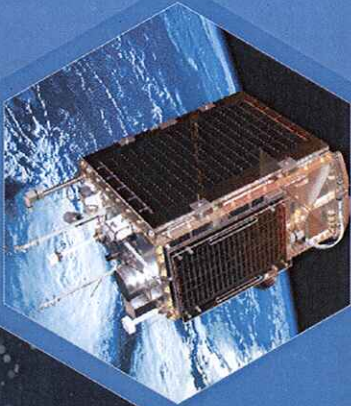


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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Background
- Rationale for the repositioning of AISA
- Options considered
- Incorporation Roadmap
- Implications of incorporation
- Legislative Process





BACKGROUND

- AISA Act was promulgated in 2001.
- Its administration was assigned to DST in 2004, when DST was established.
- The Act intended to provide a framework for reconceptualisation of AISA as a research institute responsible for generating & disseminating knowledge (albeit with Africa focus).





BACKGROUND Cont.

- 2010 Institutional Review of AISA recommended substantive structural reorganisation to give effect to core (research) business.
- Minister requested DST to consider the alignment of AISA's role & activities with DST's strategic mandate.
- Significant overlaps between the mandate and operational activities of AISA & HSRC were identified.





BACKGROUND Cont.

- Implications for overlap of functions:
 - Unnecessary duplication of activities;
 - Inefficient deployment of resources.
- Repositioning of ALSA was therefore imperative.





OPTIONS & IMPLICATIONS FOR REPOSITIONING

There were 3 options

| OPTION 1 | IMPLICATIONS |
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| ALSA remains an independent research entity (with improved alignment to DST strategic mandate support development of African S & T); | Ongoing mandate overlap with DST entities like HSRC, CESTII and HEIs cannot be avoided. A unique niche for ALSA within the DST functional mandate cannot be carved. |





OPTIONS & IMPLICATIONS FOR REPOSITIONING

OPTION 2

ALSA is incorporated into DIRCO, as part of the existing institutional structure of DIRCO or an independent entity.

IMPLICATIONS

ALSA's research outputs may be limited to narrow foreign policy and continental development policy issues.

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OPTIONS & IMPLICATIONS FOR REPOSITIONING

| OPTION 3 | IMPLICATIONS |
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| AISA is incorporated into the HSRC. | HSRC environment will strengthen AISA's research capacity, and refocus it to STI priorities. |





RATIONALE FOR INCORPORATION

- Reduce duplication of activities;
- Enhance synergies in the two institutions research focus;
- Achieve greater economies of scale in Africa-wide work;
- Strengthen ALSA's research capacity, and Africa networks.





RATIONALE FOR INCORPORATION Cont.

- Since HRSC mandate was recently extended to include a strong focus on effective engagement with Africa, no need for amendment of HSRC Act to accommodate the incorporation of AISA.





INCORPORATION ROADMAP

The Minister's Setup

- Incorporation Management Committee was established by the Minister to oversee the incorporation process.
- Composition: ALSA and HSRC management representatives, assisted by DST senior managers.
- A Roadmap and Project Plan for the incorporation has been adopted, and is being implemented.





INCORPORATION ROADMAP Cont.

- The key milestones and activities identified in the Project Plan include the following:
 - HR Audit;
 - Budget/finance issues;
 - Staff communication;
 - Change management;
 - Due diligence;
 - Core business (research) alignment.
- Relevant working committees have been established to manage operations.





AISA INSIDE HSRC

- AISA will be a research entity within HSRC, bearing its own name,
- AISA Brand retention (MOA with DST),
- Ring-Fenced budget for current MTEF period,
- Transfer of AISA employees, assets and liabilities, rights and obligations to HSRC.





LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Cabinet approved proposed incorporation in February 2012;
- Draft AISA Repeal Act Bill published for public consultation in August 2012;
 - *Cabinet approved Bill on 27 February 2013*
 - *Certified by State Law Advisors – March 2013*
- Bill introduced to Parliament on 15 March 2013.
- Consideration by the Portfolio Committee on 27 March 2013.





Thank you



