SAVC Strategic Implementation Plan 2022-2025 Council term

2024 submission



Abbreviations

| Ad hoc | When necessary or needed |
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| Etc. | Further, similar items are included |
| EXCO | Executive Committee |
| HR | Human Resources |
| IT | Information Technology |
| MANCO | Management Committee |
| PR | Public Relations |
| R&A | Registration and Authorisation |
| SAVC | South African Veterinary Council |
| TOR | Terms of Reference |

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GOALS 1. Transformation

| Activities (Output) | Measures | Deadline | Responsible Persons | Outcomes | Success Indicator |
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| Disband the current Heritage and Transformation of professions Committee and Working Group on the Composition of Council and set up a new ad hoc Transformation Committee. | Facilitate the process of establishing a new ad hoc Transformation Committee. | September 2023 | Council Registrar Director: Legal Services and Director: Registrations | Establishment of a new ad hoc Transformation Committee. Done. | Have a fully functional ad hoc committee with an approved Terms of Reference (TOR). |
| Amend the name of the regulatory body. | Propose a new name for the Council. | March 2024 | Registrar Director: Legal Affairs Director: Registrations | Inclusivity and strengthening of the veterinary and para- veterinary professions. | Council approval of the new name of the regulatory body. |

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| | | | | Done research, submitted <u>estimates for</u> <u>name change</u> . On agenda of Transformation Committee Ongoing. | |
| Review of the Composition of Council. | Review the inclusion of associations and training institutions on Council. | 2023-2025 | Council Registrar Director: Legal Services and Director: Registrations | Implementation of transformation initiative (subject to formal promulgation of the amendment act). Appointed a Council ad hoc transformation committee. | Submission of the first draft bill to Council under the transformation component to the intended amendment of the act. |
| | Review of representation of registrees on Council. | | | The matter is on the agenda of the Transformation Committee meeting to be held on 1 February 2024. | |
| | Review and evaluate the registree maintenance fee structure and propose a plan to Council. | | | Appointed a Council ad hoc transformation committee. | |
| | Review the processes for election of Councillors into Council and criteria for appointment of Councillors and co-opted members into different | | | Appointed a Council ad hoc transformation committee. | |

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| | committees and working groups. | | | | |
| Establishment of a Veterinary and para- veterinary industry transformation charter | Research on the establishment of a veterinary and para- veterinary industry transformation charter. | 2023-2025 | Council and relevant committees Registrar | Have a completed veterinary industry transformation charter to Improve transformation in the veterinary and para- veterinary professions. In the process of being done by the Transformation Committee. LINK to Roadmap LINK TOR | Implementation by industry (subject to approval by Council). |
| Officially endorse the establishment of a new, second veterinary faculty. | Endorse the process of establishing a second veterinary institution within South Africa and avail standards of training. | 2023 | Council and relevant committees Registrar | Show support by endorsing the establishment of a new, second veterinary faculty. Done, Registrar confirmed in writing to 3 contenders that the principle of the establishment of a second | Increased student enrolment. |

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| | | | | faculty is endorsed. | |
| Promote the transformation of higher education institutions. | Promote the transformation of the veterinary and para- veterinary professions within South African tertiary institutions. | 2023-2025 | Council and relevant committees Registrar | Increased enrolment of students from previously disadvantaged groups. On ad-hoc Transformation Committee agenda (Transformation charter). Ongoing. | Promote diversity. |

2. Service excellence and customer care

| Activities (Output) | Measures | Deadline | Responsible 1 | Outcomes | Success Indicator |
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| Review the current service charter. | The current available data must be analysed. Send service charter with proposed changes to the Councillors. | 2023 | Registrar Management Committee (MANCO) | Improved service delivery. Done, query register in place. | Increased registree satisfaction. |
| Explore different communication platforms to improve communication with registrees. | Conduct surveys with registrees to establish their preferred means of communication. | December 2023 | Systems & Design | Improve communication channels. Done survey, received feedback, done | Improved registree engagement. |

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| | | | | research. Not financially viable. | |
| Registration, authorisations, and facilities. | Implement a full online registration process for registrees and students). | In line with digital SAVC plan | Director: Registrations Systems & Design | Improved service delivery and automated registration process. Student forms done, piloting. | Efficient service delivery. |
| | Develop and present a new inspection model to Council. | March 2024 | Director: Registrations Inspections Committee | Increase capacity and inspections. Increase overall facility compliancy. Done, | Efficient service delivery. |
| | Compile an inspections project plan which consists of planned inspections, selected inspectors, and time frames. | April 2024 | Director: Registrations | provided training to prospective inspectors. | |
| | Review of authorisation policies and guidelines. | March 2024 | Director: Registrations Registration and Authorisation (R&A) Committee | Streamlined processes. Done LINKS: <u>Approved</u> <u>TOR</u> <u>Vets</u> ; <u>AHT</u> ; <u>LATs</u> ; <u>Vet nurse</u> ; <u>Vet</u> <u>tech</u> | Efficient service delivery. |
| Compliance | Address issues of non- registered registrees that are practicing. | 2023-2025 | Registrar Director: Legal Affairs | Improve compliance. | Increased compliance levels. |

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| | Address issues of non- compliant facilities across the professions. | | | Done, submitted the report to Council. | |
| | Address issues of lay persons practicing in the veterinary and para- veterinary professions. | | | | |
| | Review of the disciplinary rules. | March 2024 | Registrar Director: Legal Affairs | Keeping up to date with current standards. Done, electronically approved by Council, and submitted to Minister on 20 October 2023. | Streamlined disciplinary processes. |
| Education | Ensure the veterinary and para-veterinary professionals are trained: Monitor subjects at all levels of education. Visit educational institutions. Conduct and evaluate examinations. | 2023 and ongoing | Director: Education | Well trained veterinary and para-veterinary professionals. Done, ongoing process. | Improved veterinary and para- veterinary services to the public. |
| Wellness | Establish a Wellness Committee. | 2023/2024 | Human Resources (HR) Officer | Established a Wellness Committee who deals with wellness issues. | Improved mental well-being of registrees and staff members. |

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| | | | | Done, service provider identified (ICAS). Formal appointment to be made. LINK | |
| Policy Review | Reviewing of all SAVC policies. | 2023 | Council HR Officer | Establish a SAVC policy framework linked to SAVC strategic objectives. Done, to be tabled at the next Council meeting in April 2024 for amendment and endorsement. | Ensure that policies are related to current and relevant legislation. |
| Finance | Initiate and finalise the SAVC budgeting process. | March 2024 | Director: Finance | Manage Council funds. In process to submit budget for approval. Submit the fees component of the budget to the Minister of DALRRD once approved. | Prudent financial management. |
| | Financial Management. | Ongoing | Director: Finance | Monitoring of the budget and submission of financial reports. Done. | Ensuring financially sound processes. |

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| | Contract Management. | Ongoing | Director: Finance HR Officer | Conduct a service level agreement audit and review all contracts within the SAVC. Done, ongoing. Link | Mitigating risks and irregular expenditure. |
| | Advise on costing and availability of funds for proposed projects. | Ongoing | Director: Finance | Planning of processes and expenditure. Advise on costing and availability of funds for projects. Ongoing. | Funding of Council approved projects. |

3. Stakeholder engagement

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| SAVC Stakeholder map | Review of current SAVC stakeholder map. | End April 2023 | Systems and Design MANCO | To have a comprehensive stakeholder list. Review SAVC stakeholder infographic. Update stakeholder list | Improved relationships with stakeholders and public access to stakeholder information. |

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| | | | | (ensure no stakeholders are left out and include names, abbreviations, interactions, links, etc.). Done. List on website. | |
| Proceed with annual Registree survey | Conduct annual registree surveys. | April 2023 and ongoing | Systems & Design | To get Registrees' feedback to improve service. Done. <u>Report on</u> <u>feedback.</u> | Satisfied registrees. |
| Stakeholder Survey | Conduct annual stakeholder surveys. | End 2023 and ongoing | MANCO | Use feedback to improve processes and communication with stakeholders. Associations & Training | Build relationships and improve service delivery. |
| | | | | institutions Survey. Done, ongoing. | |
| Bi-annual Indaba | Review the hosting of an indaba. | 2023/2024 | MANCO | MANCO to evaluate the benefit and decide to either disband indaba and find alternative to stakeholder engagement to review return on investment or to | Save on expenses and find better ways to reach target audiences. |

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| | | | | continue with Indaba and do a cost-analysis. Done, Council took a resolution not to proceed. | |
| Engagement with state veterinary services | Improve engagement with state veterinary services. | January 2024 | Executive Committee (EXCO) Registrar Director: Legal Affairs | Regular engagement with provincial state veterinary services to improve collaboration. 1. CEO and CFO of AGRISETA to discuss potential funding opportunities. 2. Registrar and Director: Legal Affairs attended meeting with the Deputy Director General of DALLRD on 19 September 2023. 3. Registrar and EXCO member attended the KZN Veterinary | Improve relationships and channels of communication. |

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| | | | | Services Congress. Ongoing. | |
| Media training | Provide PR training for Councillors to ensure appropriate and beneficial interaction with the various media representatives. | 2023 | EXCO Registrar Director: Legal Services | Improve on communication and public relations skills. Done 29 August 2023. | Uphold the image of the SAVC. |
| Communication strategy | Review and update the current Communication strategy and align communication and Public Relations (PR) strategy with strategic plan. | End April 2023 | Systems & Design | Update and align the Communication plan with the current Strategic objectives and ensure that all stakeholders are included in the formulation of the communications strategy. Done. | Improved communication channels. |
| Webinars | Send invitations to registrees to send their suggestions for webinar topics and PR campaigns. | Quarterly (Ongoing) | Systems & Design | Provide audience specific communication. Done, ongoing. | Value added service to registrees and stakeholders. |

4. Digital SAVC

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| SAVC to have a complete and integrated digital platform | Draft a process map to show how the current processes work. | 2023-2024 | MANCO Systems & Design | MANCO to draft a report on all current digital and non-digital processes and how they work together to show all interactions within the SAVC, the registrees and the stakeholders. Done, submitted to service provider. Report from service provider deadline end March 2024. | Clarify processes to identify any possible gaps. |
| | Appoint an external expert to evaluate current systems. | 2024 | Systems & Design | External service provider to use the process map to evaluate and find possible missing links and gaps and recommend best solutions. Process to start after receipt of report. | Satisfied Registrees and internal staff and retention of staff. |
| Enhancement of the SAVC communications | Integrate WhatsApp business and testing. | December 2023 | Systems and Design | Implementation of WhatsApp | Ensure effective communication platforms. |

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| platforms | | | | Business and other communication platforms as and when necessary. Research done, not financially viable. | |
| Maintenance and Support | Maintenance and support of current systems. | December 2023 | Systems & Design | Enhancements and improvements of all IT platforms. Done and ongoing. | Improved and enhanced IT systems. |