



ASSAf Goals

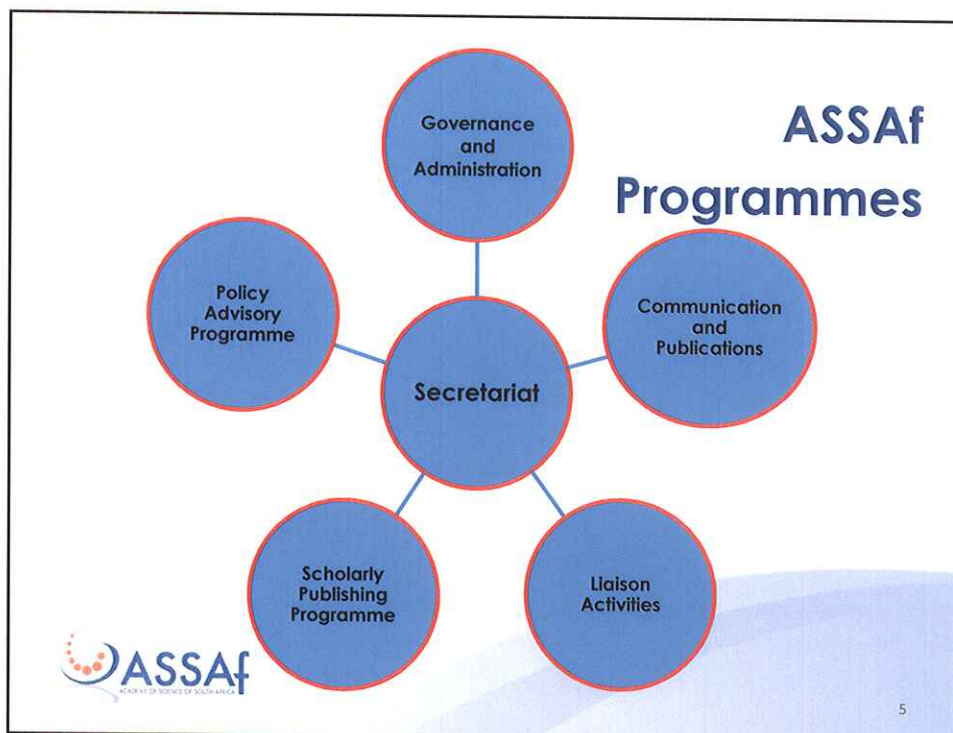
- Recognition & reward of excellence
- Promotion of innovation & scholarly activity
- Promotion of effective, evidence-based scientific advice
- Promotion of interest in & awareness of science education
- Promotion of national, regional & international linkages



Alignment with Government Goals

- Strengthening skills & resource base
- Regional development, African advancement & international cooperation
- Improvement of health profile of society
- Improvement of rural development and food security
- Improvement of environmental assets & natural resources





Governance and Administration

- **Promote Good Governance**
 - Compliance, audits, financial & HR management
- **Promote Recognition of Members & Participation in ASSAf Activities**
 - Annual Awards, AGM, Member Election, ASSAf Panels, Member Database, Scholarly Lectures
- **Pursue Closer Alignment of ASSAf Activities & DST Goals**
- **Coordinate Discussions on ASSAf Strategic Goals**
 - *Membership - representation through race, gender, science discipline, innovative Membership models*
 - *Sustainability of ASSAf*
 - *Enhanced role of ASSAf*

Governance & Administration

- COUNCIL**

- 4 Council Meetings – Office Bearers (81% attendance)
- Non-office Bearers (57%)

- MEMBERS**

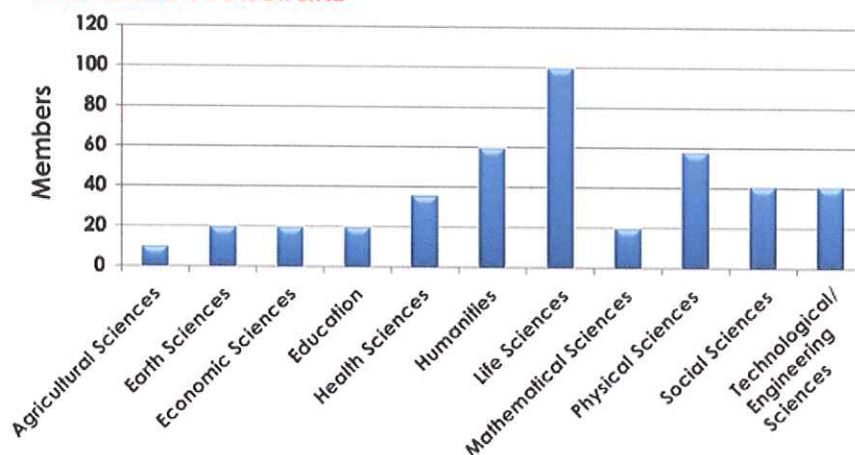
New Members - 32
 Total Membership - 423
 24% - Women
 27% - Black



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Governance & Administration

MEMBERSHIP BY DISCIPLINE



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Governance & Administration

- **STAFF**

Full-time Staff – 23

SAJS – Part-time Editor-in Chief

Quest – Part-time Editor



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Policy Advisory Programme

Initiate & implement evidence-based projects:

Health

Biosafety & Biosecurity

Environment & Energy

Humanities

STEM Education

Science for Poverty Alleviation

Science Policy



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Policy Advisory Programme

Health Studies

- **Consensus Study on Improved Nutritional Assessment**
- Published & launched – August 2013
- **Reconceptualising Health Professional Education and Training in South Africa** – Commenced January 2014
- **Tobacco Control in Africa** – Launched at SADC workshop - March 2014
- **Mental, Neurological, and Substance Use (MNS) Disorders** – Survey of curricula at tertiary institutions



Policy Advisory Programme

Biosafety and Biosecurity Studies

- **Consensus Study on the State of Biosafety & Biosecurity in South Africa** – commenced October 2012 and due for completion in 2014



Policy Advisory Programme

Energy & Environment Studies

- **State of Water in Southern Africa** – Policymakers' Booklet -Launched Dec 2013, Zimbabwe
- **Technologies for a Low Carbon Society** – Workshop Proceedings Report – published May 2013
- **Green Technologies: Drivers, Barriers and Gatekeepers** - Symposium September 2013, Report to DST
- **Release of IPCC Fifth Assessment Report** – Media Event March 2014
- **The State of Energy Research in South Africa** – In production



Policy Advisory Programme

Humanities Studies

- Engaged with key stakeholders in Humanities in SA
- Planning for conference "On being Controversial: The Humanities reach out"



Policy Advisory Programme

STEM Education Studies

- **Revitalising Agricultural Education and Training (AET) in South Africa** – Commenced October 2013
- ***La main à la pâte* (LAMAP) Pilot Project** – Implementation at 10 schools in Tshwane South District



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Policy Advisory Programme

Science for Poverty Alleviation

- **Regulation of Agricultural GM Technology in Africa**
Policymakers' Booklet – Launched Nairobi, Kenya – April 2013



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Policy Advisory Programme

Science Policy Studies

- **Impact of Research undertaken by the Centres of Excellence** – Presented to NRF – September 2013
- **Review of the State of the Science, Technology and Innovation System in South Africa** – Submitted to DST – January 2014



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Scholarly Publishing Programme

Open Access Platform

- Certified as regular operational collection – April 2013
- SciELO-SA Launch – July 2013
- 41 journal titles available on platform
- Approximately 900 000 articles viewed globally

National Scholarly Book Publishers' Forum

- Proposal for National Scholarly Book Fund submitted to DHET

Peer Review of South African Scholarly Journals

- Health Sciences – In production
- Law & Related Fields near completion



Scholarly Publishing Programme

National Scholarly Editors' Forum

- 7th Annual Meeting - July 2013
- 98 editors attended

Access to Core Commercial Databases

- Funding received from DHET
- ASSAf to establish task team
- ASSAf to convene stakeholder workshops



South African Journal of Science

- Volume 110 (Volume 1: 1905)
- Full-time Online Publishing Administrator post established
- Facebook and Twitter pages launched
- Full digital issues for mobile and tablet devices available
- Highlights and table of contents distributed electronically to 5 400 recipients
- 419 submissions (April 2013 – March 2014)
- Web of Science Impact Factor 2013: 1.031
- Most visited title on the SciELO-South Africa platform



Liaison Programme

International Liaison Activities

- Member of IAP, G-Science, NASAC, IAC, & IAMP
- Participated in Science for Society Forum of Presidents of Academies, International HR Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies
- Elected to IAP Executive – February 2013
- Elected to IAMP Executive – Aug 2013
- MoUs: Indian National Science Academy – March 2013
Leopoldina – Aug 2013



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Liaison Programme

International Liaison Activities

- **InterAcademy Medical Panel** – Hosted international conference in Aug 2013 on NCDs
148 delegates from 38 countries
- **ASSAf represented at**
 - Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum – October 2013, Japan
 - World Science Forum – Nov 2013
 - Global Science Forum – Oct 2013



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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 31 March 2014

	2014 R	2013 R	2012 R	2011 R
INCOME	27 658 581	19 486 368	20 142 470	20 893 317
Grants and donations	26 209 357	18 250 903	18 057 555	17 455 393
Consulting income	-	-	880 306	2 412 003
Membership fees received	64 700	72 151	105 357	82 050
Interest received	638 586	336 360	395 422	359 890
Fair value adjustment	43 389	-	-	-
Other income	1 57 259	140 676	139 537	312 527
Income from publications	545 290	686 278	564 293	271 454
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	23 096 901	19 566 783	20 082 433	20 627 871
Salaries and contributions	1 618 450	1 720 032	1 017 232	1 191 049
Office expenses	2 900 852	2 475 978	2 324 586	2 500 607
Administrative costs	700 572	503 710	260 632	401 822
Computer expenses	206 105	197 496	155 877	126 023
Depreciation	258 541	271 778	382 889	360 577
Printing and stationery	85 288	54 376	58 224	135 244
Rent, electricity and maintenance	1 084 507	1 115 316	1 062 356	963 925
Telephone, fax and postage	138 899	133 257	149 280	160 761
Travel and accommodation	426 940	200 045	255 328	352 255
Project expenses	18 577 599	15 370 773	16 740 615	16 936 215
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)/ FOR THE YEAR	4 561 680	(80 415)	60 037	265 446
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5 007 634	5 088 049	5 028 012	5 981 011
TRANSFER TO SUSTAINABILITY FUND	(1 449 224)	-	-	(1 218 445)
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	8 120 090	5 007 634	5 088 049	5 028 012

Thank you

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