

Session 2

WOAH Standard Setting Process

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**WOAH International Standards.
Promoting Member Engagement in the
Process for their Elaboration.**

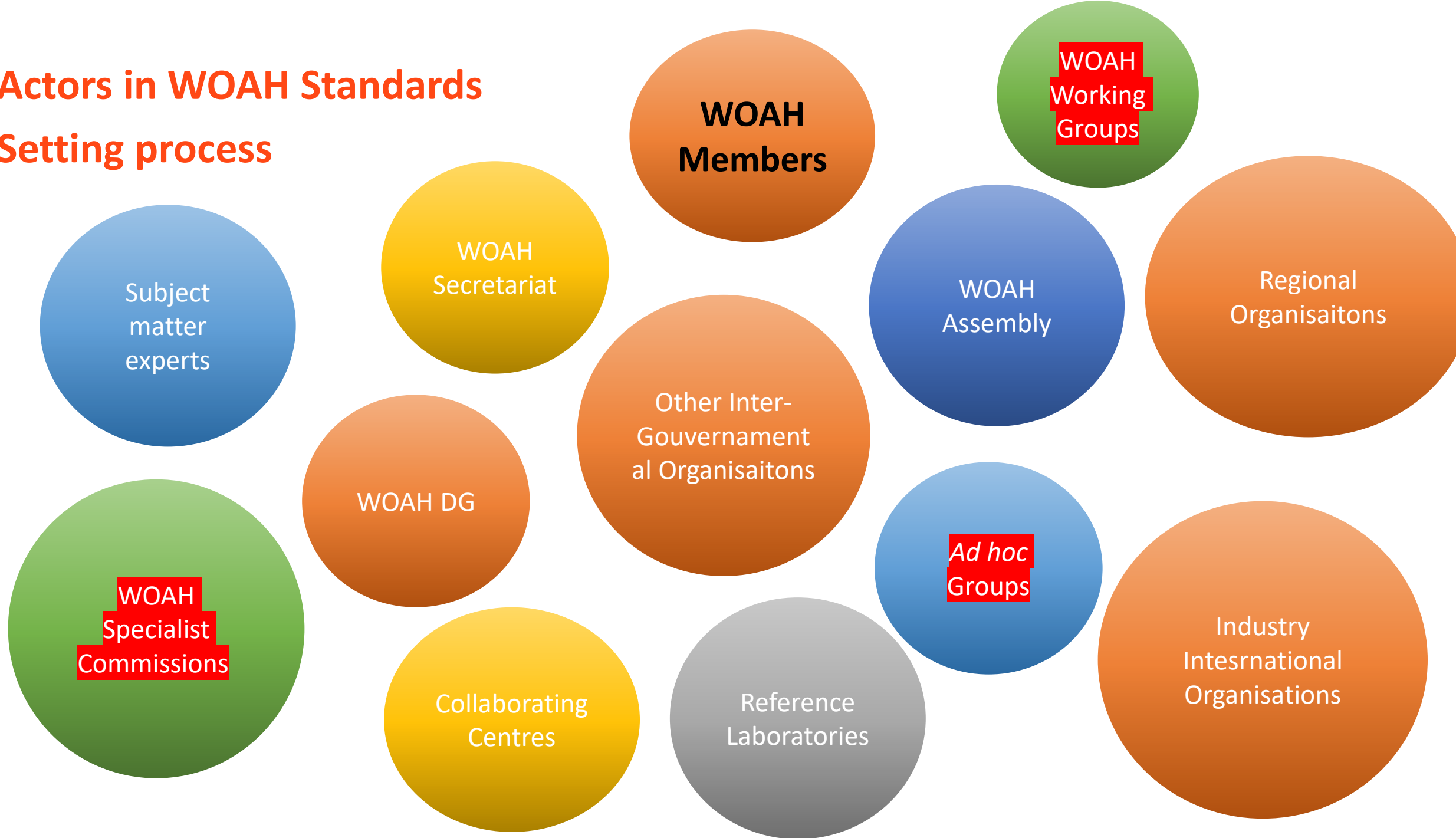
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Key actors of the process, roles and responsibilities

Actors in WOAAH Standards Setting process



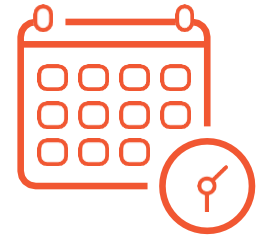
WOAH Specialist Commissions

- Four Specialist Commissions;
- Each Commission comprises six members;
- Each Commission meets twice a year to progress items on their respective work programmes (February and September).

Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

Experts Selection process

- Open call launched July-Sept. before election year
- Experts worldwide can apply
- Endorsement sought from WOAHA Delegate
- Candidates reviewed by a Selection Committee and the WOAHA Council
- Council endorsed list shared with Delegates before the election



3-year term

**Elections at 2024
General Session**

Specialist Commissions

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

Code Commission

- Oversees amendments to the *Terrestrial Code*
- Oversees the work of relevant ad hoc Groups and Working Groups
- Advises the Director General on issues relevant to its work

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

Scientific Commission

- Assesses Member dossiers for the recognition of official animal health status and endorsement of official control programmes
- Supports disease-specific strategies for disease surveillance, prevention and control
- Oversees the work of relevant ad hoc Groups and Working Groups
- Provides technical advice to the Code Commission, where relevant

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

Aquatic Animal Commission

- Oversees amendments to the *Aquatic Code* and the *Aquatic Manual*
- Oversee the work of relevant ad hoc Groups
- Proposes the designation of Reference Centres relevant to aquatic animal health and monitors their performance

Biological Standards Commission

- Oversees amendments to the *Terrestrial Manual*
- Proposes the designation of Reference Centres relevant to terrestrial animal health and monitors their performance
- Provides technical advice to the Code Commission, where relevant

MEMBERS FROM AFRICA OF THE SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

Member

Dr. Kevin William Christison
South Africa



Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

Dr. Baptiste Dungu
South Africa



Dr. Misheck Mulumba
South Africa



Biological Standards Commission President

Pr. Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann
Côte d'Ivoire

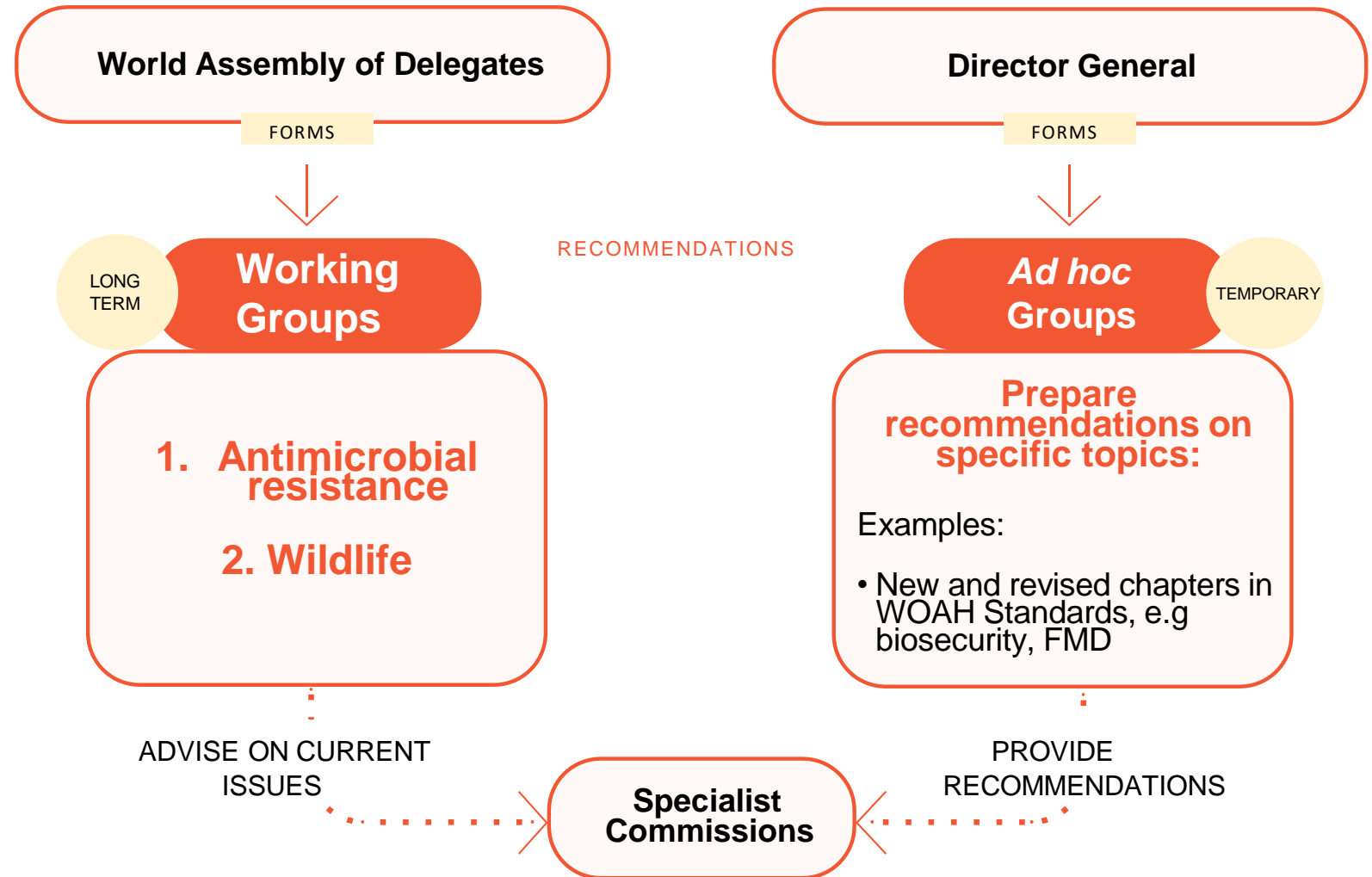


Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Vice President

Prof. Salah Hammami
Tunisia

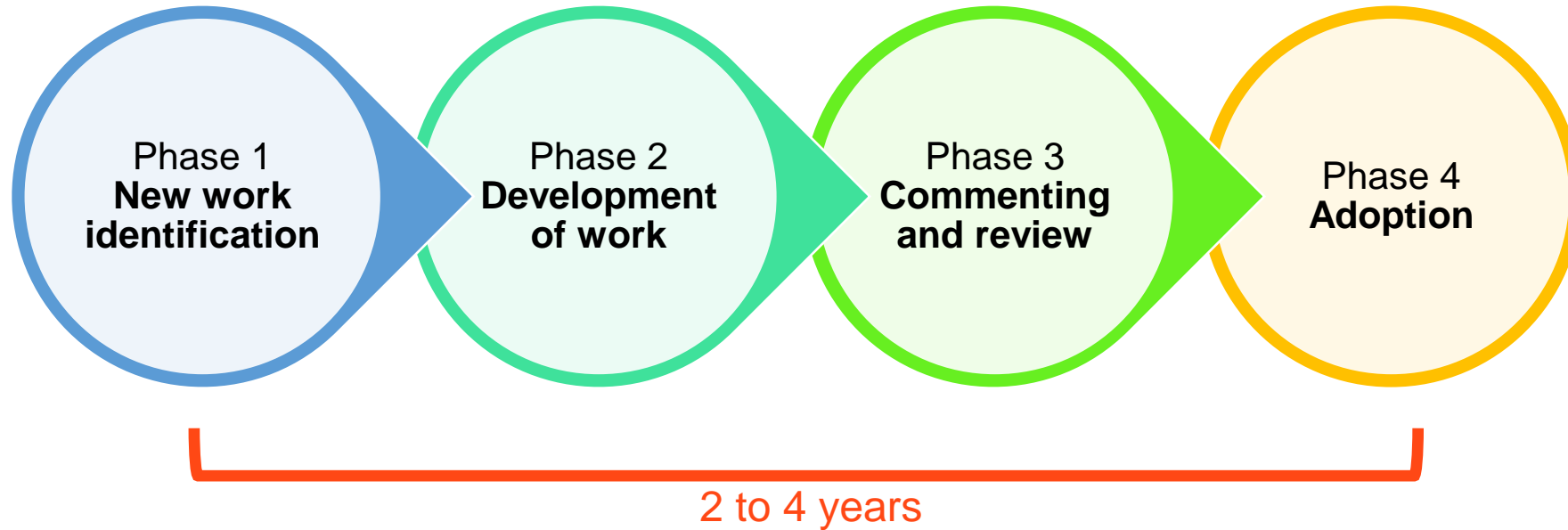


Working Groups and Ad hoc Groups



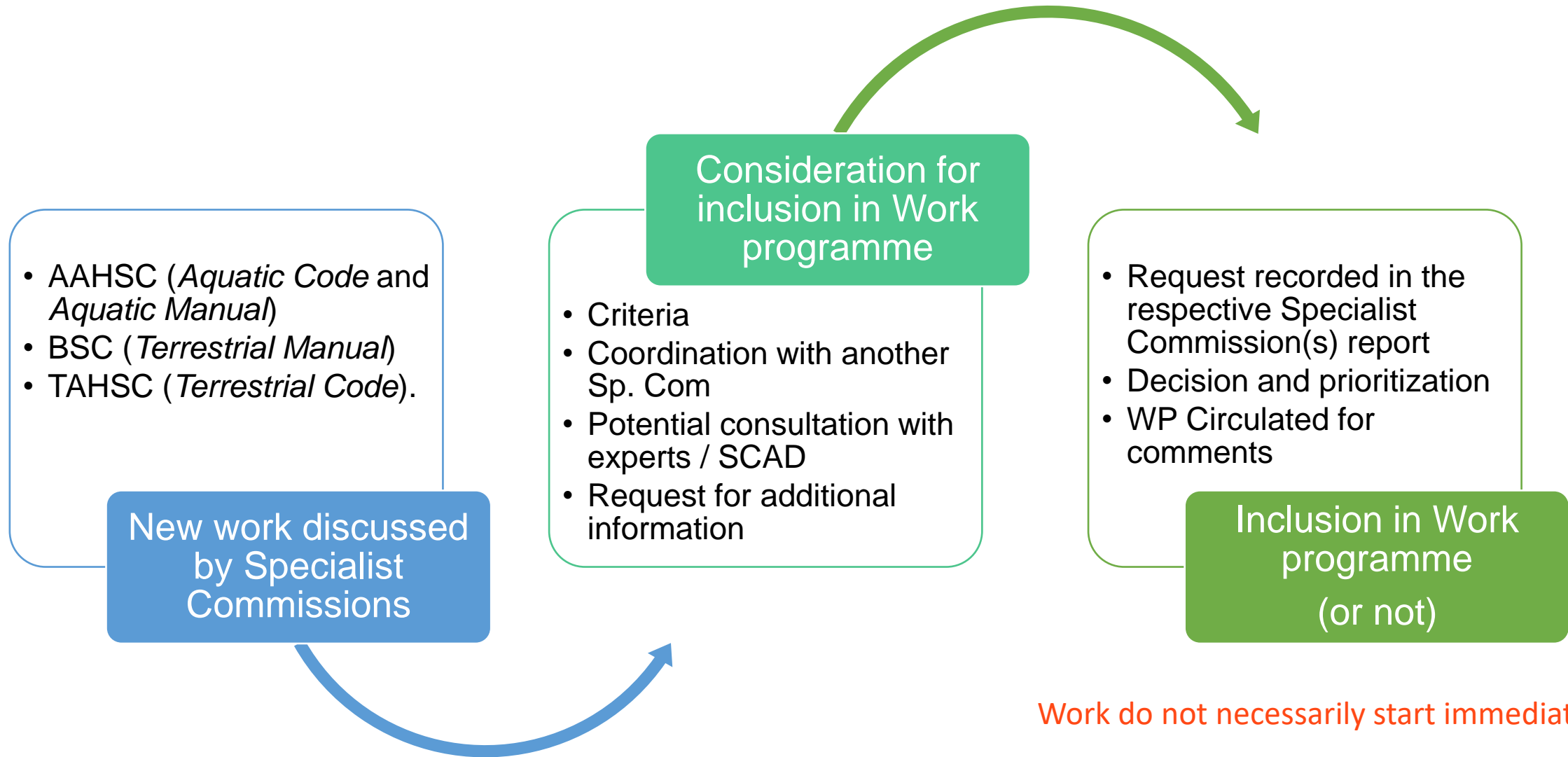


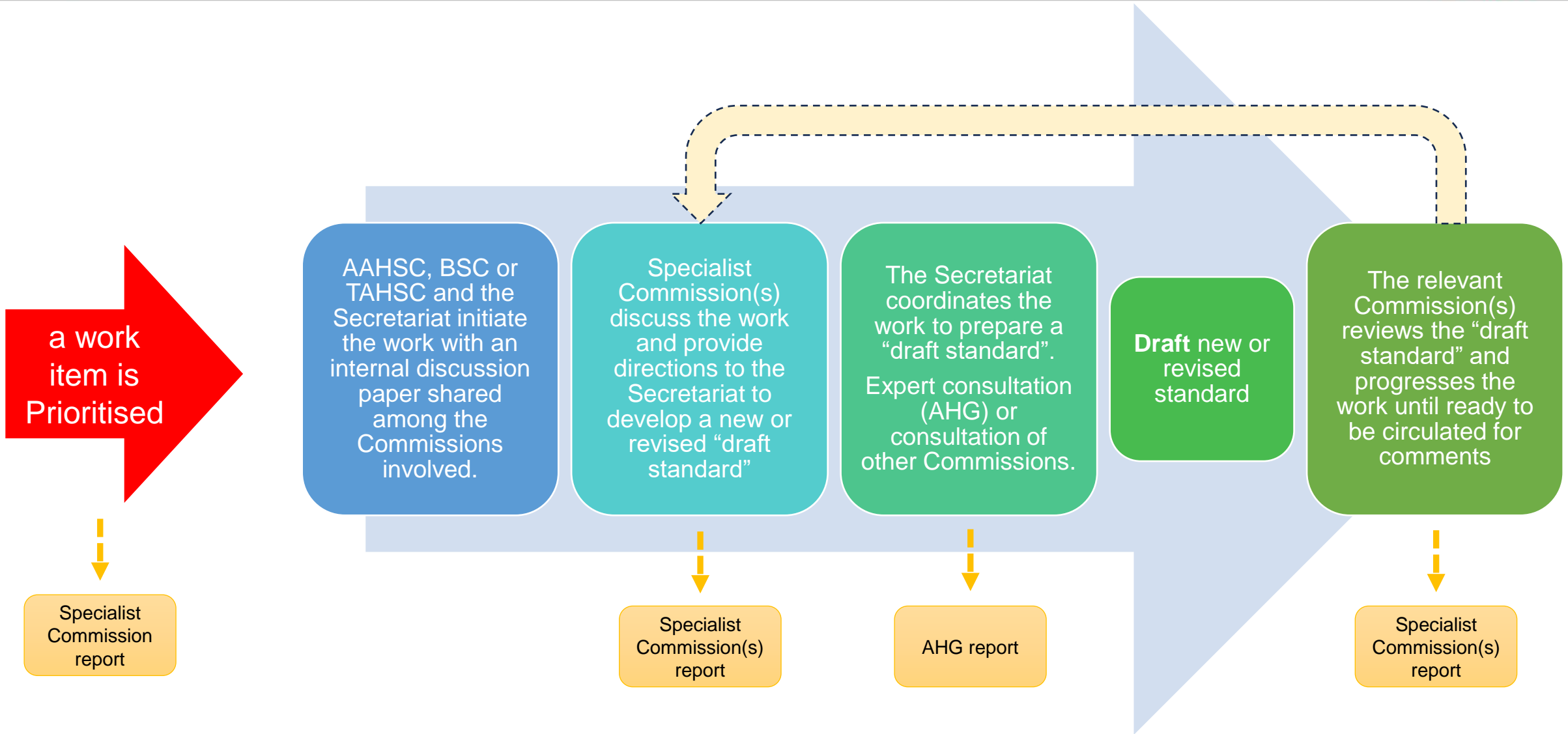
Stepwise description of the process

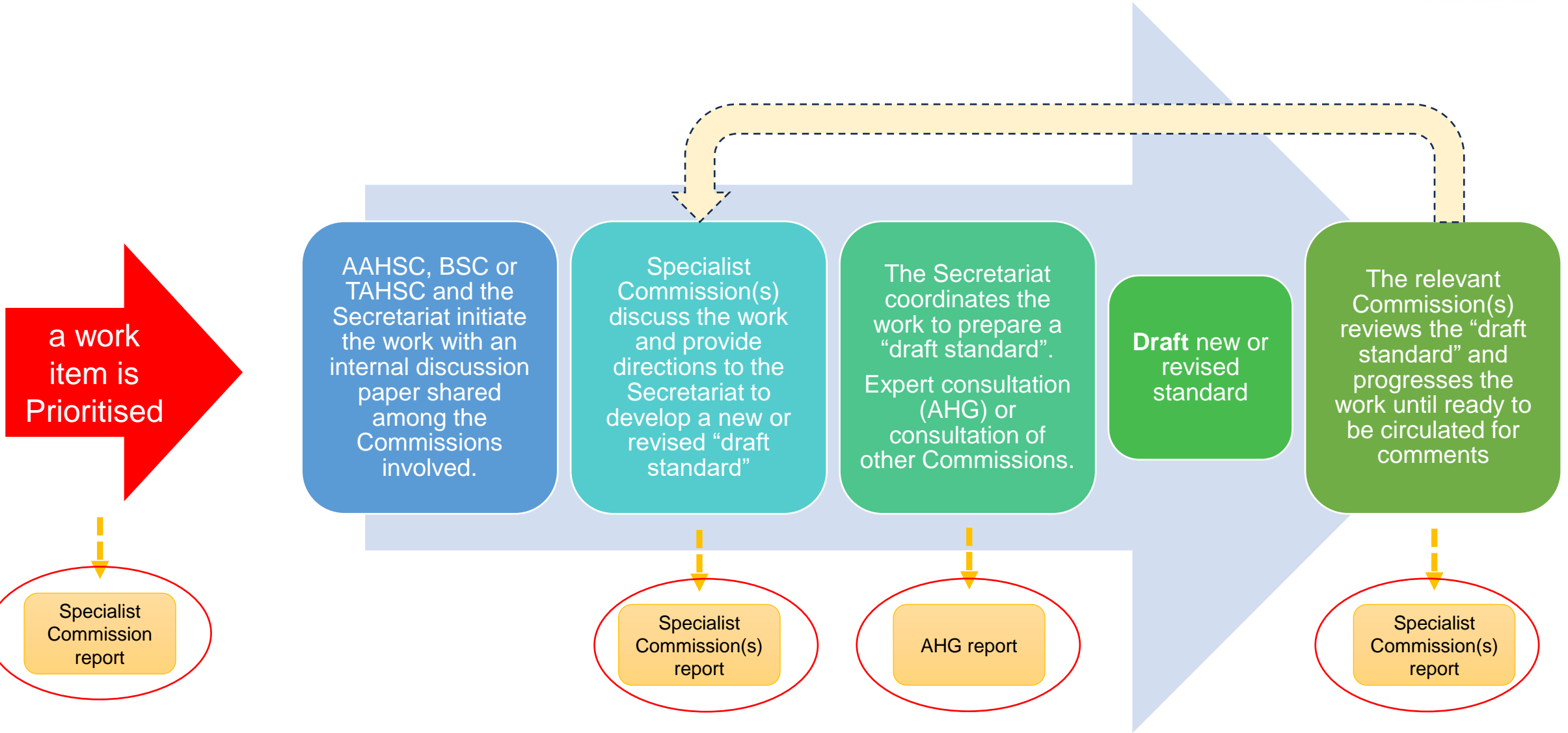


A transparent process to ensure that WOAH International Standards address Members needs and are developed based in the latest science and taking into consideration the different contexts among Members to enable implementation.

1. each WOAHA Specialist Commission, according to its mandate;
2. submitted by **WOAH Members** or partner International Organisations;
3. proposed by WOAHA Working Groups;
4. proposed by WOAHA Reference Centre experts or other WOAHA experts;
5. from recommendations from WOAHA Regional Commission Conferences or WOAHA global or regional thematic conferences;
6. proposed as part of WOAHA Strategies and coordination mechanisms with partner Organisations;
7. proposed by the WOAHA Director General or WOAHA HQ.







- AHSC
- BSC
- TAHSC

circulate a “proposed new or revised standard” for comments.

“Proposed new or revised standard” is circulated for comments

Members review the proposed text and submit comments

Specialist Commission report

AHSC - BSC - TAHSC addresses the comments

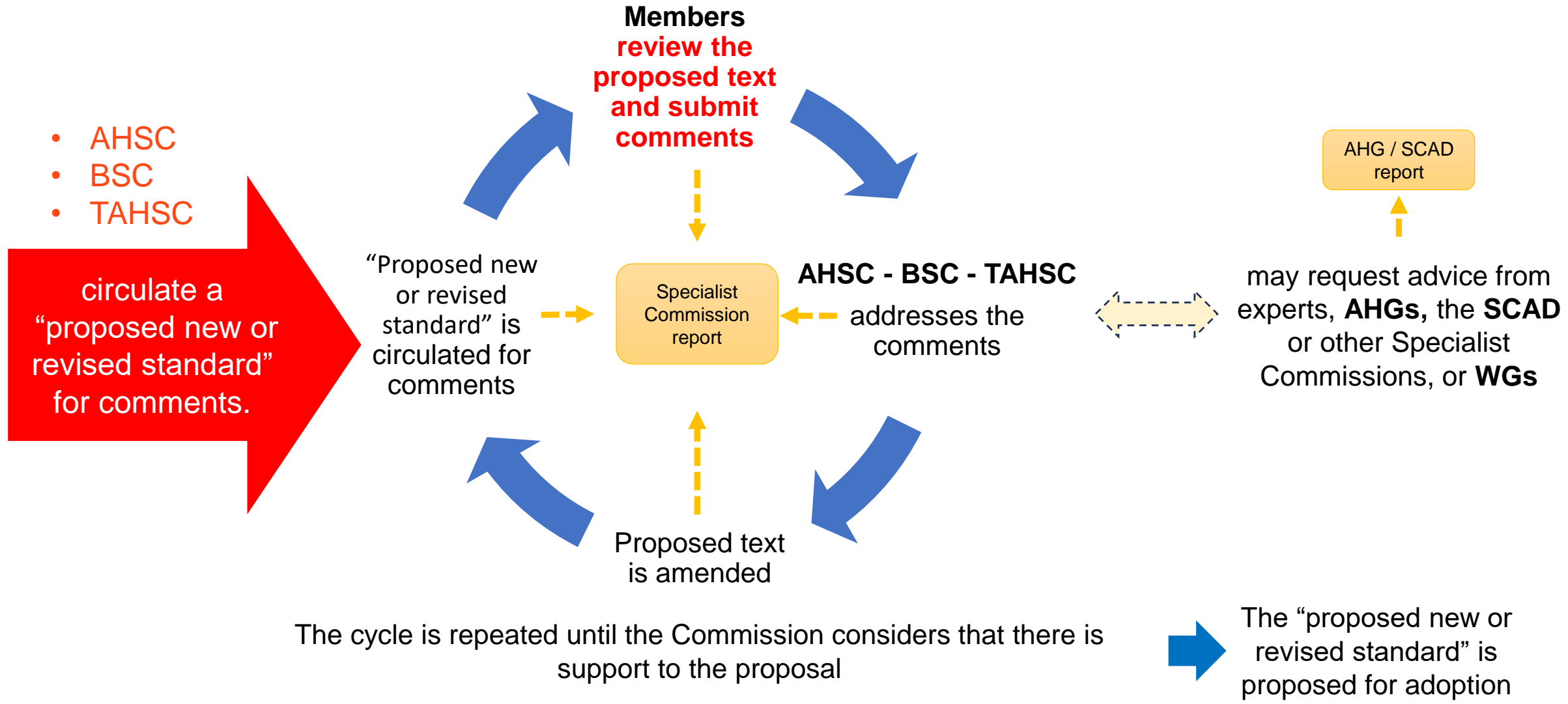
may request advice from experts, AHGs, the SCAD or other Specialist Commissions, or WGs

AHG / SCAD report

Proposed text is amended

The cycle is repeated until the Commission considers that there is support to the proposal

The “proposed new or revised standard” is proposed for adoption



During the General Session

General Session resolutions and report

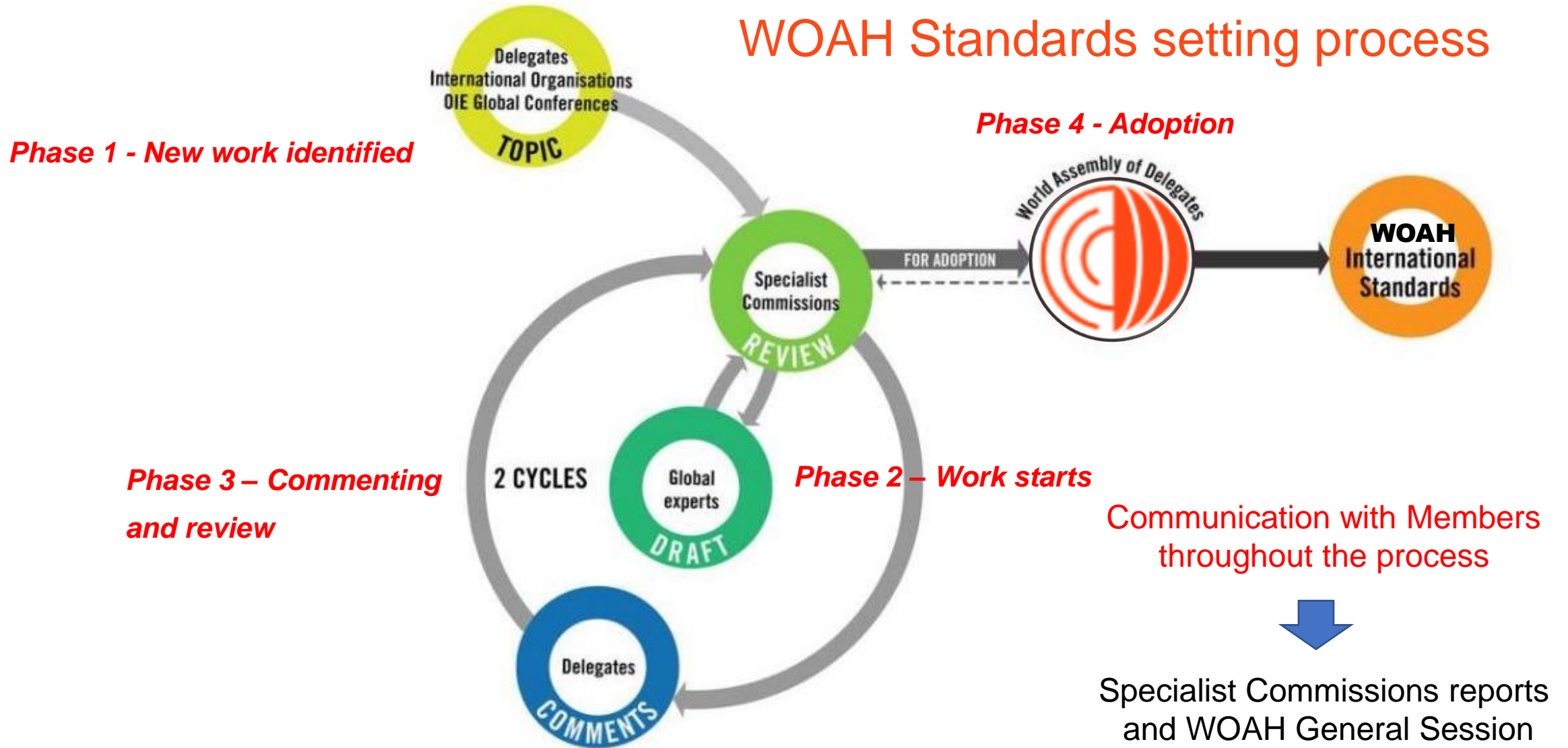
1. President of the AAHSC, the BSC or the TAHSC presents the “new or revised standards” to the Assembly.
2. The President addresses comments from the Assembly
3. the Assembly considers the adoption of the “new or revised standard”, with the primary aim of reaching a consensus:
 - a) If consensus is reached, the text is adopted by the Assembly;
 - b) If consensus is not reached; the President can withdraw the text, or the Assembly can decide by a formal vote (2/3 majority is required).

If a text is withdrawn from adoption or not adopted in the case of voting, the AAHSC, the BSC or the TAHSC may reconsider the work in the context of its work programmes at a following meeting.

“new or revised
standard”
proposed for
adoption

IN
February
Specialist
Commission
reports
AND
GS docs

WOAH Standards setting process



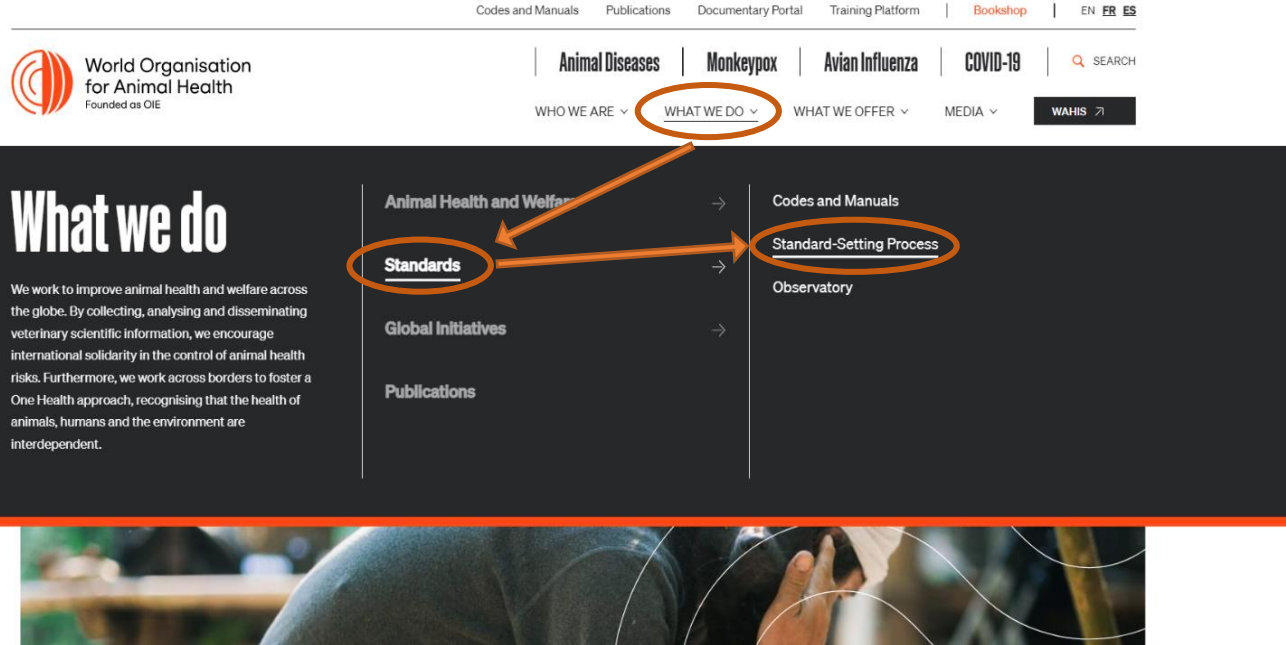
Detailed process available on WOAH Website



Accessing information about ongoing and planned Standards-Setting work

Practical exercise

Public Website



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Animal Diseases | Monkeypox | Avian Influenza | COVID-19 | SEARCH

WHO WE ARE | **WHAT WE DO** | WHAT WE OFFER | MEDIA | WAHIS

Standards | Standard-Setting Process

Animal Health and Welfare | Codes and Manuals | Observatory

Global Initiatives

Publications

What we do

We work to improve animal health and welfare across the globe. By collecting, analysing and disseminating veterinary scientific information, we encourage international solidarity in the control of animal health risks. Furthermore, we work across borders to foster a One Health approach, recognising that the health of animals, humans and the environment are interdependent.

Specialists Commissions

The relevant [Specialist Commission](#) consider requests to develop new standards or review existing standards received from a range of stakeholders including from Members, partner international organisations, and its scientific network. These requests are reviewed, prioritized and included on its respective work plans.

Calendar of the upcoming Specialist Commission meetings

Commissions*	September 2022	February 2023
Terrestrial Code Commission	13-22	7-16
Biological Standards Commission	5-9	6-10
Scientific Commission	19-23	13-17
Aquatic Animals Commission	14-21	15-22

*Projected dates of the next meetings of the four Specialist Commissions

AAHSC

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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BSC

Biological Standards Commission

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SCAD

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

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TAHSC

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

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Introduction | Terrestrial Animals | Aquatic Animals | Animal Welfare

Antimicrobial Resistance | Official Status | Others

Nomination of experts

Delegates may nominate experts for specific *ad hoc* Groups, in particular for those that are in the planning phase not yet formally established. Delegates are also invited to consult the Commission's work plan to identify potential upcoming area of work. Delegates may send the name(s) of the expert(s) via email to expert_applications@woah.org. However, experts must submit their relevant information by [filling out this form](#). This information will be considered but does not guarantee that the expert will be selected. It will assist WOAAH in establishing a database of internationally recognised experts.

Ad hoc Groups and Working Groups

The *ad hoc* Groups and Working Groups may be requested to address specific topics to ensure that new or revised standards are based on the latest scientific evidence and knowledge. The views of the Members and partner international organisations are routinely sought through the circulation of draft and revised texts in the relevant Specialist Commission report.

AHG

Ad hoc Groups

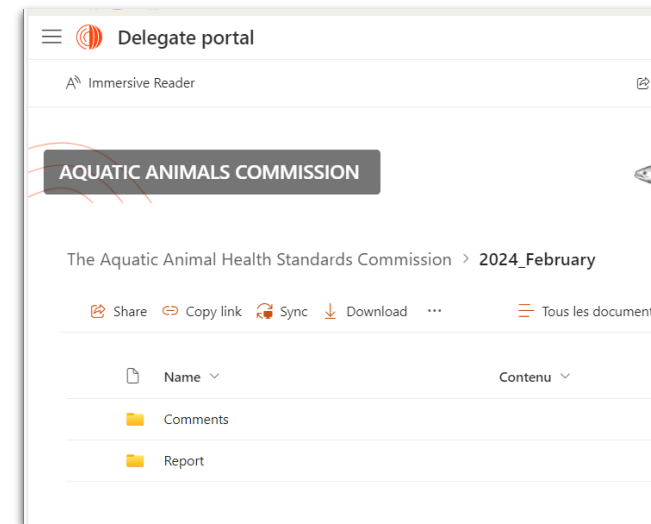
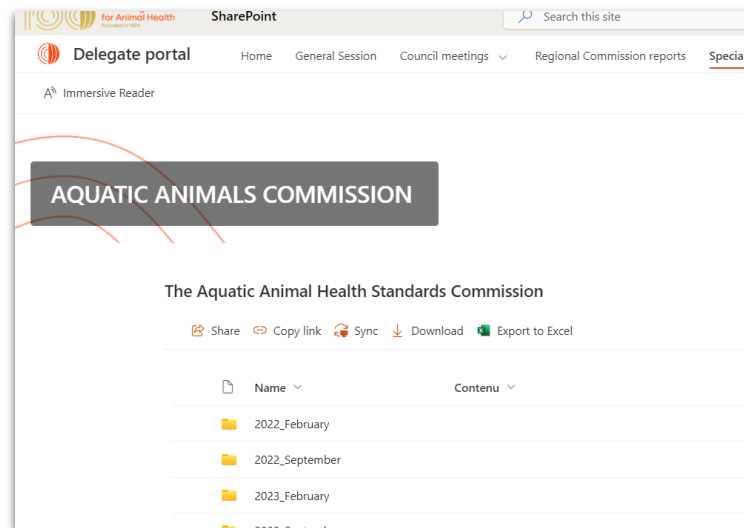
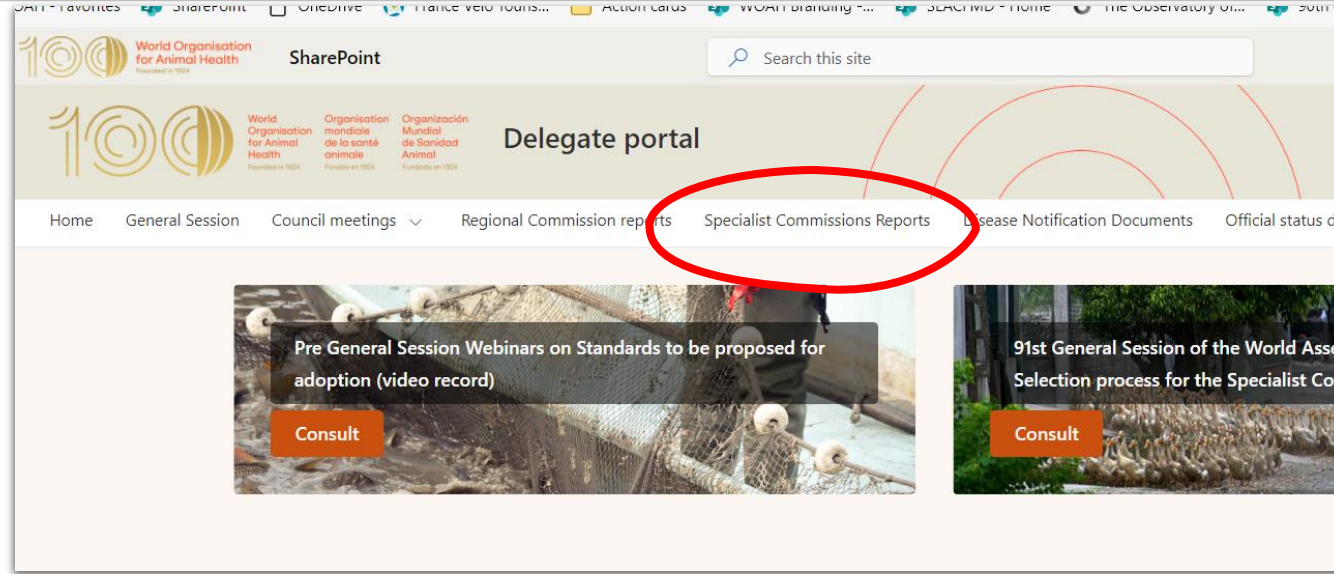
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Working Groups

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