Stakeholder Relationship and Management

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How can academies manage their stakeholder base?

• **Identifying Stakeholders:** Identification of all relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, educational institutions, industry partners, funding bodies, local communities, and civil society organizations is the first step. At this point, you can define who a stakeholder is why they are important to the work of academies. Given the value of different perspectives and experiences, encourage diversity and inclusion of a wide range of stakeholders.

• **Open Communication:** Use of newsletters, social media updates, and stakeholder meetings can serve as communication channels with stakeholders to keep them informed about the academy's activities, achievements, and future plans. Encourage open and transparent communication with stakeholders to understand their needs, concerns, and expectations through surveys, focus groups, discussions, workshops, and consultation sessions. Build trust and credibility.

• **Strategic Partnerships:** Foster partnerships and collaborative activities with stakeholders to leverage resources, expertise, and networks by devising joint research projects, consensus studies, and targeted outreach initiatives.

• **Enhancing Capacity and Awareness:** Support the capacity and awareness enhancing initiatives for stakeholders, especially those from underrepresented groups, to increase their participation and contribution to scientific endeavors.

• **Ethical Considerations:** Ensure that the academy's activities and partnerships align with ethical principles and values in the pursuit of making science both relevant and utilitarian.

• **Conflict Resolution:** Develop mechanisms for resolving conflicts and addressing disagreements among stakeholders in a constructive and timely manner.

• **Evaluation and Feedback:** Academies must regularly evaluate the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement efforts and solicit feedback to identify areas for improvement.
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AMASA-13 2017 Nigeria

General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly meeting of NASAC Members was held on 16 November 2017 in Abuja, Nigeria and was graciously hosted by the Nigeria Academy of Science (NASAC) in partnership with the AMASA-13 meeting.

Members were presented with the activity progress reports of the Network. The NASAC audits, finances and the budget for 2018 were also presented and they were approved.

AMASA-14 2018 Benin

The main theme of the conference was ‘Sustainable development in Africa: the role of young and senior academies’

In 2018 NASAC awarded capacity building grants to (BAS)

AMASA-15 2019 Ghana

Dr Khola Mogotsi presented a paper on “Strengthening Science-Policy Interface in Research and Development of Climate Smart Emerging Crops in Botswana”
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Reference is made to the meeting held between Department of Research, Science and Technology (DRST) and Botswana Academy of Sciences (BAS) on 14 June 2019. It was agreed that BAS will host the Writing Skills For Publishing Research Outputs In Peer-Reviewed Journals Workshop in collaboration with Association of African Universities (AAU) scheduled 22-26 July, in Gaborone.
New National Chapter of OWSD established in Botswana

September 20, 2019

In August 2019, the Botswana national Chapter of OWSD was established at the Botswana Academy of Science (BAS) in Gaborone.

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