

# **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT**

**Southern African Research and Innovation  
Management Association (SARIMA)**

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**SARIMA**

**Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association**

# SARIMA:

- Was established in 2002
- Is a regional organisation based in South Africa, with members from several countries across the SADC region and beyond
- Is a platform for research and innovation management practitioners
- Engages across the public and private sector
- Promotes and facilitates best practices in research and innovation management
- Strengthens the research and innovation ecosystem to support regional social and economic development
- Members typically include research and innovation managers, technology transfer practitioners, researchers, project managers, policymakers and allied professionals
- Connects key stakeholders who facilitate, support and promote RM and IM  
e.g: Universities, investors, government departments and agencies, incubators, accelerators, IP firms, spinout companies, industry collaborators, etc.

# SARIMA's Role in the R&I Value Chain

- Building institutional support to promote the performance of more high quality, relevant research, to produce outputs and outcomes that make a positive impact to the economy and society
  - Research strategy
    - Setting the research agenda
  - Securing and managing funding
    - Internal and external
    - Public and private sector
    - Good management practices
  - Enabling policies
    - Regional/national/institutional
  - Ethics and other compliance matters
  - Knowledge and technology transfer
    - Channels for dissemination to make impact

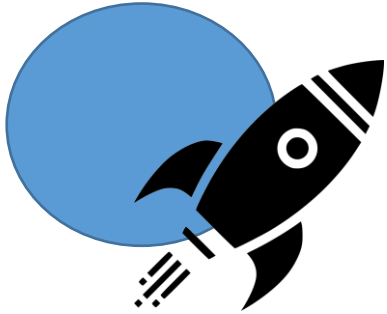
# SARIMA's Strategy

## Strategic Plan (2020-2024)



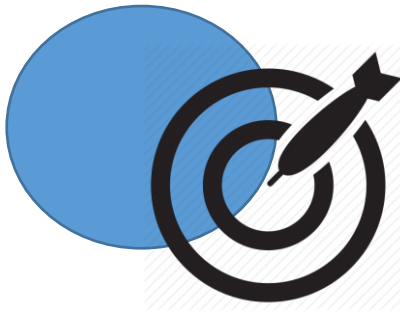
### Vision

To be the forum-of-choice for professionals in Research & Innovation (R&I) management because of our distinct ability to influence, educate, advocate and facilitate professional recognition.



### Mission

To support research and innovation endeavours in **Southern Africa**.



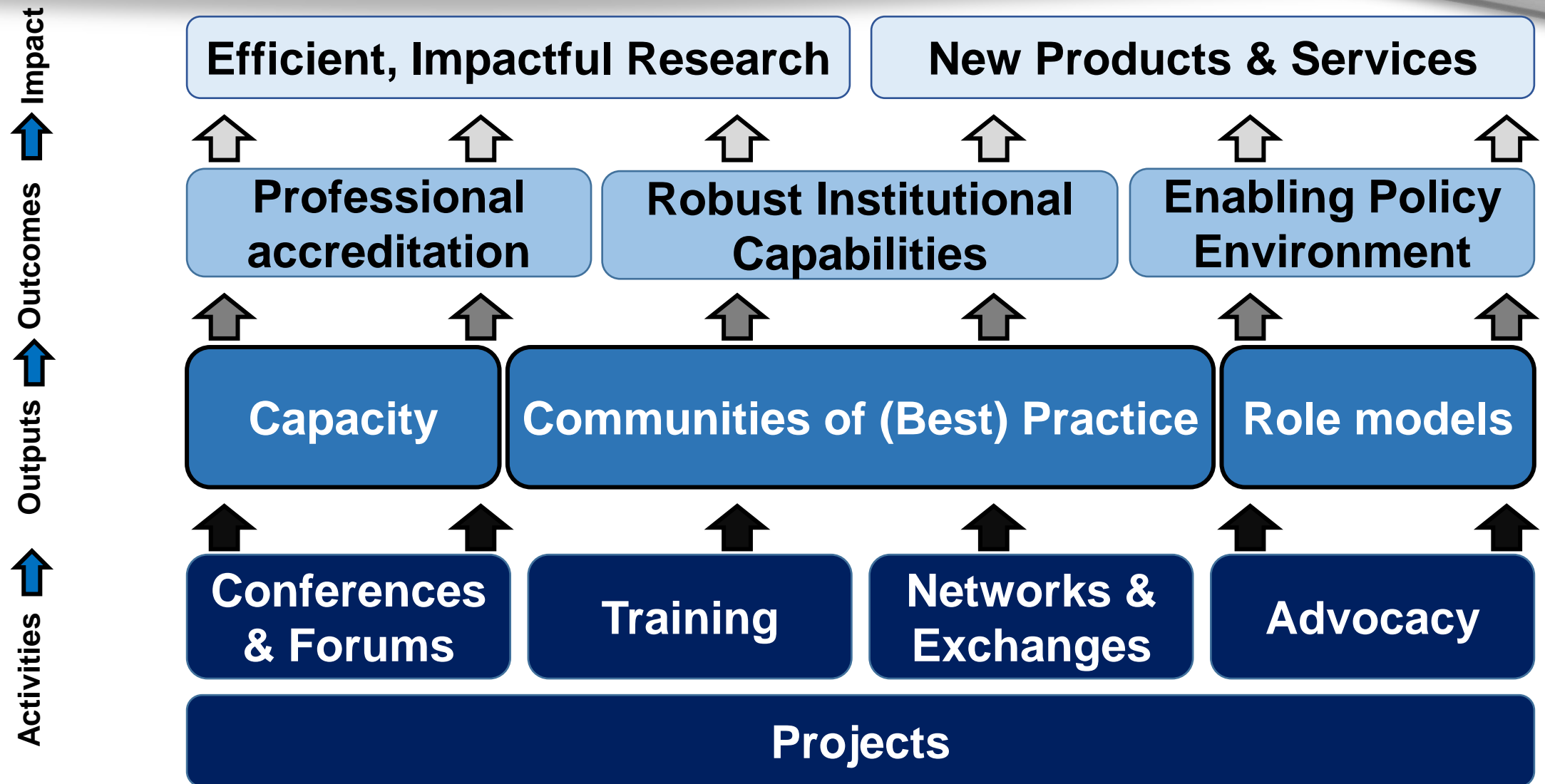
### Strategic Objectives

- ❖ Pioneering professional excellence
- ❖ Advocating with an authentic voice
- ❖ Ensuring engagement and connectivity
- ❖ Cultivating communities of practice
- ❖ Realising sustainability and resilience

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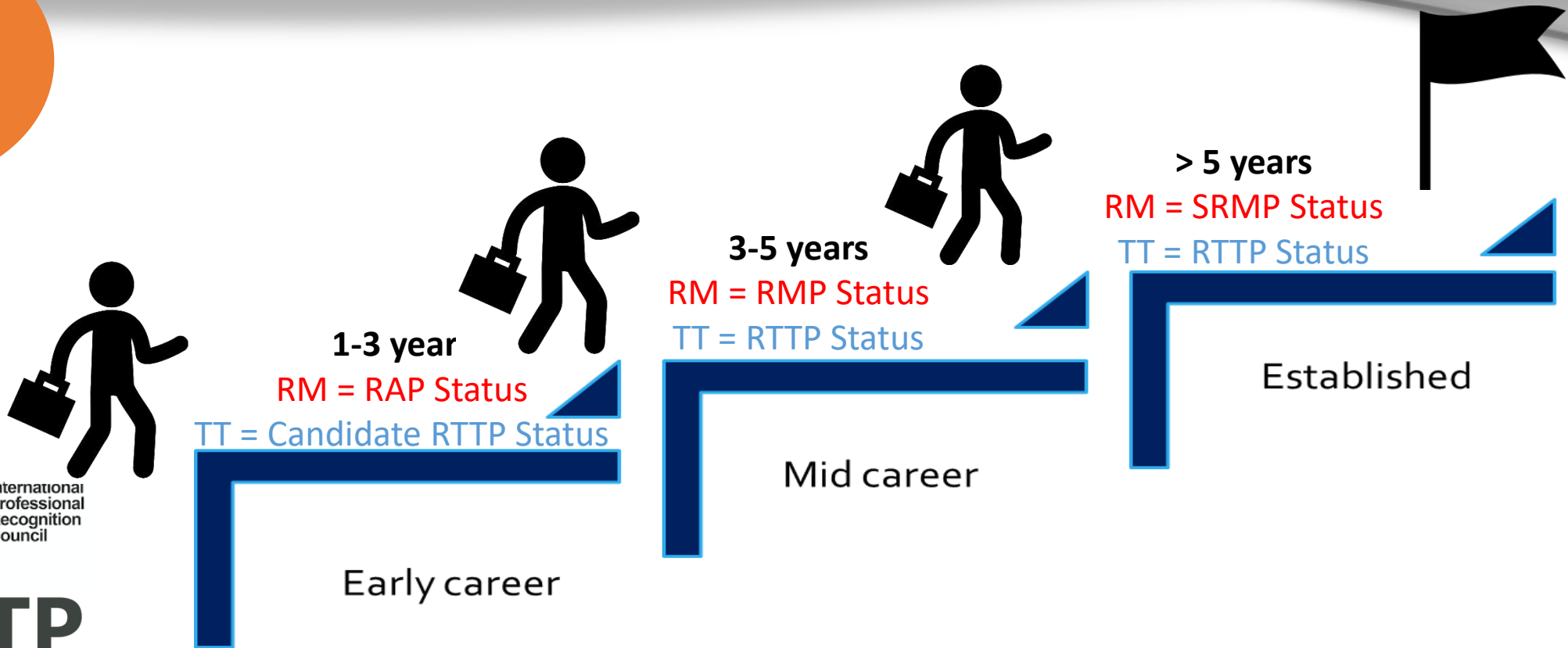
- to develop the disciplines of research and innovation management, including professional development and the promotion of best practice
- to foster and co-ordinate activities related to research and innovation management – local, national and international level
- to create a climate conducive to research and innovation at institutional and national levels
- to seek out and establish mutually beneficial links with other associations or organisations with similar or related areas of activity or objectives, nationally and internationally

# SARIMA's Mandate and Positioning



# Training and Professionalisation: IPRC & ATTP

Professional  
Competency  
/ Capability  
Frameworks



Online short  
courses  
(competency  
certificate in RM)

F2F and virtual training courses and webinars (CE points)

Conferences / CoPs / Mentorships / Exchanges



# Training and Professionalisation Activities

- Open training courses (online)
- Custom training courses (in-person and online)
- Project-focused training (in-person and online)
- Webinars and discussion forums (online)
- Communities of Practice
- IPRC and ATTP accreditation
- Basic to advanced

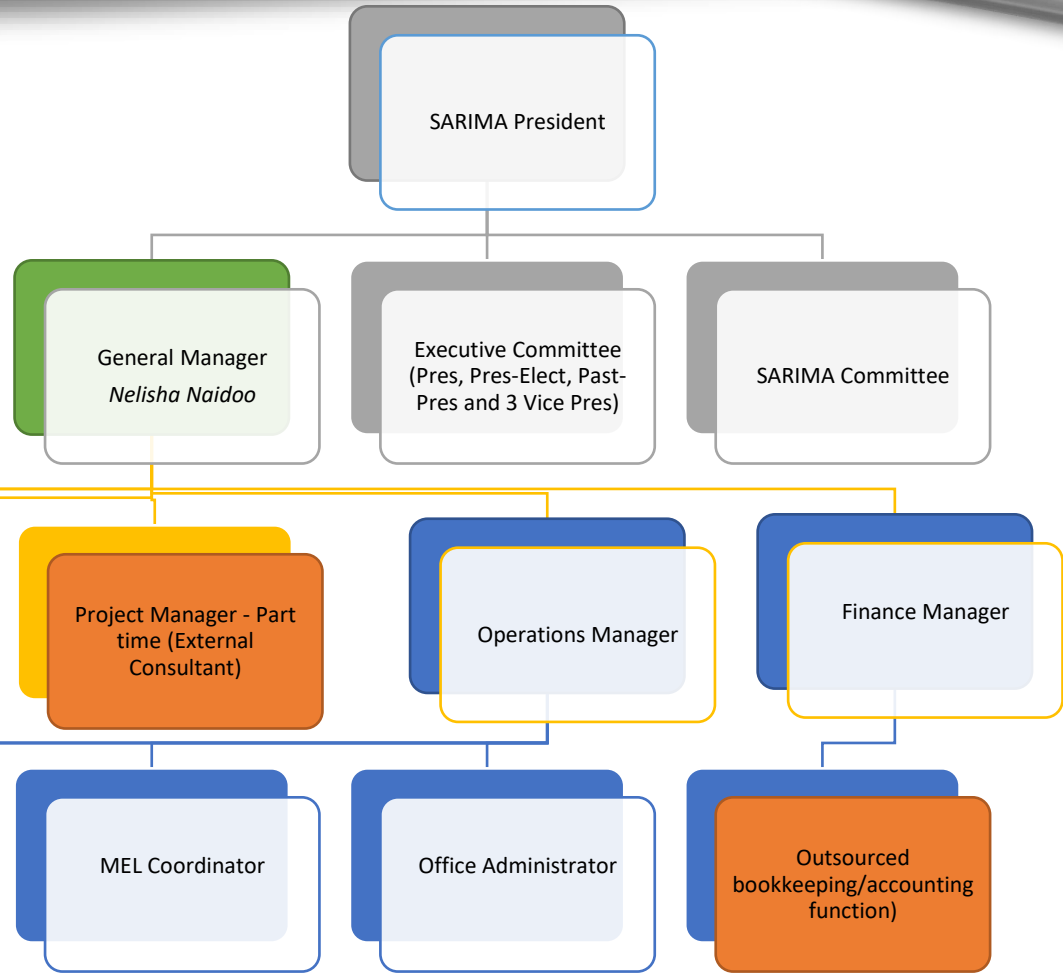


# Other Activities

- Mentorships and exchanges
  - On-the-job training
- Partnerships with similar organisations
  - AUTM, WARIMA, EARIMA, NCURA, ACU, AARMA, ATTP, INORMS, WIPO, etc
- Annual Conference and networking opportunities
- Website and social media resources
- Advocacy and awareness support on policy and legislative issues affecting R&I management
- Project outputs
  - Examples

# Operational Structure

	Volunteers - serve for period of 2 years
	Employee - Oversees day to day org activities
	Employees – Project Management Staff
	Employees – Operations staff
	Service providers – outsourced functions



# SARIMA Membership

- Discount on events and training
- Access to SARIMA networks of:
  - Regional and international partners, opportunities and funding
  - International facilitators, trainers and mentors
- Access to specialised training and resources to meet institutional and development needs
- Access to communities of best practice
- Opportunities for professionalisation

# SARIMA Achievements 2012-2023

- **Professional Accreditation:**
  - 20 RTTPs
  - 23 (RAP/RMP/SRMP)
- **Conferences & Forums:**
  - 10 regional & national forums
  - SARIMA (INORMS 2023): 559 delegates - 52 countries
- **Training & Mentorship:**
  - >140 training events
  - 46 accredited courses
  - 7 industry mentorships
- **Networks & Exchanges:**
  - +20 partners, +30 countries, 40 exchanges
- **Platforms: Advocacy, Policy, raising awareness:**
  - 15 Stakeholder Forums
- **Projects & programmes:**
  - ZAR147m across 30 programmatic projects

# SARIMA equips our institutions to:

- Perform more high quality relevant research
- Underpinned by appropriate resources
  - People, funding, infrastructure
- With institutional support
- Opportunities for regional and international collaboration
- Generating useful outputs and outcomes
- Which can be disseminated and transferred
- Taken up in the market and society
- Make positive impact

# SARIMA wants to connect with you

## **SARIMA Membership**

<https://www.sarima.co.za/membership/>

## **SARIMA Annual Conference 3-5 September. 2024, Mozambique**

<https://conference.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/2024sarima/eve>

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