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PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL TRADE TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE



SAKSS Establishment in Southern Africa

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ReSAKSS Africa Wide
Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System

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- **Issues: Knowledge Gaps**

- Paucity of data to guide decision making
- Absence of enough analytical work to guide decision
- Lack of capacity in generating and utilization of evidence in decision making

- **Vision**

- Generate knowledge to facilitate evidence based policy planning and decision making



What is a SAKSS?

SAKSS is a network of people and institutions that provides timely, credible, and evidence-based knowledge and analysis to inform agricultural and rural development

The individuals are **linked** through **collaborative research (strategic analysis), capacity strengthening, and dialogue.**

Knowledge support system:

A network that serves the evidence needs of strategy formulation and implementation.



SAKSS Concepts

Strategic analysis:

An integrated framework of analysis that helps identify policy and investment options for achieving high-end development goals.

This analysis is carried out within the context of a *knowledge support system*, a network that serves the evidence needs of strategy formulation and implementation.

ReSAKSS/SAKSS Components and outputs

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1. Strategic analysis

- Why ?
 - To generate evidence for decision making.
 - Example of outputs are ATORs

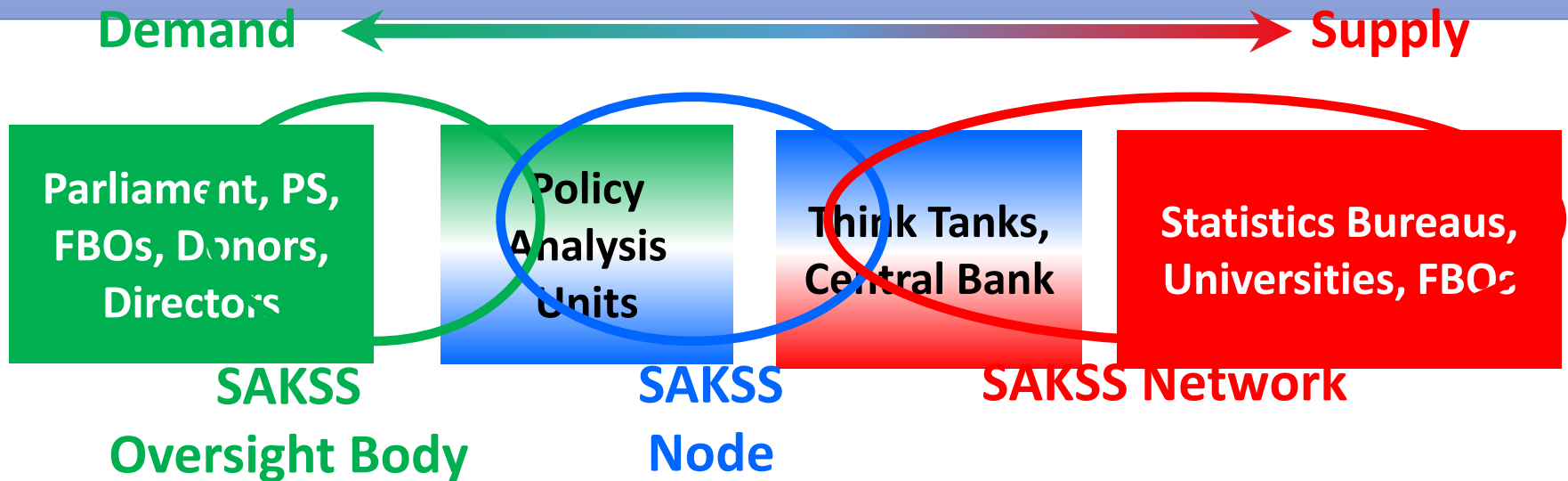
2. Capacity building

- Why ?
 - To enhance ability of the region, and countries to track performance of their ag. Sectors
 - To ensure analyses of high quality for science based decision making
 - E.g Trainings, SAKSS, JSRS, CNAs; policy dialogues

3. Knowledge Support Systems –

- Why?
 - to facilitate easy access to knowledge at regional and country levels for decision making;
 - Example: policy briefs, journal articles, JSR, G8/NA reports ..available on www.resakss.org

SAKSS: Broker of Strategic Analysis/Knowledge



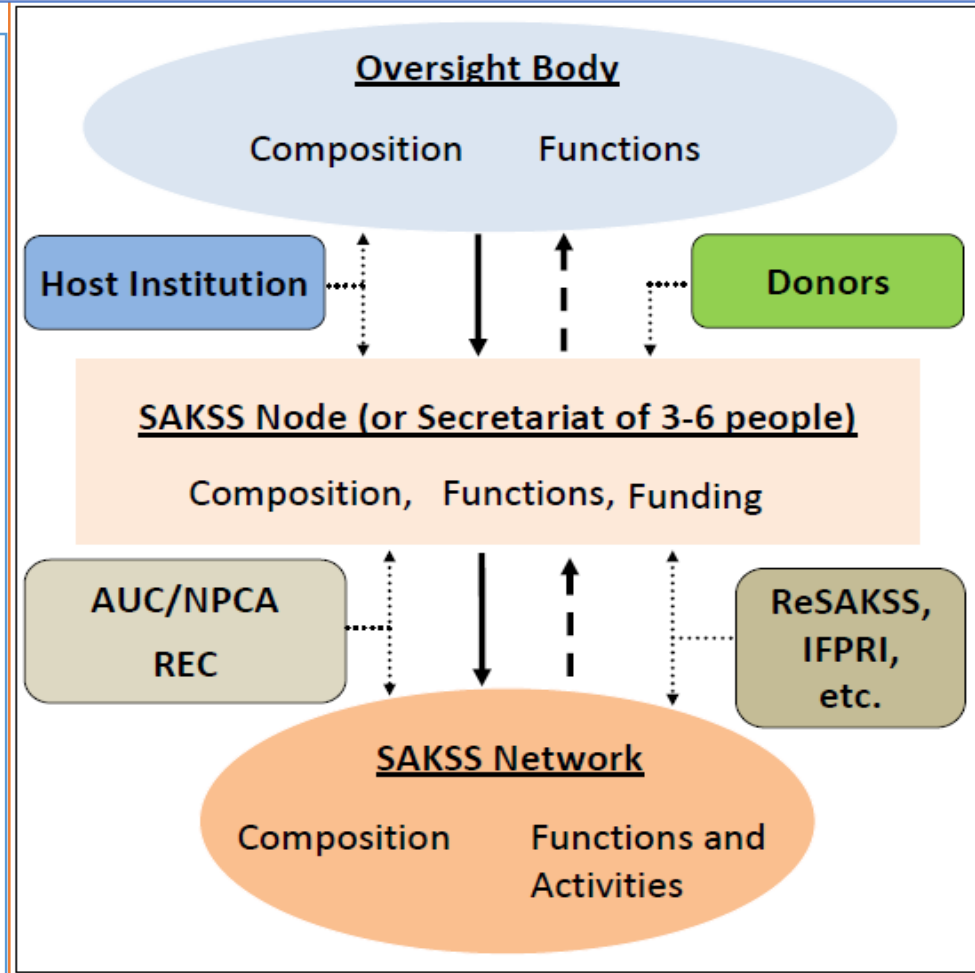
- **Credence of SAKSS in CAADP process**
- **Governance**
- **Channel knowledge and evidence to policy makers**
- ...

- **Identify and sensitize knowledge gaps**
- **Synthesize knowledge**
- **Mobilize and coordinate knowledge generation**
- **Facilitate training**
- ...

- **Express interest and buy into vision**
- **Align knowledge generation activities**
- **Receive funding and training**
- ...

Country SAKSS Generic Architecture

- Structured network of policy-making, analysis, and implementation partners
 - 3 distinct but interrelated parts: *Node, Network, and Oversight Body*
 - institutionalised within relevant country structures
 - *country-owned* and *country-managed* system depending on the country's own agenda and capacity (including funding)





THE COUNTRY SAKSS LINKING DATA - ANALYSIS - POLICY

K-Demand

K-Supply



**POLICY
DIALOGUE
PLATFORM**

Policy consultation
Performance review
Inclusive dialogue
Mutual learning

**KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT
FUNCTION**

Needs identification
Research coordination
Data management
Knowledge management
Communications
Outreach
Training

**STRATEGIC
ANALYSIS
NETWORK**

Universities
Statistics offices
Planning units
Ag. Research centers
Other Think tanks
External partners



SAKSS Progress to Date in Southern Africa

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To operationalized SAKSS in, Mozambique and Zambia

To Operationalize SAKSS in Malawi

Producing country reports and briefs in, Malawi, Zambia, and Mozambique

Capacity Needs Assessment studies in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique

Joint Sector Reviews in Mozambique, Malawi

CNAs



Country	CNA Process
Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Mozambique CNA report is ready and was disseminated at the recent 10th CAADP PP meeting held in Durban, South Africa in March 2014
Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) Malawi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Malawi CNA report was disseminated at the last CAADP PP meeting held in Durban, South Africa from in March 2014
Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National validation workshop for the Zambia CNA report was held in November 2013 in Lusaka. The report is now revised and published
Capacity Needs Assessment (CNA) Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary work for the CNA in Zimbabwe has been undertaken.
Capacity Assessments in Lesotho and Swaziland	<p>The SAKSS work will extend to Lesotho and Swaziland following the signing of CAADP compacts. CNAs will hence be launched as to guide the SAKSS process</p>
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Experiences and lessons learned

- **Country political buy-in and leadership are very important**
- **Technical buy in and leadership of the Ministry of agriculture are equally important in successful establishment of country SAKSS**
- **Important to define SAKSS governance**
- **Mutual trust between country and ReSAKSS creates confidence but takes time to build**



SAKSS Plans for the future

Intensify operations at the Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia SAKSS

Produce country reports and briefs in the Mozambique, Malawi, and Zambia SAKSS

SAKSS to participate in JSRs of their respective countries

SAKSS in other SADC countries

Capacity Needs Assessment studies in Lesotho and Swaziland- for SAKSS

SAKSS establishment in Swaziland, Zimbabwe , Madagascar

Going forward

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plans to
engage in:

M&E at Regional and country levels

Strategic analysis at Regional and country levels

Knowledge management at regional and country level

Capacity building in M&E and policy analysis at regional and country level as identified in CNAs studies

Strengthening and establishment of SAKSS nodes

Enhance partnership with ReNAPRI, AGRA and Universities

Continue taking a leading role in Joint sector Reviews with AUC/NEPAD

E-atlas in Malawi and Mozambique