

SPECIALIST TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

SANAS ensures that it remains relevant within the technical spheres where it operates an accreditation service. SANAS uses Specialist Technical Committees (STC's) to provide appropriate technical guidance on all matters within a specific field of expertise.

Issues that need discussion and appropriate resolution at an STC could arise for example from the initiation of a new field of accreditation, the assessment process in specific fields and related traceability of measurement recorded on the SANAS F23 document; results obtained from Proficiency Testing activity or inconsistent practice due to ambiguity in requirement documents. In sum any field-specific and technical issue that would, unless appropriately resolved, result in the accredited facilities in a specific area to produce data that might lead to unexplainable contradictions with results from other accredited facilities could potentially form the basis for an input to an STC.

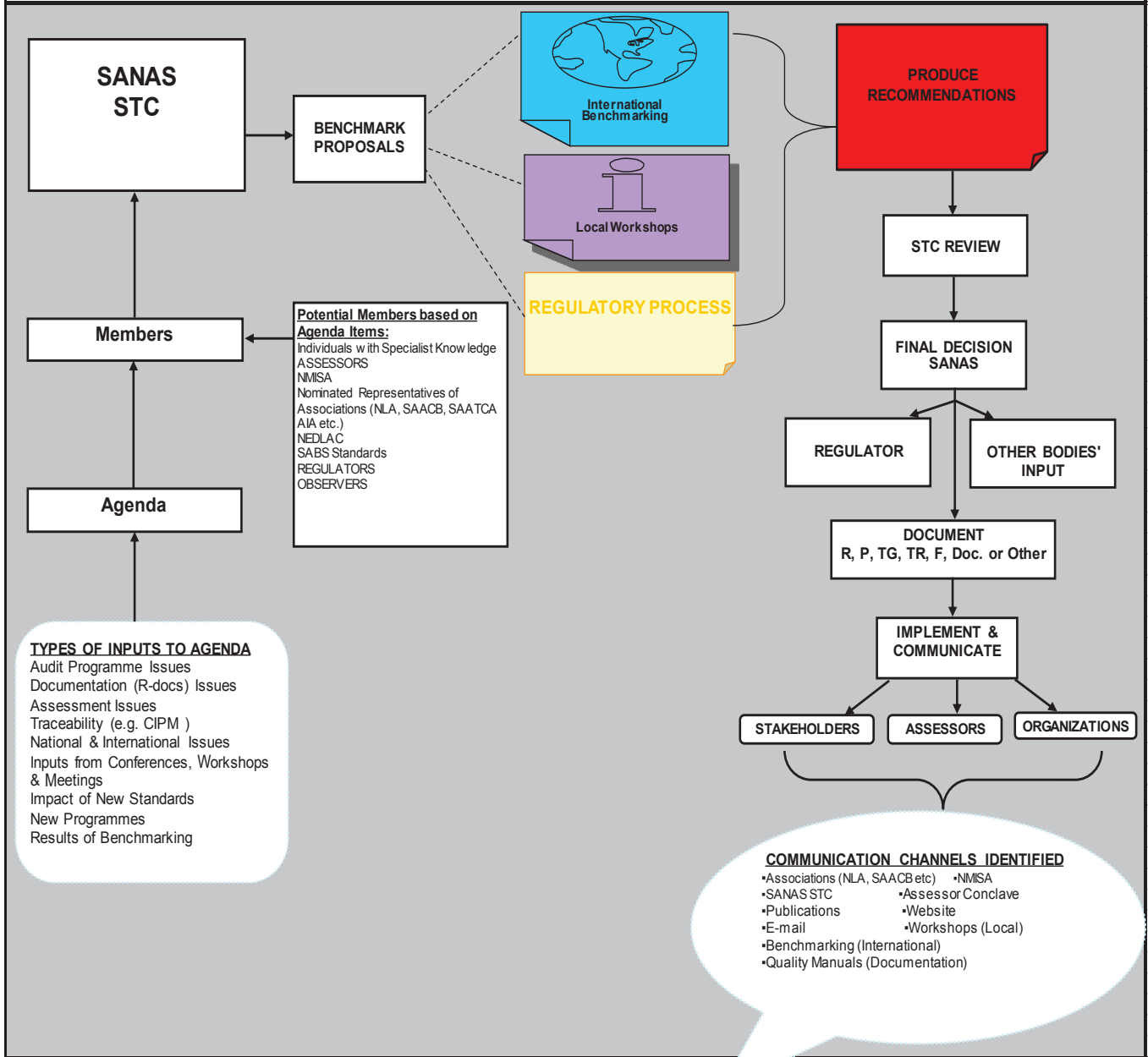
STC's act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the CEO concerning all technical matters pertaining to those fields for which the members have expertise. In particular, each STC advises the CEO in its own field, on the following:

- All generic technical aspects with respect to Accreditation and/or GLP Compliance Monitoring in their field of expertise;
- Solutions to technical problems in their field of expertise;
- The technical content of SANAS audits and/or proficiency testing programmes if this activity is relevant to the specific field of accreditation;
- Generation, review and approval of SANAS Technical Guidance documents;
- Provision of SANAS input to the NMISA regarding traceability requirements for their area of metrology.
- Maintenance of the criteria for demonstration of competence in their field of expertise.
- Provision of specialised input to national regulations and national / international standards.
- Provision of specialised input to appropriate work items and / or documents of regional or international accreditation forums or cooperations.

As the group providing guidance on technical matters for SANAS, members of STC's are in addition, expected to assist in the ongoing

improvement of the standard of calibration, testing, inspection, certification and GLP Compliance Monitoring in South Africa. In moving from an STC recommendation to a SANAS decision, further work including local and international benchmarking might be required to ensure that our international recognition is not compromised. Such follow up activity will normally be managed by the SANAS staff allocated to a specific STC. Once appropriate additional information has been obtained, a decision may be made by SANAS. This is normally the responsibility of the CEO, guided by the processes and inputs that have gone before. Such decisions are, where required, documented and communicated to accredited facilities, assessors, regulators and the wider stakeholder community via channels such as the SANAS website, 'R' documents, monthly newsletters, communications meetings or assessor conclaves. The minutes of each STC are also normally published on the SANAS website so that interested parties remain fully informed of STC activity around particular issues. Please note Appendix 1 for the summary of the roles of the SANAS STC's, from SANAS P19-03 document.

THE ROLE OF SANAS' STCs AND ITS TECHNICAL FOCUS



NEWLY PUBLISHED/REVISED ILAC and IAF DOCUMENTS

Please access the relevant websites for these documents:

- ILAC Website: www.ilac.org
- IAF Website: www.iaf.nu

Doc No.	Applicable Programmes	Title	Date published	Comments
IAF MD6: 2014	Certification	IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO 14065:2013	23/03/2014	<i>Application from 23 March 2015</i> ISO 14065:2013 provides to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) programme administrators, regulators and accreditors, a basis for assessing and recognising the competence of validation or verification bodies (V/VBs). This Mandatory Document provides additional application guidance to enable harmonisation by IAF members for the assessment of validation or verification bodies (V/VBs) against ISO 14065 and related standards.
IAF MD10: 2013	Certification	Assessment of Certification Body Management of Competence in Accordance with ISO/IEC 17021: 2011	11/02/2013	<i>Application from 11 February 2014</i> Provides a harmonised approach to how Accreditation Bodies assess a Certification Body's management of competence in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021:2011
IAF MD 11: 2013	Certification	Application of ISO/IEC 17021 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems (IMS)	16/12/2013	<i>Application immediate</i> Provides requirements for the application of ISO/IEC 17021 for the planning and delivery of audits of IMS and, if appropriate, the certification of an organization's management system(s) against two or more sets of audit criteria/standards.
IAF MD 12: 2013	Certification	Assessment of Certification Activities for Cross-Frontier Accreditation	4/09/2013	<i>Application from 04 September 2014</i> Provides requirements for the consistent application of Clause 7 of ISO/IEC 17011 regarding an Accreditation Body (AB)'s Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CAB)'s that provide certification in countries outside the country in which their head office is located.

NEWLY QUALIFIED ASSESSORS

Congratulations to our new technical assessors who qualified in February 2014:

Zakiti Msimang Calibration and Testing

Lynn Steenkamp Blood Transfusion

Ntombozuko Mbombo Blood Transfusion

Shaldine Sutton Blood Transfusion

Seola Mashamaite Calibration

Congratulations to our Lead Assessor:

Mr John Ndalama, one of our current Lead Assessors for Testing, also qualified in February 2014 as a Lead Assessor for Certification Bodies

We hope to have a long and successful working relationship with all of our new assessors!

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