 37150:2014 (Smart community infrastructures—Review of existing activities relevant to metrics) [10] reports community infrastructures including water, energy, waste transportation, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT). The standard concentrates on the technical features of current activities which are available. Political, societal, or economic aspects are not studied in this standard. ISO Technical Report 37151:2015 (Smart community infrastructures—Principles and requirements for performance metrics) [11] details the principles and stipulates requirements for the definition, identification, optimization, and harmonization of community infrastructure performance metrics, and gives recommendations for analysis, including smartness, interoperability, synergy, resilience, safety, and security of community infrastructures. Funded by the European Union HORIZON 2020 program, the CITYkeys project [12] is an important European Commission EUROCITIES initiative that aims to create acceptable city performance measurement frameworks: Key Performance Indicators. The initiative creates standardized data collection processes to increase the adoption rate of smart city solutions. It is anticipated that comparable, scalable, and replicable smart city solutions can be achieved across cities. The authors concluded that standardized smart urban metrics and indicators are not widely adopted by cities while the development of standards is at the early stages.

Hasija [13] examined the current global advancements in smart city initiatives. The study was categorized into three themes, namely data access and collection, end-user utility, and economic feasibility of different solutions. The economic viability is crucial to the success of a smart city initiative. The potential ideas to enhance city operations could not be delivered if they are economically unsustainable. For business strategies, prudent analysis is required to examine the trade-offs that determine the efficacy of such initiatives. A bike-sharing scheme is an affordable and convenient mode of transportation in China. However, not all bike-sharing companies are successful. Some of the issues contribute to the failure of bike-sharing initiatives include (1) no regulation: bikes could end up in different places and be dumped along city streets; (2) lack of operational sustainability: many bike-sharing platforms do not need a security deposit; (3) no optimization: lack of consideration for how and where the bikes should be located to maximize utilization and to avoid bikes piling up on streets.

Anthopoulos [14] examined twenty smart cities projects of various scales in different countries and continents. Furthermore, the review documented the challenges that the cities meet as they work towards being a smart city. The review examines smart cities in relation to climate change, sustainability, natural disasters, and community resiliency. A smart city project is complex and expensive. Anthopoulos [14] firstly examined the project management guidelines and frameworks for agile and complex projects, including a smart city. ISO 21500:2012 Guidance on project management is an international standard that can be used by private or public organizations for all kinds of projects. The aim is to provide a guide to project managers on how to apply project management disciplines into a business environment to increase the possibilities for enhanced business results and project success. An important aspect is the use of the common language and processes by all project stakeholders, which enhances communication and cooperation. ISO 21500 gives a high-level description of concepts and processes to create good practices in project management. The cities reviewed focuses on the project management perspective including scope, organization, time, cost,
quality, risk, and procurement. The smart city projects are well documented with great detail in the project development. However, there is a lack of discussion on technical standards of the smart city projects apart from project management.

Van Winden and Van den Buuse [15] analyzed the procedures of upscaling, concentrating on smart city pilot projects where numerous stakeholders with dissimilar missions, agendas, and incentives work together. If technical standards can be smoothly adapted to fit with the geospatial context, then the solution becomes more attractive to many cities. Numerous works on smart cities have been conducted and review literature for smart cities exists. However, most recent literature lacks discussions on an important topic of international standards for smart cities. International standards are technical standards developed by international organizations. International standards can greatly assist tailor-made solutions development for bespoke conditions of a city. Standards stipulate the anticipated level of performance and technologies compatibility. Standards are generic metrics that allow solutions to be benchmarked and compared. Section 2 presents the definitions and domains of smart cities. As international standards are the basis of building a smart city, Section 3 exhibits international standards for a smart city. Section 4 describes the current smart city projects for various countries and the standards adopted. The conclusion is given in Section 5.

2. Smart City Definitions and Domains

One of the reasons behind the lack of unified definitions of a smart city is because of the various entities involved and the functions the smart city provides. Hence, existing definitions can vary greatly. There are several definitions for a smart city which are defined by various organizations and stakeholders.

The most common consensus is that the smart city employs various kinds of digital and electronic technologies to transform the living environments with ICTs [16,17]. Deakin [18] labeled the smart city as a city that employs ICT to meet the market (the citizens’) needs. There is a need for larger community involvement to achieve a smart city. A smart city does not simply contain ICT technology but has also developed the technology to achieve positive impacts to the local community. Some definitions for a smart city from major professional organizations and government agencies are given as follows:

- **Association of Southeast Asian Nations [19]:** “A smart city in ASEAN harnesses technological and digital solutions as well as innovative non-technological means to address urban challenges, continuously improving people’s lives and creating new opportunities. A smart city is also equivalent to a “smart sustainable city”, promoting economic and social development alongside environmental protection through effective mechanisms to meet the current and future challenges of its people, while leaving no one behind. As a city’s nature remains an important foundation of its economic development and competitive advantage, smart city development should also be designed in accordance with its natural characteristics and potentials”.

- **British Standard Institution [20]:** A smart city is an “effective integration of physical, digital and human systems in the built environment to deliver a sustainable, prosperous and inclusive future for its citizens”.

- **Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, UK [21]:** “A Smart City should enable every citizen to engage with all the services on offer, public as well as private, in a way best suited to his or her needs. It brings together hard infrastructure, social capital including local skills and community institutions, and (digital) technologies to fuel sustainable economic development and provide an attractive environment for all”.

- **European Commission [22]:** “A smart city is a place where traditional networks and services are made more efficient with the use of digital and telecommunication technologies for the benefit of its inhabitants and business. A smart city goes beyond the use of ICT for better resource use and less emissions. It means smarter urban transport networks, upgraded water supply and waste disposal facilities and more efficient ways to light and heat buildings. It also means a more
interactive and responsive city administration, safer public spaces and meeting the needs of an ageing population”.

- **Innovation and Technology Bureau, Hong Kong [23]**: “Embrace innovation and technology to build a world-famed Smart Hong Kong characterised by a strong economy and high quality of living”.

- **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Smart Cities Community [24]**: A smart city gathers government, technology, and society to achieve a minimum of the following factors: smart mobility, a smart economy, a smart environment, smart cities, smart governance, smart people, and smart living.

- **International Electrotechnical Commission [25]**: “A smart city is one where the individual city systems are managed in a more integrated and coherent way, through the use of new technologies and specifically through the increasing availability of data and the way that this can provide solid evidence for good decision making”.

- **Japan Smart Community Alliance [26]**: The expression “Smart Community” is more widespread than “Smart City” in Japan [22]. “A smart community is a community where various next-generation technologies and advanced social systems are effectively integrated and utilized, including the efficient use of energy, utilization of heat and unused energy sources, improvement of local transportation systems and transformation of the everyday lives of citizens”.

- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India [27]**: “The conceptualisation of Smart City, therefore, varies from city to city and country to country, depending on the level of development, willingness to change and reform, resources and aspirations of the city residents. A smart city would have a different connotation in India than, say, Europe. Even in India, there is no one way of defining a smart city”.

According to the above, the similarity and differences in smart city definitions can be summarized as follows:

- **Similarities**:
  - Enhancement of living standards by making informed decisions with advanced technologies to collect, process, and evaluate data.
  - Systems are integrated to exchange information.
  - Citizens are better informed about their surroundings.
  - Sustainability and environmental conservation should be maximized.

- **Differences**:
  - Smart city domains or elements e.g., transport, energy, and health (explained in the following section) can be different due to regional interests.

From the above summary, it is shown that for a city to become smart, multiple sources of data from a range of urban activities and domains must be connected to reveal opportunities to bring innovation to today’s connected citizens. Deloitte [28] stated that a smart city is driven by the innovation success of six key domains including:

1. **Energy and environment**: Sustainable growth is created by technology and cities make better use of resources from electronic sensors that monitor leakages, as well as gamification and behavioral economics to support citizens to conduct considerate decisions on resource utilization [29]. Renewable energy including solar and wind will be important sources of energy generation [30–32]. Data analytics will be used to enhance energy and power system operation [33];

2. **Economy**: The economy will be affected by digitization and disruptive technologies, which will change the needs of several types of jobs. Smart cities need to create strategies to adopt future jobs that will power Industry 4.0 and beyond [34];
3. Safety and security: As criminals will make use of technology to commit advanced crimes, public safety and security authorities will also use technology for crime prevention by assessing multiple streams of social and crowdsourced information, including super-resolution images and image fusion [35];

4. Health and living: The lives of citizens are enhanced with technology and connectivity. Connected communities are achieved with smart buildings. Enhanced social programs and innovated health care sector are data-driven [37];

5. Mobility: The integrated mobility systems include autonomous vehicles and shared mobility services achieved with the Internet of Things (IoTs). The concept of IoTs occurs when devices are communicating with other devices on behalf of people and will dominate the future of Internet communications [38]. Advanced analytics allow citizens and goods to travel in ways that are safer, cheaper, cleaner, and faster [39];

6. Education and government: Technological advancement will aid government procedures and give a seamless experience to businesses. Smart cities use analytics to assist authorities to create insight-driven policies, monitor performance and outcomes, allow constituent engagement, and enhance government efficiency. Data and analytics will also assist next-generation teachers to familiarize their counselling and teaching for greater student achievement. More creative and personalized education plans can be created such as virtual learning environments [40].

Similarly, Giffinger et al. [41] described the smart city as having six domains, including:

1. Smart economy: Consists of features surrounding economic competitiveness including entrepreneurship, innovation, flexibility, the productivity of the labour market, trademarks, and participation in the global market.

2. Smart people: Concerns not only the level of qualification or education received by citizens but also additional social interactions and perceptions of public life.

3. Smart governance: Concerns political involvement, citizen services, and administration functions.

4. Smart mobility: Includes local and global accessibility with the presence of ICTs and sustainable and relevant transport systems.

5. Smart environment: Concerns attractive natural conditions including green space, less extreme climate, reduced pollution, resource management, and working to achieve environmental protections.

6. Smart living: Includes many features of quality of life composed of health, housing, culture, tourism, and safety.

It is worth noting that there are other domains including:

Smart water [42,43]: Smart water systems employ IoT enabled sensors to collate real-time data. With precise and reliable data, smart water systems can drive great transformations in water sector transparency and accountability. There will be governance improvements, risk reductions, water quality control and eventually a novel business cases for water sector investment [43]. The data allows water facilities optimization by detecting leaks or observing how water is distributed in the water network. The optimization model empowers citizens to make better decisions about water management. Smart sensors can detect water pipe leaks and quickly inform engineers to take action and resolve the issue. Smart water is critical as an estimated 3.3 billion litres of water is wasted daily in Wales and England due to leaks in water networks [42].

Smart health [44,45]: The European Commission [44] described smart health permits healthcare providers to reduce illnesses occurrence, to care for patients more efficiently, and to cure illnesses more effectively. Smart health also reduces healthcare expenditure in the growing aging population. Smart health solutions consist of technological developments in portable and mobile devices, sensor technology, application development, mobile data connectivity, cloud computing, and big data analytics, with new ideas on patient co-management, health tracking of remote neighborhoods,
and minimizing unhealthy lifestyles. Deloitte [45] stated that smart health consists of five features, including to: (1) empower proactive health and well-being management to make choices that can proactively improve health, well-being, and quality of life to reduce adverse health outcomes in the future; (2) foster a sense of community and well-being with virtual and in-person community meetings; (3) enable digital technology and behavioral science with mobile applications for users to enter and track data and seek information, e.g., fitness tips and recipes, and deploy the use of coaching and guide to support adherence and uptake of behaviors associated with healthy, active living; (4) meaningfully use data to improve outcomes and allow users to track their progress. Consent would be requested from users to share and use data, to enhance the program and for it to make improved recommendations; (5) enable new and innovative ecosystems to consist of the collaboration of businesses with all kinds of organizations e.g., government agencies and academia to align on health outcome measures and coordinate on investments in communities.

Smart waste [46,47]: Interreg Europe [47] described smart waste as being used “to improve public policy instruments supporting innovation within waste management procedures. The final result? Smarter, more effective, sustainable, and cost-efficient waste management, benefiting all territorial stakeholders”. In the UK, illegal waste activity including fly-tipping costs the UK economy approximately £600 M annually [46]. The present systems for monitoring commercial and household waste are out-of-date and mainly paper-based. Smart waste employs technology including blockchain [48], electronic chips, and sensors for monitoring waste, waste containers, and waste vehicles. Smart waste is an element of smart living and smart environments.

In summary, a smart city is an ambitious and crucial transformation of many cities worldwide. Benefits include improved living conditions are reaped from several sectors/domains. However, a smart city consists of the development and application of novel technologies. There is a need for standardized uniform engineering or technical criteria, methods, processes, and practices. The next section examines how international standards help to build a smart city.

3. International Standards for Smart City

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has described standards as “the first step towards the holy grail of an interoperable, plug-and-play world where cities can mix and match solutions from different vendors without fear of lock-in or obsolescence or dead-end initiatives” [49]. International standards are best practice created by global experts. Standards can be used to benchmark functional and technical performances. Standards make sure that technologies deployed in cities are efficient, safe, and well-integrated.

The largest and most well-established international standards organizations include ISO [50], the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) [51], and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) [52] which were founded between 50 and 150 years ago. The description of these organizations are as follows:

- ISO is a non-governmental and independent global organization with 164 national standards bodies as members. The standards body for each country (e.g., Bureau de Normalisation (NBN) in Belgium and Ghana Standards Authority (GSA) in Ghana) works directly with ISO and aims to minimize diversity in technical definitions. ISO standards are applied in various fields including quality management, environmental management, IT security, energy management, health and safety, and food safety [50].

- IEC is the world’s forefront organization for the groundwork and publication of international standards for electronic, electrical, and relevant technologies, i.e., “electrotechnology” [51]. IEC described technical and international standards as reflecting “agreements on the technical description of the characteristics to be fulfilled by the product, system, service or object in question. They are widely adopted at the regional or national level and are applied by manufacturers, trade organizations, purchasers, consumers, testing laboratories, governments, regulators and other interested parties”. Standards help researchers, industry, regulators, and consumers globally
to achieve an optimal experience and meet mutual needs for various countries. Standards establish one of the vital bases for the elimination of technical obstacles to trade.

- ITU is the United Nations bespoke agency for ICTs and enables global connectivity of communications networks [52]. ITU manages international satellite orbits and radio spectrum, creates the international standards that allow technologies and networks to be continuously interconnected, and aims to enhance ICT access for global communities.

The above organizations have developed standards to specify and establish definitions and methodologies for a set of smart cities indicators. For example, ISO 37122:2019 (Sustainable Cities and Communities—Indicators for Smart Cities) [50] intends to give a holistic set of indicators to evaluate advancement in developing a smart city. The standard includes multiple domains including education, energy, economy, environment and climate change, finance, governance, health, housing, population and social conditions, recreation, safety, solid waste, sport and culture, telecommunication, transportation, urban/local agriculture and food safety, urban planning, wastewater, and water. The World Council on City Data is a prominent initiative in using standardized city data to create smart cities [53]. The initiative hosts a network of innovative cities dedicated to refining quality of life and services with open city data and delivers a reliable and holistic platform for standardized urban metrics. The World Council on City Data is an international hub for international organizations, education partnerships across cities, corporate partners, and academia to expand innovation, envisage alternative futures, and construct enhanced cities. The initiative developed the first city data standards, namely, ISO 37120 (Sustainable development of communities: Indicators for city services and quality of life).

The IEC has identified over 1800 standards that already impact smart cities [54]. The SyC Smart cities promote the coordination of standards efforts of several IEC committees and other organizations, including ISO, to promote the development of standards to achieve integration, interoperability and effectiveness of city systems. SyC Smart City is presently developing IEC 63152 as the best practice tool for city planners. Considering the higher frequency of natural disasters and destruction in some urban areas, IEC 63152 proposes guidelines to sustain several city services after a disruption occurs. IEC 63152 provides the fundamental concepts of how several city services can cooperate to uphold the supply of electricity.

ITU established Study Group 20 and United for Smart Sustainable Cities to develop standard activities in supporting the utilization of ICTs in a smart city [55]. These standards focus on terminologies for the IoTs and smart cities, high performing ICT infrastructures requirements, and the interoperability between various ICT or IoT networks. The ICT standard consists of four layers, namely the "application and support layer", "data layer", "communication layer", and "sensing layer".

In addition to the above three organizations, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) also develops international standards for smart cities. One of the most well-known IEEE standards is the IEEE 802 family, which was established in the early 1980s and covers local area networks and metropolitan area networks [56]. In recent years, IEEE has established the IEEE Smart Cities Community, which “brings together IEEE’s broad array of technical societies and organizations to advance the state of the art for smart city technologies for the benefit of society and to set the global standard in this regard by serving as a neutral broker of information amongst industry, academic, and government stakeholders” [57].

In 2017, the IEEE P2784 (Smart City Planning Guide) [58] was proposed to develop a framework that mentions the processes and technologies for planning the smart city transformation. A smart city requires a unified process planning framework to use IoTs to guarantee agile, interoperable, and scalable solutions that can be used and supported sustainably. The framework is a method for technology and cities integrators to plan for technology and innovative solutions for smart cities. Some of the most recent and first-of-a-kind standard initiatives from IEEE are presented in Tables 1–5.
Table 1. Recent Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards in development for a smart grid and smart energy.

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• Measurement methods for observing the power generated or used by the observed load or generator: (1) without the energy saving devices connected to the circuit; (2) with the energy saving devices connected and powered in the circuit.  
• Detailed protocols for testing circuits, the accuracy and details of evaluation instrumentation, and the sequence of the test measurements.  
• Bespoke details for possible sources of measurement errors including from (1) wrong instrumentation connection, (2) inadequate instrumentation, or (3) wrong results interpretation.  
• Can be used for all kinds of electrically connected energy saving devices that control electrical power given by a source and powering an electrical load. |
| 2016 | P1922.1 (A Method for Calculating Anticipated Emissions caused by Virtual Machine Migration and Placement) [60] | • Methods to compute anticipated emissions created by virtual machine migration and allocation in distributed locations created by various electricity sources.  
• Identify the anticipated electric grid’s marginal emissions due to the change in power generation capacity, reflected by the additional power demand from server accepting the virtual machine and the network supporting virtual machine migration.  
• Creates a technique to study anticipated gaseous (also greenhouse gases) and particle emissions created by virtual machine migration and allocation in distributed servers situated in various regions. |
| 2019 | P2814 (Techno-economic Metrics Standard for Hybrid Energy and Storage Systems) [61] | • Techno-economic metrics for operation, construction, and development of electrical energy storage systems and renewable energy systems. |
| 2020 | P2852 (Intelligent Assessment of Safety Risk for Overhead Transmission Lines Under Multiple Operating Conditions) [62] | • Artificial intelligence methods for a 3-D model of overhead transmission line and locational surroundings, to achieve a precise perception of overhead conductors to the ground and near buildings and trees.  
• Identifies safety risk information including distance for overhead transmission lines in various operating conditions and provides an intelligent security assessment technique.  
• Useful for intelligent evaluation and control overhead transmission lines safety risk during a typhoon, hot weather, icing, and alternative operating conditions. |
Table 2. Recent IEEE Standards in development for smart health.

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• Works for all forms of the device or the vehicle where the device is attached or where it is embedded.  
• Works for all kinds of wearable blood pressure measurement devices, such as epidermal and unconstrained blood pressure devices that have various operation modes.  
• Limited to the assessment of devices that do not use a cuff whilst measuring.  
• No assessment of all sphygmomanometers operated with an inflatable or occluding cuff for the non-intrusive assessment of blood pressure on the upper wrist or arm.  
• Manufacturers guidelines to certify and confirm their products, possible purchasers or users to examine and choose potential products, and health care professionals to perceive the manufacturing practices on wearable blood pressure devices. |
| 2017 | P3332.2.5 (Bio-CAD File Format for Medical Three-Dimensional (3D) Printing) [64] | • Establishes the Bio-Computer Aided Design format for 3-D printing from sectional scan image data comprising of volumetric and surface information.  
• Related to medical 3-D printing services including pathologic services, anatomic models, and medical instrument printing with 2-D images, 3-D medical data, and alternative medical data. |
| 2017 | P1752 (Mobile Health Data) [65] | • States requirements for mobile health data applications programming interface and standardized representations for mobile metadata and health data.  
• Mobile health data consists of personal health data collated from mobile applications and sensors. |
| 2019 | 1847–2019 (Common Framework of Location Services for Healthcare) [66] | • The framework consists of location services for healthcare conceptual information model and location services for healthcare common terminology. |
| 2020 | P2621.1 (Wireless Diabetes Device Security Assurance: Product Security Evaluation Programs) [67] | • A connected electronic product security evaluation program framework consists of:  
  1. A method to use the ISO/IEC 15408 security evaluation framework in a security evaluation program.  
  2. Allowing independent testing labs for security evaluation program.  
  3. Confirming results from authorized labs.  
  4. Defining and certifying novel security requirements and adjustments to security requirements, from protection profiles and security targets for security evaluation program.  
  5. Assurance post-certification maintenance. |

Table 3. Recent IEEE Standards in development for smart mobility and transportations.

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<td>2013</td>
<td>P1884 (Stray Current/Corrosion Mitigation for DC Rail Transit Systems) [68]</td>
<td>• Principles, methods, and data for engineering design, commissioning, installation, observing and evaluating; including mitigation and control techniques for stray currents in direct current rail transit systems.</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>P1883 (Electrical and Electro-Mechanical Bench Test Equipment (BTE) for Transit Rail Projects) [69]</td>
<td>• Design factors, documentation, construction materials, and the satisfactory requirement for bench test equipment for novel and current electrical and electro-mechanical equipment use in transit rail systems.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>P2406 (Design and Construction of Non-Load Break Disconnect Switches for Direct Current Applications on Transit Systems) [70]</td>
<td>• Design, usage, and application of direct current non-load or no-load break disconnect switches for isolating direct current power distribution circuits in transit applications.</td>
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| 2016 | P2020 (Automotive System Image Quality) [71] | • Deals with key elements of image and quality for applications in automotive advanced driver assistance systems applications, includes recognizing current metrics and alternative meaningful information associated with these elements.  
• Formulates objective and subjective evaluation methods for measuring automotive camera image quality.  
• Presents tools and evaluation techniques to provide standards-based communication and contrast amid original equipment manufacturer and Tier 1 system integrators, and component vendors concerning automotive advanced driver assistance systems image quality. |
| 2017 | P2685 (Energy Storage for Stationary Engine-Starting Systems) [72] | • Selection, installation design, sizing, installation, maintenance, and evaluating techniques for optimizing the performance and life of energy storage devices and associated systems for starting stationary engines.  
• Identify when energy storage devices need replacing. Energy storage devices and related systems including (1) nickel-cadmium and lead-acid batteries; (2) supercapacitors and electric double-layer capacitors; (3) air-start systems; (4) start/control battery chargers; (5) parallel battery blocking diode systems; (6) monitoring systems. |
### Table 4. Recent IEEE Standards in development for smart education.

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| 2018 | P7919.1 (eReaders to Support Learning Applications) [73]             |  - Arranges and explains the eReaders abilities for working as a platform for education, training, learning, and using other approaches for developing these abilities.  
  - Methodology comprises of industry standards applications and may cover open-source reference code. |
| 2019 | P2834 (Secure and Trusted Learning Systems) [74]                     |  - Details technical specifications for privacy protection and student data management in learning online services and systems.          |
| 2019 | 1876 (Networked Smart Learning Objects for Online Laboratories) [75]   |  - Techniques for saving, retrieving, and using online laboratories as interactive and smart learning objects.                         
  - Defines techniques for combining online laboratories as smart learning objects in learning object repositories and learning environments. |
| 2020 | 1589–2020 (Augmented Reality Learning Experience Model) [76]          |  - Develop an overarching integrated theoretical model to identify interactivities across the real world, digital information, and the user and the conditions for augmented reality-assisted learning of the environment.  
  - Defines two data models and interface to Extensible Markup Language and JavaScript Object Notation for depicting learning activities and the learning environment as the tasks are executed. |

### Table 5. Recent IEEE Standards in development for smart governance.

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| 2017 | P7005 (Transparent Employer Data Governance) [77]                    |  - Methods to assist employers to validate to access, collect, share, utilize, store, and destroy employee data.                      
  - Specific metrics and conformance needs on (1) when handling data from trusted global partners and (2) how vendors and employers can react to handling data. |
| 2017 | P7004 (Child and Student Data Governance) [78]                       |  - Methodologies for stakeholders in certifiable and responsible student and child data governance.                                  |
| 2020 | P2145 (Framework and Definitions for Blockchain Governance) [79]      |  - A generic framework and nomenclature for explaining blockchain governance for all kinds of contexts and use cases, comprising of private, public, permissionless, hybrid, and with permission.  
  - The standard is normative concerning terminology and non-normative considering the particular blockchain systems and protocols design. |
| 2020 | P2863 (Organizational Governance of Artificial Intelligence) [80]     |  - States the governance basis including safety, responsibility, accountability, transparency, and reducing bias, and procedures for performance auditing, useful implementation, training, and compliance in the formulation or deployment of artificial intelligence in organizations. |
In summary, this section has presented the need for international standards in smart city research and development. Some of the emerging standard projects are presented for various smart city domains. The next section examines the different smart cities projects worldwide and focuses on the standards examined and adopted.

4. Smart City Pilot Projects

Having examined the importance of international standards and the emerging ones, the following section presents some of the smart cities pilot projects from various countries. The focus is on the application of international standards. Following the alphabetical order of the continents, the smart cities pilot projects in Africa and Asia are presented in Tables 6 and 7, respectively.

### Table 6. Smart cities pilot projects in Africa.

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<td>Kenya</td>
<td>Konza will be a smart city with a connected urban ICT network that provides urban services connections and efficient management of those services on a great scale [81]. The city will create the following four key services: infrastructure services including transportation, utilities, public safety and environment; citizen services including access and participation; city services including city information, planning, and development; business services including support services for local commerce. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in the Konza project.</td>
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<td>South Africa</td>
<td>Slavova and Okwechime [82] examined the broader transformative processes taking place in Africa and developed a vision of the future African cities. The authors showed the alignment of critical aspects of the smart city concept with the African Union’s Agenda 2063. Several factors could impact on the transformative process including: (1) balancing the power dimension of smart city projects in Africa; (2) the dichotomy dividing rural regions from urban spaces needs to be reduced; (3) the rapid adoption of technologies to implement a smart city. The relevant standards were not discussed by the authors. The Stellenbosch Smart Mobility Lab helps with developing Stellenbosch to be the Next Generation GovCloud and Big Data Analytics Platform. Ma and Lam [89] explored the interrelationships of analytics and artificial intelligence applications [88]. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in the Smart City model.</td>
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### Table 7. Smart cities pilot projects in Asia.

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<td>China</td>
<td>Alibaba’s cloud project, City Brain, uses data collected from video feeds at traffic lights to relieve traffic congestion and gridlock in Hangzhou, China. The traffic management is 92% precise in recognizing traffic violations, aids emergency vehicles to reach their destinations 50% faster than before, and has permitted traffic speeds to grow by 15% [13]. City government leaders and planners can also utilize City Brain to overcome other pressing issues such alleviating a reduced water supply. Alibaba cloud had adopted numerous international standards to meet security compliance, including ISO 27001 and ISO 20000 [84].</td>
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<td>Dubai</td>
<td>The Smart Dubai initiative improves the living standards of Dubai citizens [85]. There are more than 130 initiatives with the joint effort from government and private sector entities. Examples of initiatives include the Dubai Data Initiative, the Dubai Blockchain Strategy, the Happiness Agenda, the Dubai AI Roadmap, and the Dubai Paperless Strategy. Khan et al. [86] identified the best practices linked to Dubai’s smart city and smart tourism. The city had a large amount of data that were unorganized, unstructured, and had very poor relationships. The Dubai Data initiative reinforces the Smart Dubai strategy and its applicable major components that enable the efficient exchange of data and information and modernizes the continuous connectivity for the private and public sectors. The innovative data-sharing initiative will be managed by international standards and best practices for safe, seamless, and fair exchanges of data [87]. However, there is no detail regarding the standards that will be adopted.</td>
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<td>Hong Kong</td>
<td>Hong Kong’s smart city domains include smart mobility, smart living, smart environment, smart people, smart government, and smart economy [23]. The Next Generation GovCloud and Big Data Analytics Platform will modernize the current government cloud infrastructures and implement a new application architecture. Bureaux and departments can accelerate the development and delivery of digital government services, comprising big data analytics and artificial intelligence applications [88]. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in the Next Generation GovCloud and Big Data Analytics Platform. Ma and Lam [89] explored the interrelationships between several obstacles to open data adoption and suggested practical recommendations to improve open data development for smart cities. The study concluded that the lack of open data policy should be confronted as a matter of urgency in Hong Kong. An open mindset and IT literacy in the government organizations continue to be developed.</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>Japan Smart Community Alliance is the leading authority to promote smart communities in Japan [26]. As in Feb. 2019, there are 259 members within the Japan Smart Community Alliance consisting of businesses from the manufacturing, electricity, gas, heat supply and water, information, and communications sectors. The alliance has also developed four working groups as follows [26]:&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;• The International Strategy Working Group: Determines policy technological, and market developments concerning smart communities and shares information with alliance members and international organizations. The group creates strategies to assist the contributions of Japanese businesses in smart community development across the globe&lt;br&gt;• The International Standardization Working Group: Expedites efforts in different fields in cooperation with Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry to attain international smart grid standardization. The group examines worldwide developments in smart grid standardization and encourages compliance in international standardization development&lt;br&gt;• Roadmap Working Group: Formulates smart community technology development roadmaps. The group supports technology development by creating scenarios for next-generation societies in which smart grid technologies have been implemented. The findings would create a synergistic effect between technology development and usage.&lt;br&gt;• Smart House and Building Working Group: Conducts activities to promote the dissemination of smart houses and smart buildings by creating work schedules for individual task, comprising the identification and maintenance of underlying critical devices, evaluating the development of individual task, and stimulating appropriate activities. Regarding smart cities projects, Woven City is a completely connected ecosystem run by hydrogen fuel cells to be constructed from early 2021 at the bottom of Mount Fuji [90,91]. This “living laboratory”, a 175-acre urban development in Higashi-Fuji will comprise full-time residents and researchers who will research and develop technologies including robotics, autonomy, smart homes, and personal mobility in a real-world setting. Buildings will be mainly built using carbon-neutral wood and adopt a mixture of robotic production methods and traditional Japanese joinery methods. rooftops will be roofed in photovoltaic panels to generate solar power. Electricity will also be produced by hydrogen fuel cells. All homes will have state-of-the-art human assistance technologies, from maintaining basic needs and improving daily life to sensor-based artificial intelligence for monitoring personal’s health. Woven City is an opportunity to utilize connected technology with security and integrity. The original plan is for 2000 people living in Woven City. The dwellers include Toyota employees and their families, industrial partners, retailers, retired couples, and visiting scientists. More residents will be invited as the project progresses. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in the Woven City.</td>
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<td>Australia</td>
<td>In Australia, the Australian Government established the Smart Cities Plan in 2016 [92]. The Plan highlights the Government’s vision for productive and habitable cities that boost innovation, upkeep growth and generate jobs. The Plan embodies a framework for a cities policy at the federal level. City Deals are the important drivers for executing the Smart Cities Plan. They are partnerships between the three levels of government and the community to strive for a shared vision for liveable and productive cities. Standards Australia is the country’s leading independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit standards organization [93]. The organization is actively participating in national and international discussions on smart cities, including being involved in the ISO Technical Management Board United Nation Sustainable Development Goals Taskforce. The task force will: revisit the mapping of ISO standards to the Sustainable Development Goals; identify the importance of Sustainable Development Goals for ISO, leading to the design of a database that can be used by businesses and organizations to determine the useful standards in promoting Sustainable Development Goals; create guidance for committees on how to proactively identify the right partnerships including the United Nations and other international organizations; offer recommendations for which organizations including ISO should work in standards promotion to support Sustainable Development Goals. The smart cities pilot projects in Europe, and North America and South America are presented in Tables 8 and 9, respectively.</td>
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<td>Barcelona</td>
<td>Bakici et al. [94] examined the city of Barcelona and analyzed its Smart City initiative, including its urban policy implications. This article analyzes Barcelona’s transformation in the areas of Smart City management, drivers, bottlenecks, conditions, and assets. The authors described the Barcelona Smart City model and examined the key factors of the Smart City strategy while considering living labs, Open Data, e-Services, smart districts, initiatives, and infrastructures. The Barcelona Smart City model consists of four domains including smart governance, smart economy, smart living, and smart people. The 22@ Barcelona region is a central point for innovation and economic development, as small-medium enterprises use the region as a test-bed to trial novel technologies. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in the 22@ Barcelona region.</td>
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<td>Romania</td>
<td>The Romanian Association for Smart City [96] is the leading authority of the Smart City Industry in Romania, which consists of professionals and experts from various industries. The association is also supported by over 200 national and international partners. The association aims to create creative-intelligent communities in Romania and achieve this by developing activities related to the Smart City ecosystem. The association has introduced 8 ISO international standards in legislation, however, there are no details regarding them. Alba Iulia is located in the west-central part of Romania. The pilot project Alba Iulia Smart City has many distinctive features. The project promotes collaborative partnerships across governmental organizations, research institutions, local administration, companies, universities, citizens, and associations. The partnerships are not driven by commercial interests. The solutions are developed and examined by partner companies, with the local administration providing the required support and infrastructure. It is worth mentioning that there is no technical standard discussed for the Alba Iulia Smart City project [97].</td>
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<td>Sweden</td>
<td>Stockholm aims to achieve environmental goals and efficient cooperation between various stakeholders, including the private and public sectors [98]. Kista Science City is an important venue for ICT research and development. The prominent ICT businesses including IBM and Ericsson settled in Kista during the 1970s and more than 1000 other ICT companies have joined. The city hosts one of the world’s leading ICT clusters and largest urban business districts. Robert [99] examined a local travel planning network in Kista Science City where the travel demand is probable to surpass the capacity of the transport system in the future. There is no information regarding the standards adopted in Kista Science City.</td>
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<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>Caird and Hallett [9] described that the British Standards Institution (BSI) collaborating with ISO has established a substantial body of work on smart city standards and urban performance metrics. BSI is the leading organization in developing smart city standards and urban performance metrics in the UK. Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 180 details industry-concurred understanding of smart city definitions and terms in the UK, to help developing a robust foundation for imminent standardization and good practices [100]. PAS 180 also helps enhancing smart cities understanding by setting a common language for designers, developers, clients, and manufacturers. The standard will support industry to work more effectively and efficiently and reduce the probabilities of confusion in the supply chain. PAS 180 defines terms for smart cities encompassing smart city concepts for various infrastructure and systems' components. It covers processes, materials, applications, and methodologies. PAS 181 is a smart city framework for city leaders to create, concur and provide smart city strategies that can assist transform their city's capability to encounter its impending challenges and deliver its potential aspirations [101]. The smart city framework is based on current good practices and is a set of dependable and repeatable tasks that city leaders can use to support create and execute their smart city plans. The framework does not expect to describe a one-size-fits-all model for the UK cities. PAS 181 emphases on the enabling processes for the pioneering usage of data and technology, composed with organizational modification, can assist deliver the varied visions for potential UK cities in increased efficient, sustainable, and effective habits. Manchester CityVerve [102] uses IoTs technologies to transform the city. The program focuses on four aspects of transformation including “culture and public realm”, “energy and environment”, “health and social care”, and “travel and transport”. Milton Keynes is a fast-growing city in the UK. MKSmart [103] is a large collaborative initiative to develop innovative solutions to support economic growth in Milton Keynes. The state-of-the-art ‘MK Data Hub’ plays a critical role in the project which facilitates the acquisition and management of big data of city systems from numerous data sources. The data concerns with energy and water consumption, transport data, data from satellite technology, economic and social datasets, and crowdsourced data from social media or specialised apps. Caird and Hallett [9] examined both projects and concluded that the city authorities were unfamiliar with the smart city indicator frameworks [9].</td>
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### Table 9. Smart cities pilot projects in North America and South America

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<td>Brazil</td>
<td>The Smart Cities Challenge is a national competition open to all municipalities, local or regional governments and indigenous communities [106]. The Challenge promotes communities to adopt a smart cities approach and living standards of citizens through data, innovation, and connected technology. The Challenge aims to address four areas including (1) to realize outcomes for residents; (2) empower communities to innovate; (3) forge new partnerships and networks; (4) spread the benefit to all Canadians. Edmontorn is experiencing a resident-led digital transformation supported by the city’s council. The city developed the Business Technology Strategy, the first-of-its-kind in Canada to guide data usages, different technologies, and business solutions to enhance citizen’s life [107]. The Edmonton’s Smart City Strategy is an innovation ecosystem of academia, government, residents and industry that abides by ISO 37106:2018. This standard is guidance for leaders in smart cities and communities across the private, public and voluntary sectors concerning how to create a collaborative, open, digitally enabled, and citizen-centric operating model for their city that drives a sustainable future. The standard focuses on creating cities that (1) makes present and future citizen needs as the driver behind investment decision-making; (2) planning and delivery of entire city spaces and systems; (3) combine physical and digital planning; (3) determine, foresee and react to emerging challenges in an agile, sustainable, and systematic manner; (4) develop changes in the capacity for joined-up delivery and innovation within organizational boundaries for the city [108]. Saskatoon aims “to be the city that breaks the cycle of Indigenous youth incarceration by creating a new cycle focused on building purpose, belonging, security and identity” [109]. The ConnectYXE initiative is based on three pillars (1) to empower Indigenous youth and their families by giving real-time information and choices for how to use services across the city; (2) to work with partners by developing a data repository for all relevant programs and services accessible; (3) to exploit innovative technology by connecting systems, distributing data and using artificial intelligence. The collective data will give a city-wide image of what is accessible and the needs of those supports at all times. This enables service providers and decision-makers to frequently study and recognise gaps, changes, and better approaches to respond to the needs. Presently, technical standards were not discussed in the proposal for ConnectYXE.</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>New York aims to become an equitable and smart city to improve government services and citizens living standards [110]. The transformation contains multiple programs including “New York City Connected Communities”, where the government develops computer centers in the places with highly concentrated poverty rates. Over 100 centers have been developed, which have improved the level of digital literacy and enhanced the quality of life by developing employment opportunities. The digital centers are in parks, computer resource centers, New York City Housing Authority Centers, recreation centers, libraries, and senior citizen centers. Another initiative is “LinkNYC” developed in 2014. The purpose was to develop a free ultra-high speed WiFi network to connect the whole city with free high-speed internet service. They have installed over 7500 communication junctions with free WiFi network, domestic phone calls, and cell phone charging facility. Kansas City, Missouri is one of the smartest cities due to its successful technology utilization [111]. Along the two-mile track of the Kansas City Streetcar, a 15 million USD public-private partnership has facilitated the placement of 328 Wi-Fi access points, 178 smart streetlights that can monitor traffic patterns and available parking spaces, 25 video kiosks, pavement sensors, and video cameras. They are all connected by the city’s fiber-optic data network. It was determined that the three smart city projects including New York City Connected Communities, LinkNYC, and the Kansas City Streetcar have not discussed technical standards.</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
<td>Macke et al. [104] described that the city of Curitiba, Southern Brazil to be a green, inclusive and livable city. It is the top ten smartest cities globally speaking. Curitiba has several well-known sustainability programs. Effective leadership and devotion to intelligent transportation planning aided Curitiba to turn into a sustainable city and a standard for effective urban planning. The city’s achievements are considered in six factors namely integrated urban planning, pedestrian priority zones, environmental awareness, waste management system, effective public transport system, and social justice. Smart living can be attained by delivering the four factors namely, community integration socio-structural relations, material well-being, and environmental well-being. International standards are not discussed in the work. Afonso et al. [105] studied Brazilian capital indicators and developed a maturity model called Brazilian Smart City Maturity Model to allow transform public databases into useful indicators to assist city managers in planning. The authors mentioned that the ISO 37120 standard provides 100 different performance indicators for cities. The standard consists of 17 themes, 46 core indicators, and 54 indicators that can help define public policies based on different domains. The model is an ongoing work.</td>
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In summary, the review on some smart cities developments from various countries and international standards shows:

1. There is a lack of discussions on the use of international standards in implementing smart cities. It is important to acknowledge the currently available standards in development when structuring and developing a smart city.
2. With standards and technologies are swiftly evolving, many cities need to avoid getting locked into one vendor’s integrated solutions, which makes it more difficult for the city to share data with citizens, developers, and other cities.
3. International standards should be developed to address some of the most pressing challenges in a smart city, including potential solutions to a pandemic such as COVID-19 [112]. In combating COVID-19, ISO has made some standards freely available to the public, including ISO 13688:2013 (Protective clothing—General requirements) and ISO 19223:2019 (Lung ventilators and related equipment—Vocabulary and semantics) [113]. Simultaneously, IEC also decided to make some standards and most relevant normative references for critical care ventilators free of charge to
industries who are creating products or converting their existing assembly lines to ventilator production [114]. In the current pandemic, many organizations and governments are sharing or publishing data. For example, government health agencies are publishing data concerning regional cases and deaths; symptom trackers are distributing data with researchers and making data public; technology companies are obtaining mobility data which can help us to understand the impact of the coronavirus on our lives. Standards need to support data interoperability, the ability of services and systems that create, exchange, and use data to have clear, shared expectations for the contents, context, and meaning of that data [115,116].

5. Conclusions

Smart cities are intelligent and sustainable cities. It is well-known that a smart city requires the use of novel technologies, including robust ICT infrastructures and sensor devices. First, this paper has revisited and identified some of the new smart city definitions. The definition of a smart city is continuing to evolve, and one must accept that different terminologies exist due to the different scope considered, e.g., the region and community involved. This paper then examines the smart city from the view of international standards. It is identified that numerous international standards are currently in development to develop a smart city and the old standards are being revised to become relevant to address current society needs. Six smart city domains were identified including smart energy, smart health, smart education, smart mobility, smart economy, and smart governance. There is a need for researchers and city developers to acknowledge the different kinds of standards currently available and in development, in order to build a city that is functional and sustainable. The review identified that international standards are by no means as yet pervasive: there is a need for smart city projects to present details on the international standards adoption, and its implications for a smart city. Well-defined standards allow meaningful comparisons among smart cities implementation. With the presence of many standard bodies, challenges exist if international standards are not agreed on by standards developers and users. This paper serves as a guide on international standards for smart city researchers and developers.


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