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## **Twinning in TC 176 & TC 207**

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# Outline of Presentation

- Introduction to the TCs
- Concept of Twinning
- Developments Thus Far & Path Forward



# ISO/TC 176

- **Established:**
  - 1984
- **Scope:**
  - Standardization in the field of quality management
- **Membership**
  - 96 Countries (*ISO's largest Committee*)
    - 76 Participating Countries,
    - 20 Observing Countries,
    - 45 Liaison Organizations



# ISO/TC 207

- **Established:**
  - 1993
- **Scope:**
  - Environmental Management tools and systems
- **Membership**
  - 93 Countries
    - 76 Participating Countries,
    - 17 Observing Countries,
    - 54 Liaison Organizations



# Twinning

- Response to calls from the ISO TMB and Council for improved integration of developing countries into the work of ISO committees.
- Statement in the Directives:
  - **1.8.3 Vice-chairmen** Committees are encouraged to make special provisions to involve representatives from developing countries in their governance structures. This may include the creation of positions of vice-chairman, being limited to one vice-chair per committee.



# Twinning

- Both 176 & 207 have strong participation of developing countries, and are now looking to demonstrate that within the leadership.
- Intended to build capacity and representation amongst developing countries



# What have we done?

## ISO/TC 207

- TC 207 has taken a resolution to support twinning within its structure.
- All new groups will have twinned leadership (not necessarily Vice Chair).
- So far...
  - Have twinned the Chair of the TC
    - Dan Gagnier, Canada and Haroldo Mattos de Lemos, Brazil
  - Have also twinned:
    - SC1 – UK & Malaysia
    - SC3 – Australia & Zimbabwe
    - SC4 – USA & Argentina
    - TCG – Norway & Argentina
    - WG5 – Canada & Malaysia
    - WG6 – Canada & South Africa



# What have we done?

## ISO/TC 176

- TC 176 has approved a policy on twinning
- Next steps
  - Call for Nominations for Vice-Chair for TC, SC1 & SC2 (SC3 next year)
  - Appointments to be made and ratified at October Plenary
  - Key qualifications include: familiarity with subject matter, strong communication skills, diplomacy, member body support, etc.



# Thank You

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