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Asha Balakrishnan Appointed to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Committee on Sustainability

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 2023) – Asha Balakrishnan, assistant director at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI), was appointed to the [American Society of Mechanical Engineers \(ASME\) Committee on Sustainability](#).

ASME is a not-for-profit professional organization that promotes the role multidisciplinary engineering in society. The committee is responsible for ensuring that ASME has a robust climate and sustainability strategy to accelerate its response to climate change.

“I’m honored to be able to serve ASME alongside outstanding experts as the society embarks on the first ever ASME sustainability strategy,” said Balakrishnan.

Balakrishnan earned her bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign in 1997. She earned her master’s degree in 1999 and her doctoral degree in 2007, both in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Evaluation Association and the Society of Women Engineers.

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