

# AFROSAI-E RWEA Environmental Auditing Update

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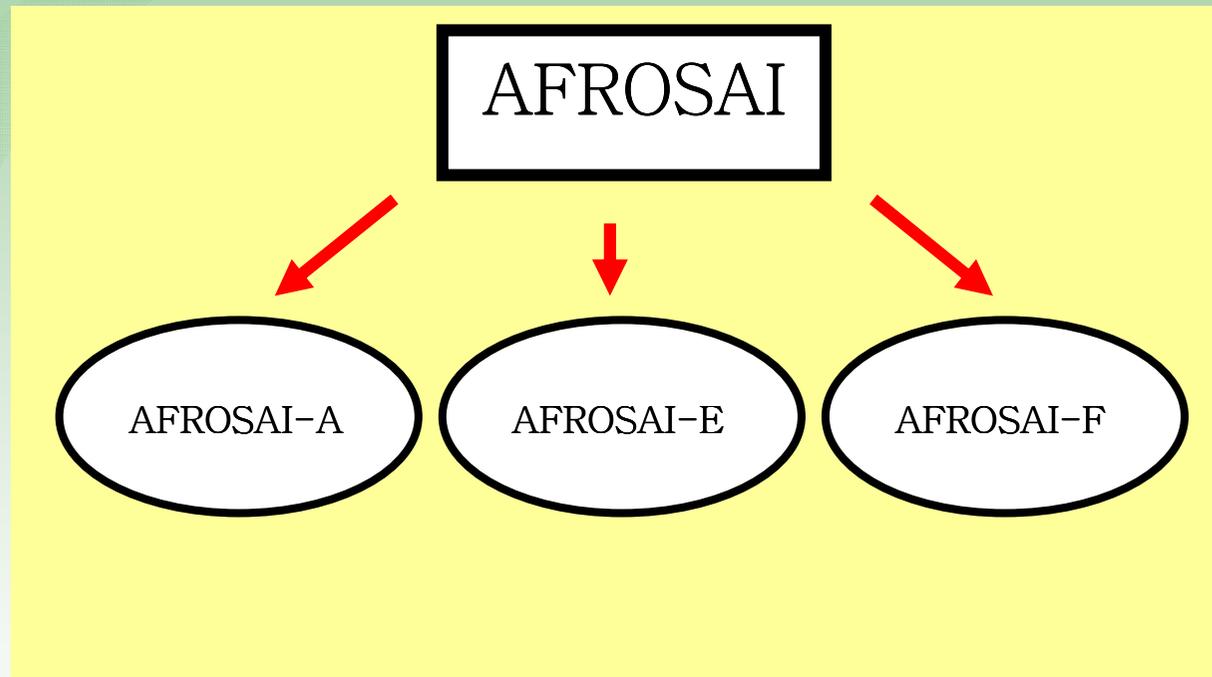


# Regional Feedback: AFROSAI-E

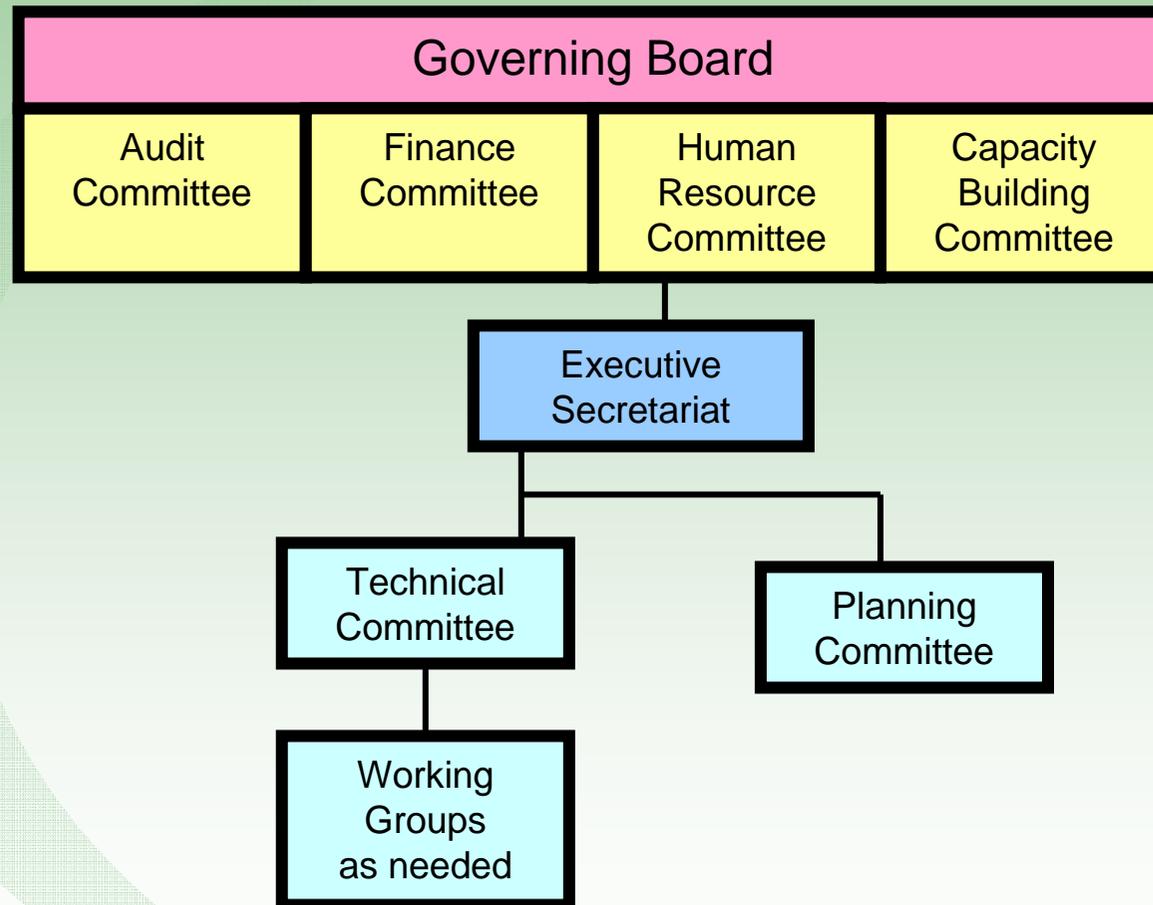
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# Regional Structures in Africa



# Structure of AFROSAI-E



# AFROSAI-E Approach for EA

- Importance and relevance of EA is recognised by the AFROSAI-E Governing Board.
- EA Auditing has been introduced from a Regularity (financial and compliance) and Performance Audit perspective.
- Provision has been made for Environmental Auditing in the Regularity Audit Manual of AFROSAI-E.
- Annual update of regional EA manual



# Achievements

- Accountability Audit of Solid Waste Management - involved five countries (Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mauritius, South Africa).
- Audit of medical waste – involved four countries (Botswana, Uganda, Swaziland, South Africa)
- Technical update, November 2007, Durban – involved 17 AFROSAI SAIs - launch of EA manual and conduction regional survey on regularity, performance and environmental audits.



# Achievements cont...

- Parallel Audit of Maintenance of Infrastructure in the Supply of Water to Urban Areas - Involved three countries (Botswana, Lesotho and Zimbabwe).



# Regional survey conducted

- Durban, November 2007
- Seventeen SAIs participated
- Feedback requested on four main points:
  - Summary of current position
  - Envisaged plans
  - Time table
  - Assistance required from RWEA



# Survey results: Assistance required

- Manuals
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Support
- Peer reviews
- Information sharing and exchange of experiences



# Survey results: current position

- Swaziland: Have a section for EA and PA, which has 4 officers. All received training. Manuals not used and customized.
- RWANDA: Still internalising the concept of EA and will gradually integrate EA into PA, conduct pilot audit, etc
- KENYA: EA unit in place, set up in 2004, 5 staff members, done one audit on medical waste, two staff members trained on EA, they have been training other staff members. By December 2008 – expansion of the unit to 10-12 members, who will all be trained on EA.
- Lesotho: Undertaking EA's with performance audits and introducing EA into RA.
- Sierra Leone: No EA unit, no audits.



# Survey results: current position (Cont.)

- Gambia: No EA unit, need to get the basics right in RA. No plan to carry out EA or set up an EA unit.
- Botswana: Group of officers holding degrees in Environmental Sciences, 1 officer trained in the field of Environmental Auditing, 6 audits performed and 4 reports issued since 2003
- Zimbabwe: No specialised EA unit, but EA incorporated in performance audits.
- Tanzania: No specialised EA unit and EA auditors, PA on floods & waste disposal in cities, so far EA not part of financial or RA. Possible PA main study in mining and pollution.



# Survey results: current position (Cont.)

- Liberia: Need to develop an EA manual under the technical assistance provided by the European Commission. Need to train auditors in EA.
- Mozambique: Unit is created. Training in process. Plan is to conduct an EA.
- Namibia: EA not existing. Need to develop guideline on how to include EA into RA.
- Uganda: Performed audit on medical waste. EA strategic plan compiled, but not yet approved by top management.
- Zambia: EA unit in place and staffed. EA guidelines under way, one EA completed. Plan is to finalise guidelines, train auditors, sensitise staff & stakeholders.



## Survey results: current position (Cont.)

- Ghana: EA unit not in place. Plan is to incorporate EA issues in all audit procedures within the next two years. This will be done with the aid of the AFROSAI-E manual and internal training and awareness creating will be vigorously pursued.
- Eritrea: No EA unit, no audits, no plan to establish EA in near future (2-3years). Needs a plan on how to establish EA unit in 5 years from now.
- Malawi: Performance audit on management of forest resources.



# The Way Forward

- Environmental auditing papers issued by the Working Group to be consolidated in regional audit manuals.
- Practical audit procedures to be developed and introduced in the region.
- Annual technical updates to be used to update member SAI's on EA.
- Parallel audit training interventions dependant on donor funding.



# The Way Forward (Cont.)

- Pursue topics of common regional interest
  - Water
  - Mining and minerals
  - Climate change
  - Air pollution
- Improve communication
  - Utilising AFROSAI-E website (creating Helpline function, etc).
  - Interact with Estonia Secretariat via Mr. Olavi Tammemäe.
  - Include EA issues in regional Activity report.
  - RWEA meeting in South Africa, October 2008.
- Present Biodiversity Training module in South Africa, October 2008.
- Update EA manual annually



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