

ACADEMY SYNERGY BUILDING SESSIONS (ASBS)



Corporate Governance Framework

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African Academy Mandate

Academy	Mandate
KNAS	Promote STI endeavor and achievement, recognition of excellence in the field.
ASSAf	Science advise on national imperatives for the benefit of society; promote, inspire and recognize excellence in all scientific fields
ZaAS	Science advise, promote utilization of STI, establish and strengthen national and international cooperation, support curriculum development in STEM
LAST	Science Advise on matters pertaining to STI;
ASM	Develop STI in Mozambique; promote research of excellence in the country; strengthen cooperation within academia and society, locally and globally
ANSALB (Benin)	Science advise to the State or the private sector, national or international,



African Academy Mandate





Background

- The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) is the official national Academy of Science of South Africa (across scholarly disciplines)
- Inaugurated in May 1996 with Nelson Mandela as the patron of the launch
- Established through an Act of Parliament: Academy of Science Act (Act No. 67 of 2001) came into operation in May 2002
- ASSAf is a Public Good





Academy of Science Act 67 of 2001

- The Act prescribes the governance and management framework
- Outlines ASSAf objectives
- Outlines relationship with Government
- Financial compliance: Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999
- Prescribes the Composition of the Academy
- Council formulation (Board)
- Accounting Officer
- Secretariat scope
- Reporting requirements: Audit, Annual, Financial reports



Academy Constitution & Other Legalities

- Constitution in harmony with the Academy Act
- Constitution prescribes Regulation of the Academy, e.g.:

Regulation 1: Election of New Members

Regulation 4: Issuing of Academy Statements

Regulation 6: Annual ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholar Programme

Regulation 7: Quorums: Council and Membership meetings

Regulation 13: Election of New Council

Regulation 14: Constitution and Functions of Standing Committees



Governance: Council

- Council is the highest decision-making body and accounting authority of the Academy:

1. President (Accounting Officer)
2. Two Vice Presidents
3. General Secretary
4. Treasurer

Executive Committee
of Council

5. 7 Members
6. Ministerial appointment



Governance: ASSAf Council EXCO



President (Interim)
Prof Stephanie Burton



Deputy-President (Interim)
Irvy (Igle) Gledhill



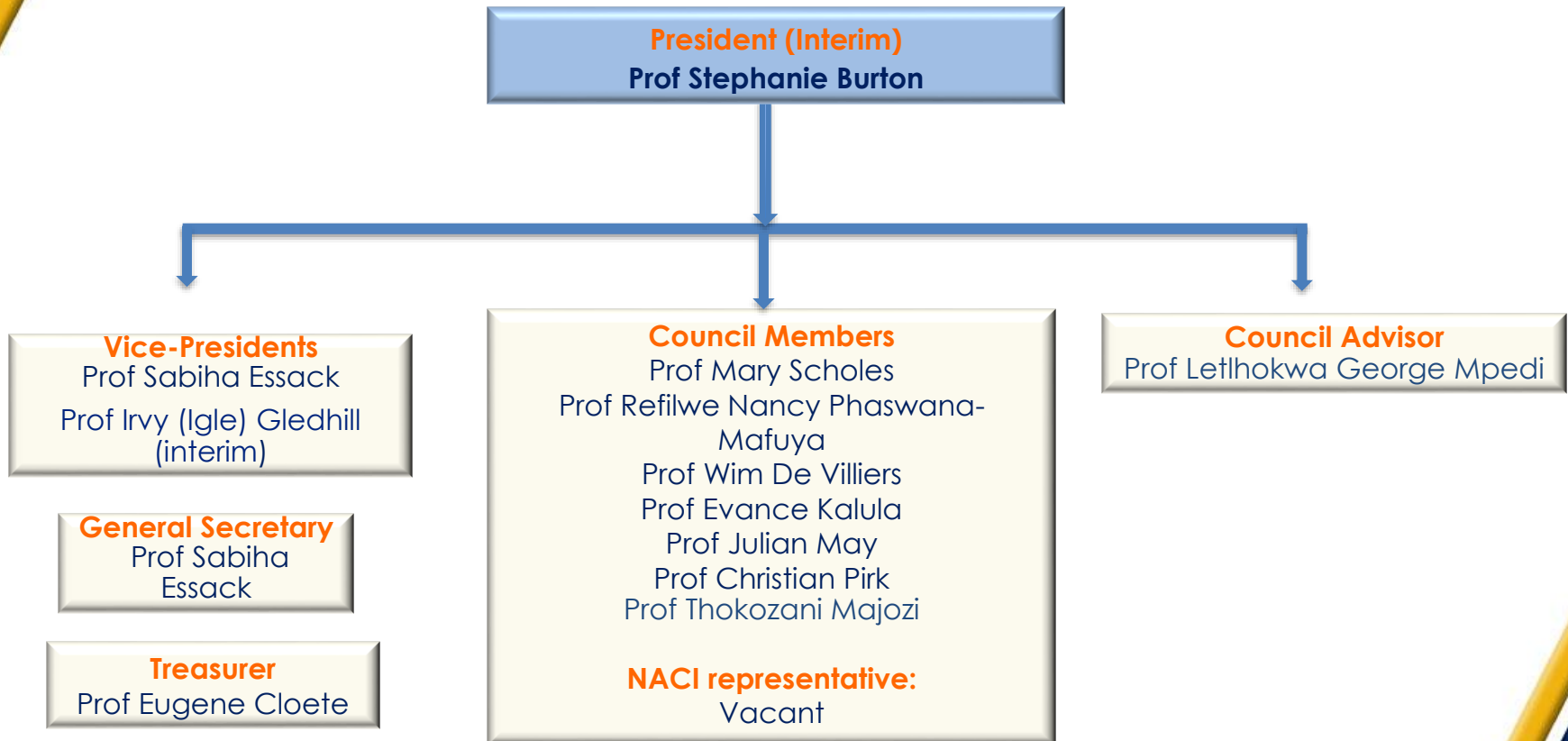
**Deputy-President
General Secretary**
Prof Sabiha Essack



Treasurer
Prof Eugene Cloete



Governance: ASSAf Council





Governance: ASSAf Council

- **Full governance and control:**
 - Accountability to Parliament
 - Ensure compliance to Acts and Policies (NB Public Funds)
 - Maintain relationship with Govt through reporting Department
- **Ensure that the objectives of the Academy are actively pursued:**
 - activities remain within the Academy scope
 - activities advance Academy objectives
 - structures/portfolios align with objective of the Academy
- **Exercise general control over the performance of the Academy:**
 - 5-year Strategic, Annual Performance plans
 - Operational Policies
 - Optimal resources enabling Secretariat to perform its functions

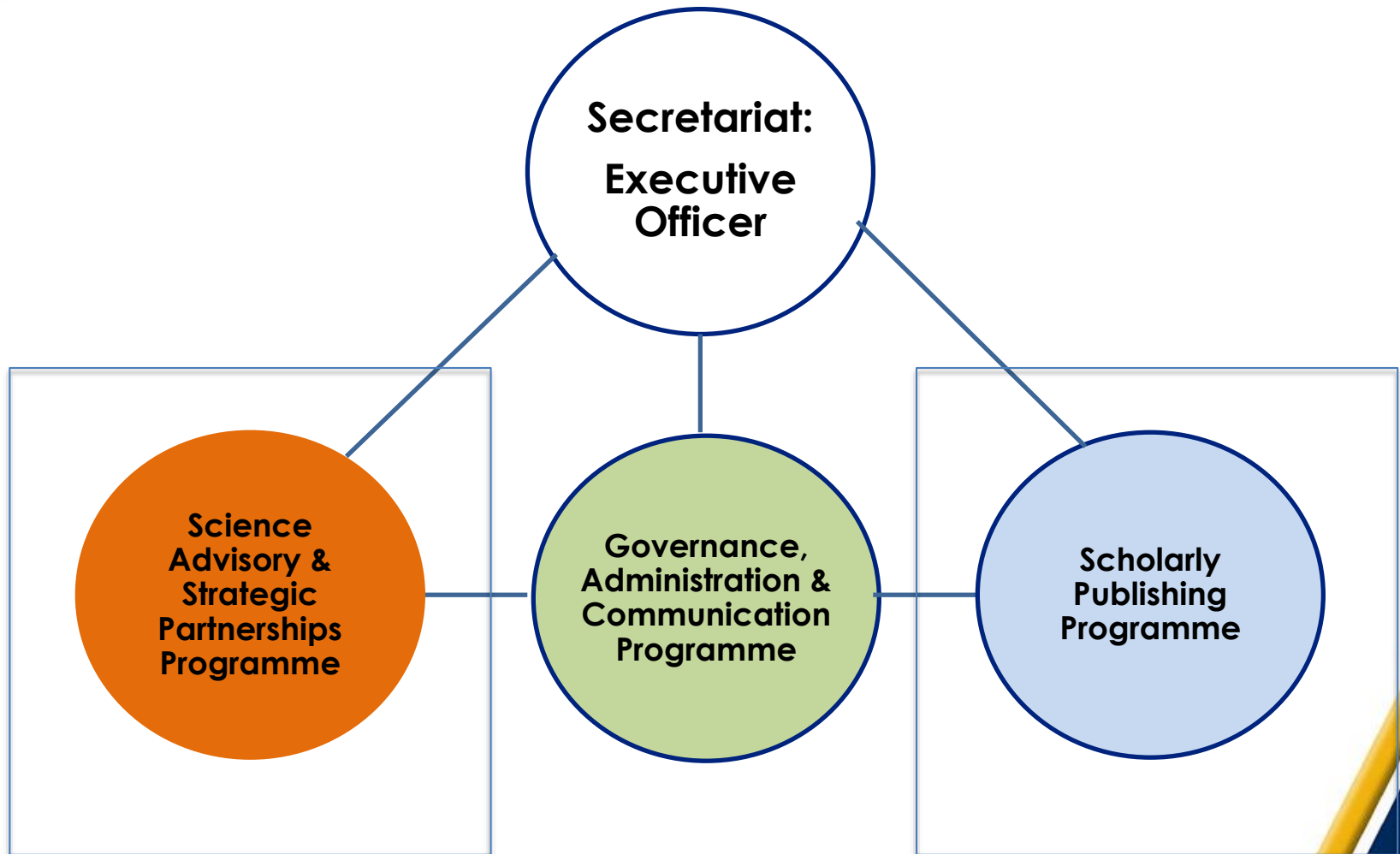


Governance Summary

- Academy Act and Constitution
- Council fully governs the Academy
- Council is the Accounting Authority to Parliament and Government
- Council provides Academy strategic direction
- Council approves Strategic Plans, Operational Plans, Oversight on Implementation, Oversight on Reporting



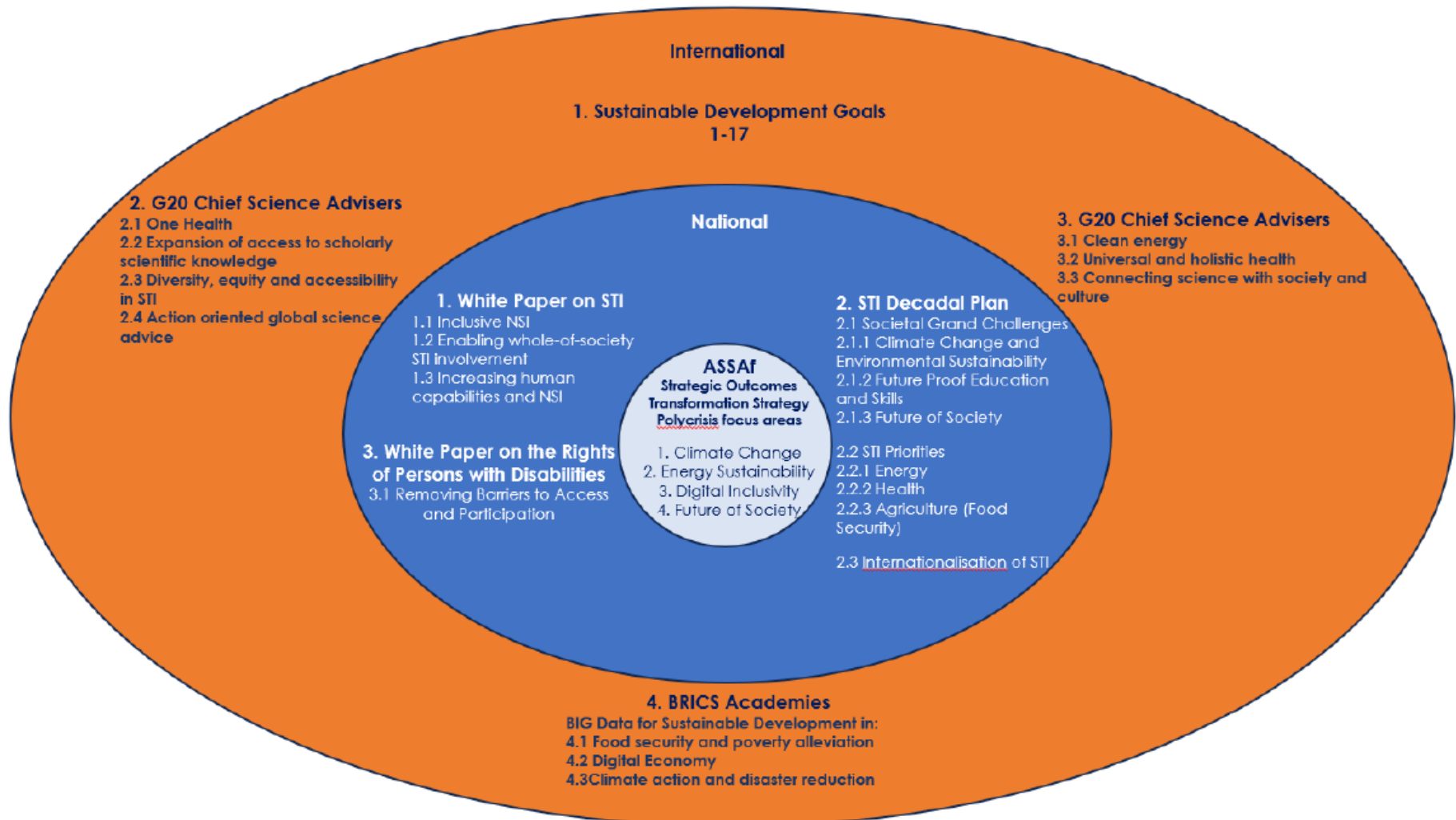
PART I ENDS





Governance Framework Part II: structures/portfolios

Council Provides Strategic Direction: *Polycrisis*





Governance Framework Part II: structures/portfolios

Science Advisory & Strategic Partnerships Programme

Objective 1: Independent, authoritative and influential scientific advice

Objective 2: Science engagement

Objective 4: Facilitating partnerships

Objective 5: Scholarship support

Objective 6: Supporting transformation



Governance Framework Part II: structures/portfolios

Scholarly Publishing Programme

Objective 2: Science engagement

Objective 3: Knowledge Mobilisation

Objective 5: Scholarship support

Objective 6: Supporting transformation



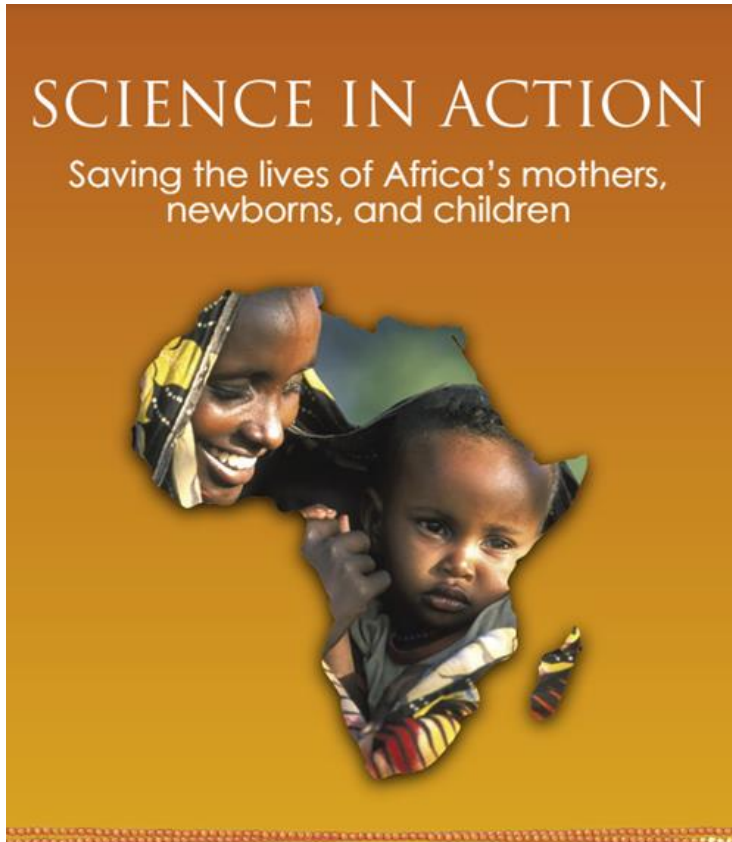
Governance Framework: Science Advice

Standing Committees: Health Sciences; Humanities; STEMI, Biosafety and Biosecurity; Poverty & Inequality Reduction; Scholarly Publishing in South Africa

ASSAf Forums: Just Transition; Climate Change; Water and Sanitation Sustainability



Governance Framework: Science Advice



Policy maker booklet

Workshops and symposia

Policy commentaries

Statements

Consensus studies



Cameroon Academy of Sciences



Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences



Kenya National Academy of Sciences



Nigerian Academy of Science



Académie Nationale des Sciences et Techniques du Sénégal



Academy of Science of South Africa



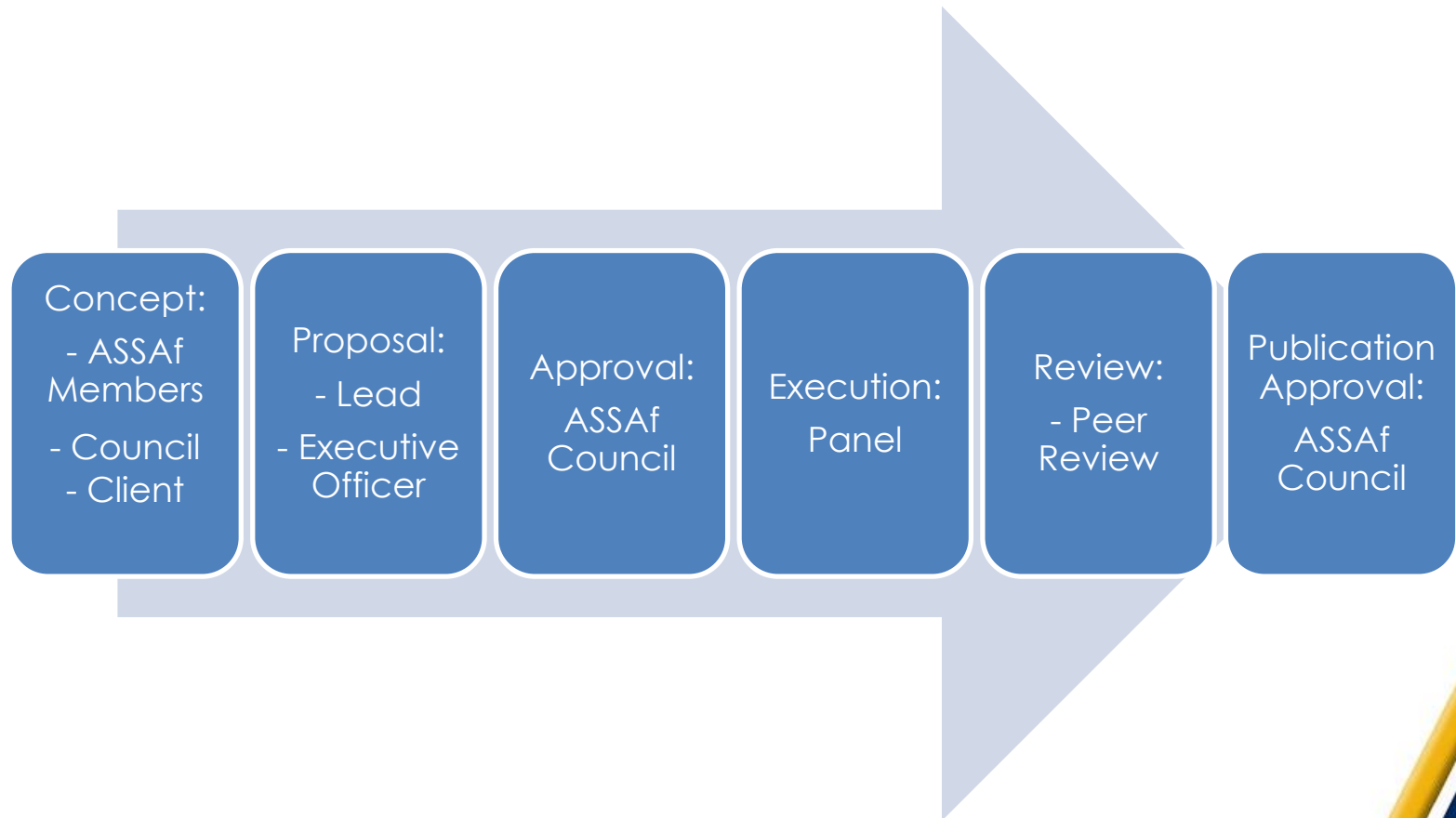
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Governance Framework: Science Advice

Council Review & Approval

Statements, Commentaries, Policymaker Booklets



Consensus studies

Stage 1:

Proposal and Study Panel

→ Council Approval

Stage 2:

Execution

→ Panel autonomous

Stage 3:

3 Peer Reviewers

→ Council Approval

Stage 4:

Study Report

→ Council Approval

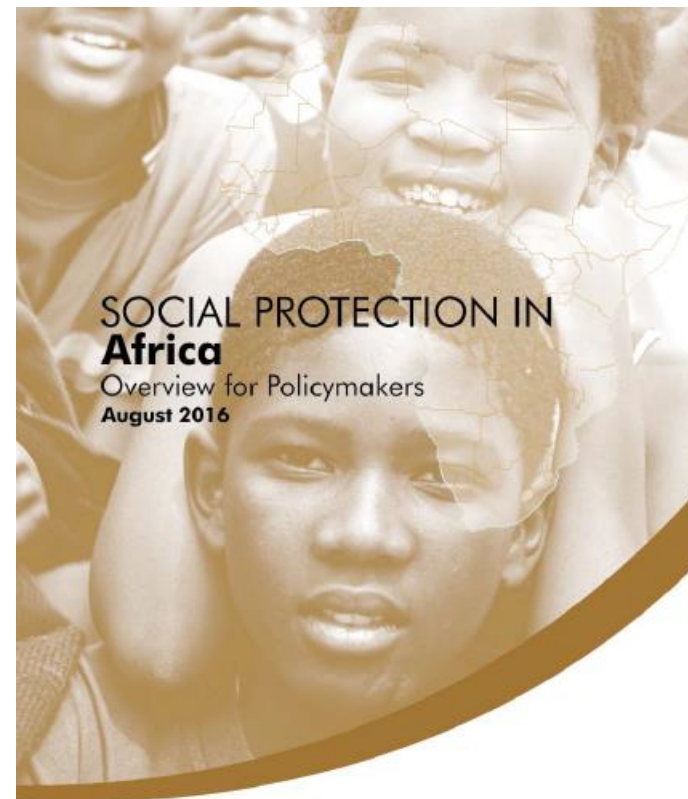




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Governance Framework Overview

Accounting Authority: Council

Accounting Officer: Academy President

Strategic Direction Provision: Council → Strategy Development: Executive Management

Operational Plans Development: Executive Management → Council Approves → Implementation: Executive Management

Reporting preparation: Executive Management → Council approval



Thank you!

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