Standards Alliance

ANSI-SABS Code of Good Practice Workshop

DRAFT Agenda 2.11.2015

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