Standards Alliance

ANSI-SABS Code of Good Practice Workshop

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Day 1

8:30	Opening Remarks

9:00 – 9:30   **Overview of the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement and Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards**
1.   U.S. Trade Representative
2.   South African speaker

9:30 – 12:45   **Session 1: Participation in Relevant International Standardization Bodies**

1.1: Introduction on Clauses F and G of the Code
Panel or presentation with U.S. and South African speaker

1.2: U.S., South African experience participating in ISO/IEC
1.   Discuss and compare participation
2.   Discuss possible twinning/other cooperation

10:45 – 11:00   Coffee/Tea Break

1.3: U.S., South African experience participating in Codex
1.   Discuss and compare participation
2.   Discuss possible twinning/other cooperation

1.4: U.S., South African experience in other international standards organizations
1.   Discuss and compare participation
2.   Discuss possible twinning/other cooperation

12:45 – 13:45   Lunch

13:45 – 15:45   **Session 2: Avoiding Duplication and Achieving Consensus in Standardization**

Panel of experts from both sides and facilitated discussion with all
participants
1.   ANSI Essential Requirements and ANSI International Procedures
2.   Examples from standards developers
3.   South African perspective

15:45 – 16:00   Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:00   **Session 3: Aiming for the Development of Performance Standards**
1.   U.S. implementation – decision made through consensus process
2.   South African implementation

17:00 – 17:30   Day One Wrap-up

Day 2

8:45   Welcome/opening

9:00 – 10:00   **Session 4: Work Programs for Standards**
Presentations and discussion
1.   U.S. implementation – Standards Action
2.   South African implementation

10:00 – 10:15   Coffee/Tea Break

10:15 – 11:30   **Session 5: Public Review and Accepting Comments on Standards from
other WTO Members**
1.   U.S. implementation – Standards Action, notification and
comment periods, due process for complaints
2.   South African implementation

11:30 – 12:45   **Consultations on the Operation of the Code of Good Practice**
Moderated discussion
- Case studies
- Discussion on areas for improvement
- Alternatives to ISONET
- Next steps for promoting implementation in U.S. and South Africa

12:45 – 13:00   Closing Remarks