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Innovative Ecological Sanitation Project India (IESNI)

In 2003 IESNI was established in order to promote ecosan development in India. The objectives of IESNI are:

- Developing
 - innovative and socially sound ecological sanitation systems (closed loop systems) for India (for rural and urban applications).
 - the institutional and economical framework for innovative ecological sanitation implementation in India
- Implementing 3-5 case studies in India (Bangalore, Nagpur, Khopoli, Sanand).
- Capacity building, knowledge dissemination, communication and implementation support

IESPI platform partners

- GTZ, ecosan Program / GTZ Soil and Water Conservation Program India (the latter based in Pune) as the ecosan expert group.
- seecon international, ecosan expert group and responsible for knowledge- and project management.
- Government of Maharastra operated RAMETI's (Regional Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institutes, earlier called SWCTI, Soil and Water Conservation Training Institutes), intending to implement innovative ecosan applications for agricultural demonstration purposes on their own training campuses.
- ACTS Ministries (Bangalore, India) is an NGO (Non-Government, non-Profit Organization) for capacity building with a centre for agricultural training, operating an ecosan toilet center in a slum for the last 4 years.
- Navsarjan Trust (India, Gujarat) is an NGO organization working with the Dalit (lower caste) people implementing an integrated ecosan project on the DSK training center.
- The Agricultural University of Norway and the Kalyani University Calcutta supporting the project development as scientific partners.
- Open Indira Ghandi National University is involved in the project of Ecological Sanitation of GTZ through health specialists.
- Further associated partners: WASTE (India), UNICEF (India), IEES and ECOSAN RES (Sweden).

The presentation will provide a state of the art report on the IESNI projects highlighting the

specific experiences on the slum based ecosan project in Bangalore/Karnataka (public toilet center serving 600 persons) and the project implemented in cooperation with NAVSARJAN on the Dalit training center in Sanand/Gujarat. The ecosan applications in the Government of Maharashtra run Regional Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institutes will also be mentioned.