



ANSI-USAID Standards Alliance Year Three (2015-2016) Plan

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Standards Alliance is a public-private partnership between the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and USAID designed to assist developing countries in effectively implementing their commitments under the WTO's Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreement. The program began in May 2013 when USAID and ANSI entered into a partnership which will coordinate private-sector subject matter experts from ANSI member organizations in the delivery of training and other technical assistance to interested Standards Alliance countries. The ANSI-USAID agreement covers a planned 5-year initiative, funded 50% by USAID and 50% by ANSI and other private sector partners.

The main objectives of the overall Standards Alliance program includes increased understanding of WTO TBT principles, encouraging transparency in the development and alteration of technical regulations, and improving implementation of the TBT Agreement's Code of Good Practice for the preparation, adoption and application of standards, with the larger goal of promoting trade and economic development.

During the first year of the Standards Alliance, ANSI and USAID selected ten countries/regions for engagement and ANSI conducted initial assessments with each partner, establishing individual work plans for each country/region. The countries include:

- Central America (CAFTA-DR)
- Colombia
- East African Community (EAC)
- Indonesia
- Mexico
- Middle East/North Africa (Jordan and Morocco)
- Peru
- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Vietnam
- Yemen (cooperation with the Gulf Cooperation Council – GCC)

In 2014-2015, the Standards Alliance began implementation of these work plans and witnessed further progress from trainings and other activities such as support for national enquiry points. These outcomes and successes are outlined in the [Standards Alliance Annual Report \(2014-2015\)](#). Other information on the project, including specific activities and news about upcoming events, is available on the website: <http://standardsalliance.ansi.org/>.

The sections below include an overview of the project activities that will take place in the third year of the Standards Alliance (2015-2016). These are summarized in the table with a projected calendar of events. These activities may change according to the needs of ANSI or the partner country/region, and additional details will be made available on the project website.

ACTIVITIES

| ACTIVITY | PROPOSED COUNTERPART | OUTPUT | STATUS |
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| Central America (CAFTA-DR) | | | |
| 1. Development of StandardsPortal in Spanish language | COGUANOR, INTECO, OSN | Additions to www.StandardsPortal.org , a tool that provides information on standards systems | Ongoing |
| Colombia | | | |
| 2. Assistance for laboratory recognition by CPSC | ICONTEC and designated laboratory | Training on CPSC requirements | Ongoing |
| 3. Development of StandardsPortal in Spanish language (<i>In cooperation with Facilitando Comercio</i>) | ICONTEC | Additions to www.StandardsPortal.org | Ongoing |
| 4. Orientation visit of a Colombian delegation to Washington, DC (<i>in cooperation with Facilitando Comercio</i>) | MinComercio | Week-long series of meetings with ANSI, NIST, relevant U.S. regulators and industry | Proposed December 2015 |
| 5. Exchange on energy efficiency standards for lighting products | MinComercio, Ministry of Mining and Energy, ICONTEC | 2-day workshop held in Bogota | Proposed September 2015 |
| 6. Develop electronic notification system for TBT notifications (<i>led by Facilitando Comercio</i>) | MinComercio (TBT enquiry point) | New ENS for TBT notifications | TBD |
| 7. Capacity building for TBT Enquiry Point and stakeholders on new ENS (<i>led by Facilitando Comercio</i>) | MinComercio | 1-2 seminars held in Bogota | TBD following implementation of ENS |
| 8. Internship on standardization for COPANT members (<i>in cooperation with COPANT and ICONTEC</i>) | ICONTEC | 2-3 day training on best practices for standardization | Proposed October 2015 |

| East African Community (EAC) | | | |
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| 9. Implement action plans for EAC member Enquiry Points (<i>led by Thompson Consulting</i>) | Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, and Uganda | Capacity building and mentoring carried out in-country | Rwanda, Tanzania completed August 2015, remaining planned for Fall 2015 |
| 10. Regional roll-out of an ENS, following NotifyKenyaTBT launch in Year 1 (<i>led by EATIH</i>) | Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda | ENS for remaining EAC member states | TBD by EATIH |
| 11. Standards and trade workshop (<i>in cooperation with EATIH</i>) | EAC member states, EAC Secretariat | Workshop on standards to support trade for a specific industry | Proposed April 2016 |
| 12. Workshop on GRP in support of food security (<i>in cooperation with EATIH</i>) | EAC member states | 1-2 day workshop held in EAC region | TBD |
| 13. ISO National Mirror Committee Training | ISO TC 285 members, including several EAC member countries | 1 day workshop in Accra, Ghana | November 2, 2015 |
| Indonesia | | | |
| 14. Implementation of UPC-ID (<i>led by IAPMO</i>) | BSN, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Industry | Code adopted in sub-national jurisdictions throughout Indonesia | Begun March 2015, ongoing |
| 15. Development of a personnel certificate program for installers and code enforcement officials (<i>led by IAPMO</i>) | BSN, academic institutions | Curriculum and training program | Begun April 2015, ongoing |
| 16. Development of a third-party testing and certification program for plumbing products sold in Indonesia (<i>led by IAPMO</i>) | BSN | Development of a testing and certification program that meets manufacturers' needs | Proposed to begin fall 2015 |
| 17. Orientation visit of Indonesian officials to the U.S. (<i>led by IAPMO</i>) | BSN | Week-long series of meetings with IAPMO, laboratories, ANSI | Proposed October 2015 |

| and relevant USG | | | |
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| Mexico | | | |
| 18. Advanced course for regulators on TBT principles and the TBT Agreement | Secretariat of Economy | Regulators in both countries exchange ideas on TBT disciplines | Proposed November 2015 |
| 19. Training on technical regulations and conformity assessment for the food sector | EMA | 3-day training seminar in Mexico City | TBD |
| 20. Training on uncertainty and traceability measurement methods (<i>in cooperation with NIST</i>) | EMA | 3-day training for laboratories in Mexico City | TBD |
| Middle East/North Africa (Jordan and Morocco) | | | |
| 21. TBT awareness building seminars for stakeholders (<i>in cooperation with AMEG</i>) | JSMO, MCINET, IMANOR | Public and private sector stakeholders trained in tools and resources provided by the TBT Agreement | Ongoing |
| 22. Workshop with water and sanitation officials to discuss consensus standards and codes for efficient plumbing systems (<i>led by IAPMO</i>) | JSMO, GSO member states | Workshop held on sidelines of International Water Association's Water and Development Congress | Proposed October 2015 |
| Peru | | | |
| 23. Training on ASTM standards for Medical Devices | INACAL | 3-4 day training to be provided by ASTM International | Proposed November 2015 |
| 24. Training on regulation and standards for biologics and biosimilar products (<i>to include all Pacific Alliance countries</i>) | MINCETUR, DIGESA, counterparts in Colombia, Mexico and Chile | 2-3 day training to be held in Washington, DC | Proposed November/ December 2015 |
| Southern African Development Community (SADC) | | | |
| 25. Implement action plans for EAC member Enquiry Points (<i>led by Thompson Consulting</i>) | Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia | Capacity building and mentoring carried out in- | Proposed Fall 2015 |

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| 26. Training/information exchange on the WTO Code of Good Practice | South Africa (SABS) | Training, guide publicly available | TBD |
| Vietnam-ASEAN | | | |
| 27. Workshop on U.S. automotive regulations and standards (<i>led by AAPC</i>) | Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, and other ASEAN members | 1-day workshop on sidelines of APEC Automotive Dialogue | August 2015 |
| 28. Training on food additive regulations (<i>led by USDA and U.S. industry representatives</i>) | Vietnam, Indonesia | 3 1-day workshops to be carried out in the ASEAN region | Proposed January, April, June 2016 |
| 29. Training/information exchange for the medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics sectors | STAMEQ | Training conducted for government and private sector | Ongoing |
| 30. Capacity building for operation of standards technical committees | STAMEQ/VSQI | Training for STAMEQ/VSQI staff on secretariat role and improving technical committee composition and participation | Ongoing |
| 31. Capacity building for certification and inspection bodies (<i>led by Vietnam GIG</i>) | STAMEQ conformity assessment department | Training on ISO 17065 | Ongoing |
| 32. Support for revising law on product and goods quality (<i>led by Vietnam GIG</i>) | STAMEQ conformity assessment department | Share U.S. and international examples of implementation of similar laws | Ongoing |
| Yemen | | | |

SCHEDULE

| | Jun-2015 | Jul-2015 | Aug-2015 | Sept-2015 | Oct-2015 | Nov-2015 | Dec-2015 | Jan-2016 | Feb-2016 | Mar-2016 | Apr-2016 | May-2016 |
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| USA | | | | Call for proposals for next work plans | | | | | | | | |
| C. America | | | | | | | | | | Development of Standards Portal in Spanish | | |
| Colombia | | | | Lighting workshop | COPANT internship on standards | | Orientation visit to DC | | | Development of Standards Portal in Spanish | | |
| EAC | Focused enquiry point capacity building | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Indonesia | Education and personnel training on UPC-ID | | | Orientation visit to the U.S. | Development of certification scheme and training curricula for installers | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | | Advanced TBT course for regulators | | | Training on food regulation | | Training on uncertainty | |
| MENA | | | | | Workshop on sidelines of IWA Congress | | | TBT Awareness building | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | | ASTM medical device standards | Pacific Alliance event on biologics | | | | | |

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| SADC | Focused enquiry point capacity building | | | | | | | Code of Good Practice (SABS) | | | | | |
| Vietnam-ASEAN | | | Auto workshop in Philippines | IT Support for TBT Enquiry Point | | | | Food additives regulation (Vietnam) | | | | Food additives regulation (Indonesia) | |
| Yemen | | | | | | | | | | | | | |