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Session: **How to make use of the new twinning concept to enhance participation in ISO**

Inspiring example: ISO/PC 318 Community scale resource oriented sanitation treatment systems (ANSI)

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CONTEXT

- 22 March 2018– The Technical Management Board Approves the creation of the Project Committee, ISO/PC 318 on Community scale resource oriented sanitation treatment systems and allocates the secretariat to ANSI (USA)
- ANSI entered Into a twinning agreement with ASN (SENEGAL) for the secretariat of the PC.
- Secretary: Sally SEITZ ANSI
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SCOPE

Objectives of the twinning agreement include:

- Provide ASN with skills and experience in participating and managing international work
- Strengthen ASN's overall abilities in standards development
- Improve relationship between ANSI and ASN

Main benefits

- Learn the best practices in standardization in general, ISO work in particular
- Better stakeholder engagement at the national level due to the sense of responsibility that comes with a leadership position for the country
- Better involvement of African countries in the international committee
- Build confidence
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CHALLENGES

- Travels: visa
- language

LESSON/RECOMMENDATION

- Being involved in international works (through twinning) can help NSBs in developing countries to gain recognition both locally and internationally.
- This can lead to a stronger support from authorities and the confidence of the local private sector which will ultimately lead to the development of the NSB.

CONCLUSION

- Twinning relationship with ANSI in the ISO/PC 318 and previously in the ISO/PC 305, was a turning point in my professional development. This allowed me to have another view of standardization in general and I had the opportunity to learn a lot.

- the opportunity to have contributed to the realization of the SDG 6, and thus to improve the quality of life of billions of people around the world through access to safe and dignified sanitation services, is undoubtedly one of my most great pride as a standard developper.

Thank you for your attention!!