

Regional Integration of Professional Accountancy Bodies

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Session outline

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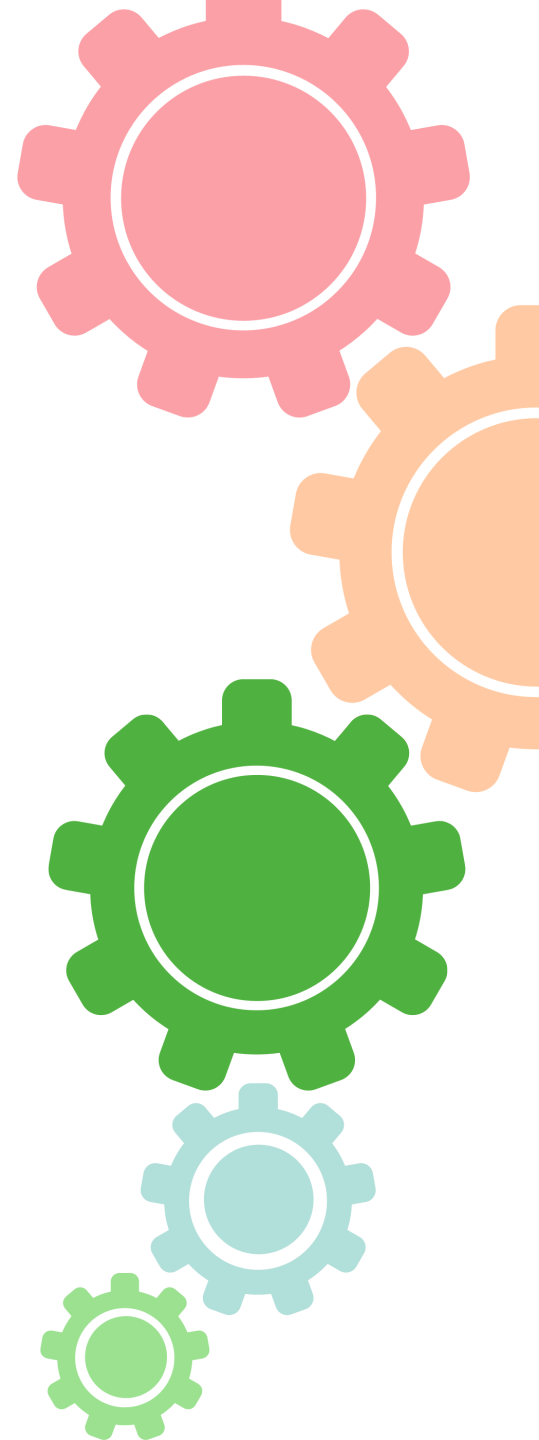
World Bank Response

PAFA Response





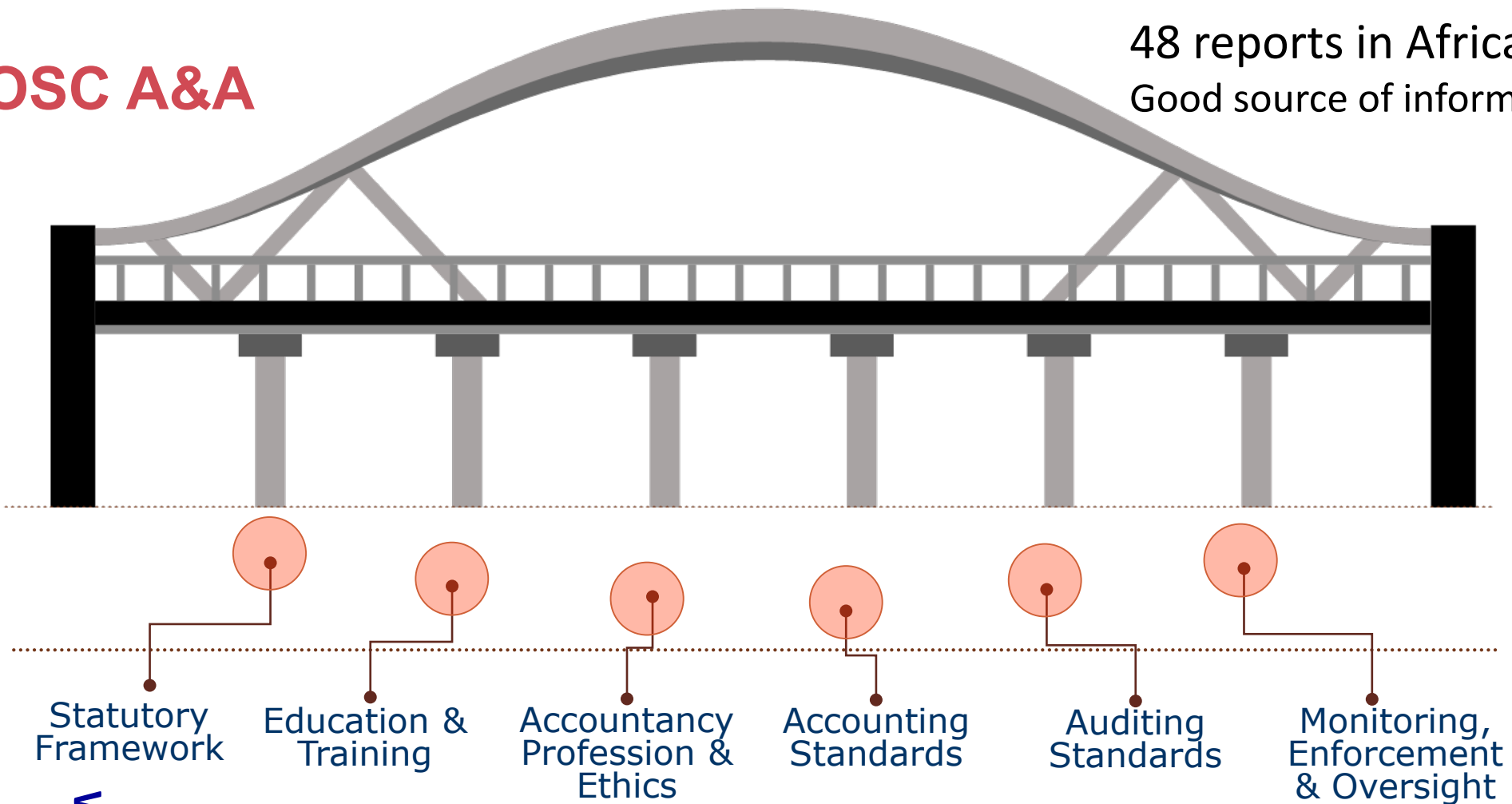
Status of accountancy profession in Africa



What is the status of the profession ?

» ROSC A&A

48 reports in Africa.
Good source of information

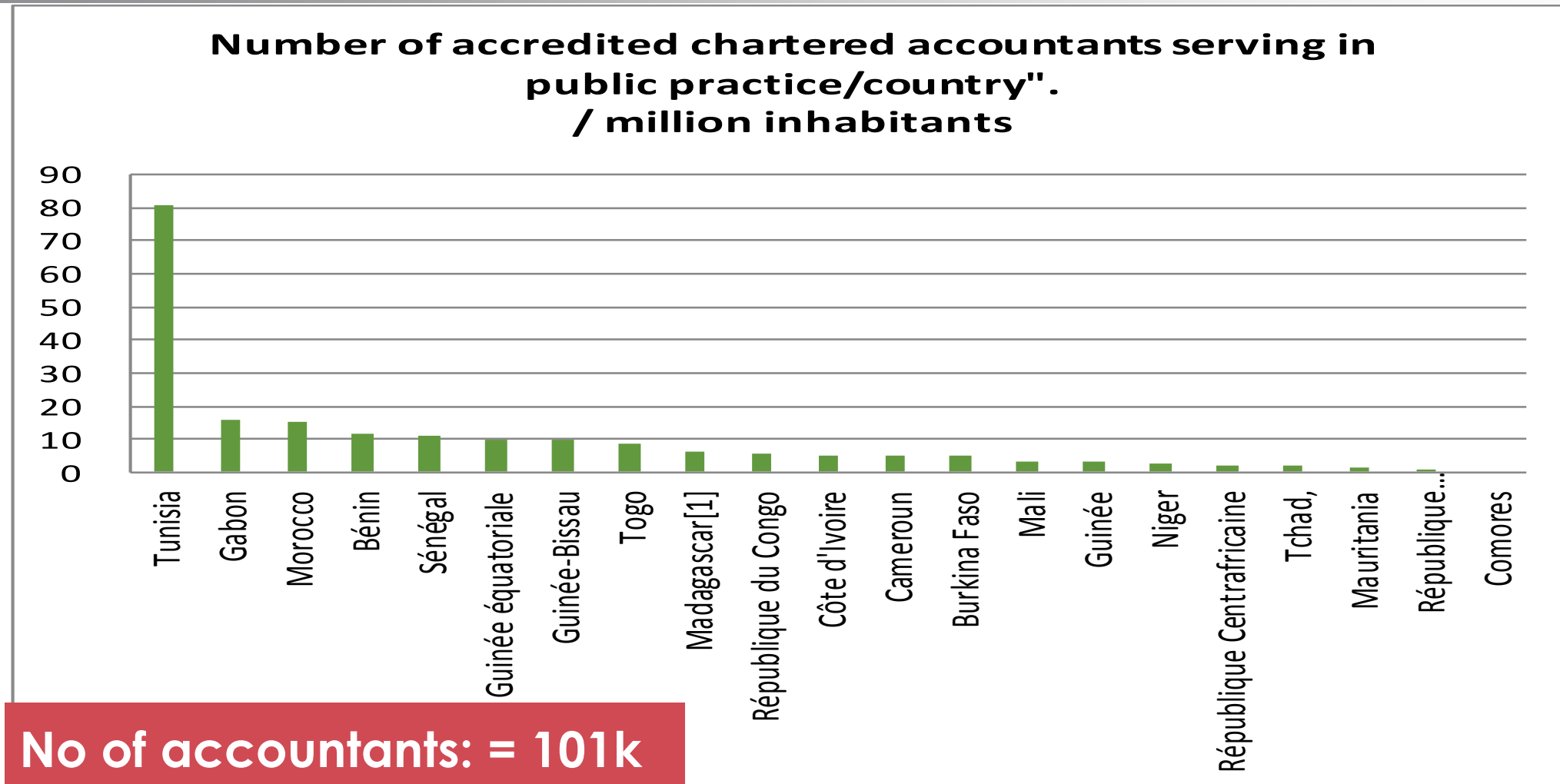


WHY

Reforms to strengthen the profession



a. Number of members – develop more accountants



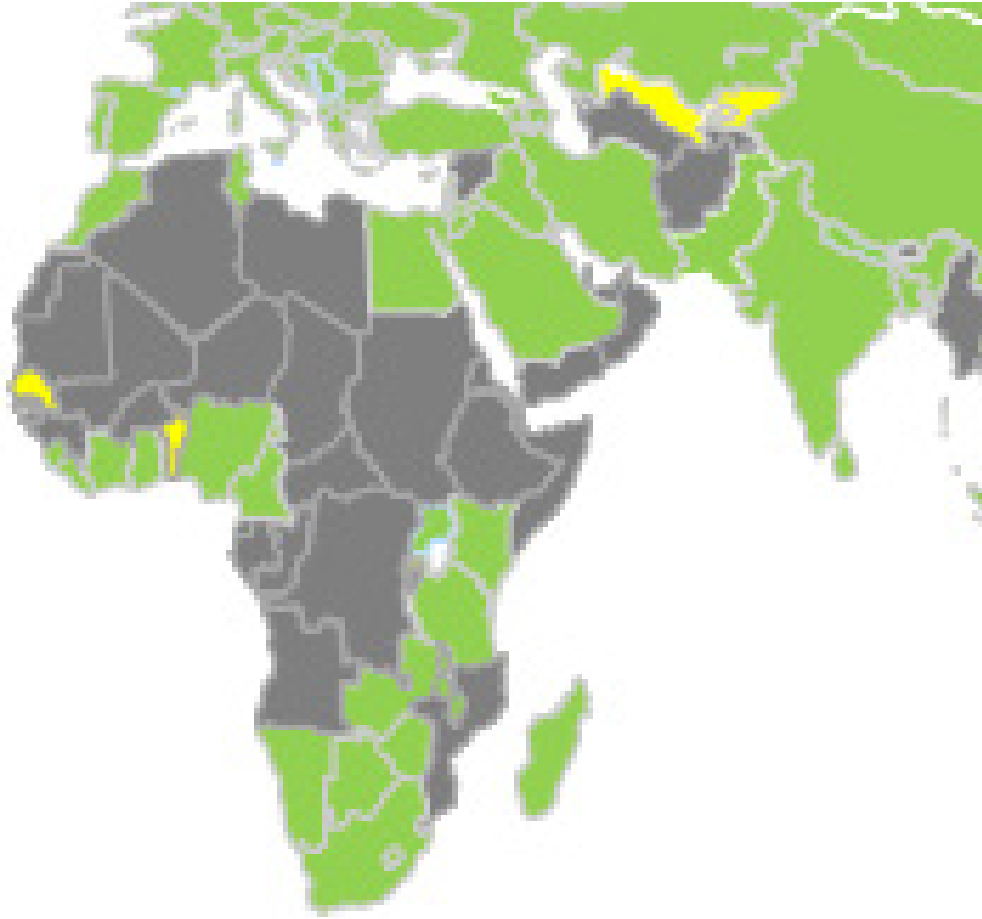
No of accountants: = 101k

(2016 declaration by 46 PAFA members)

Number of auditors is low



b. Number of PAOs – strengthen institutions



Only 23 PAOs from 22 countries are full members or associates of IFAC

Human, financial and systems capacity constraints

Governance challenges

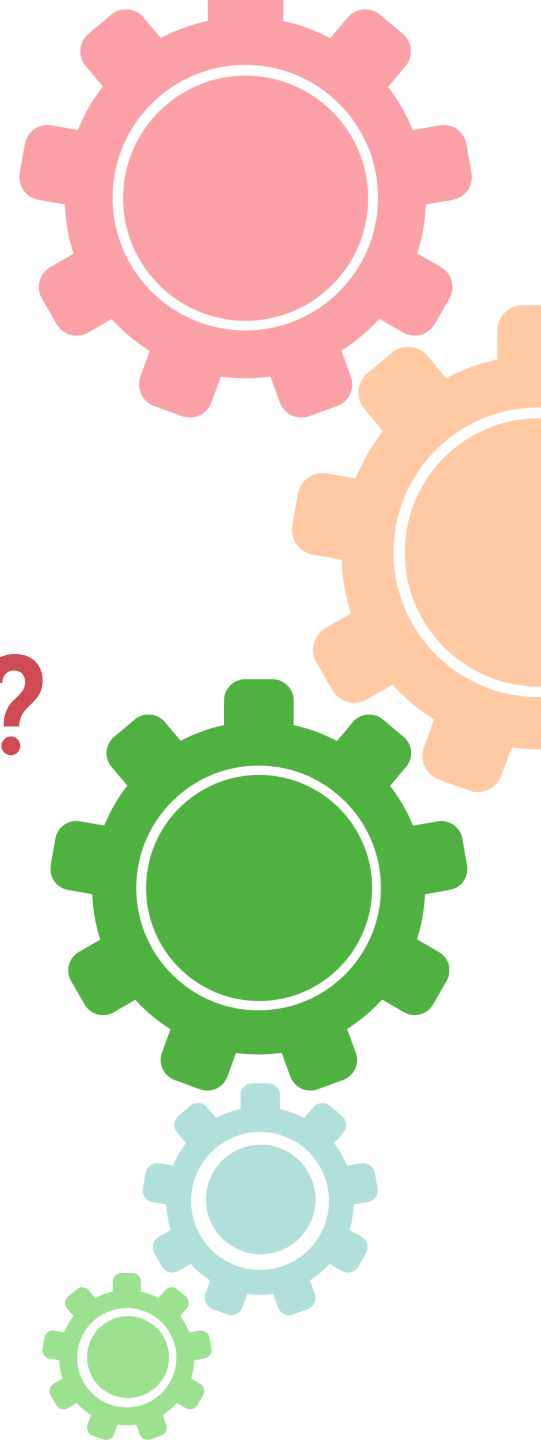


Key thematic findings

-  c. Legal frameworks — inexistence, old, weak
-  d. Audit regulators — independent vs self regulation
-  e. Qualifications: types, training institutions
-  f. Compliance with standards
-  g. Weak monitoring and enforcement



Why regional integration?





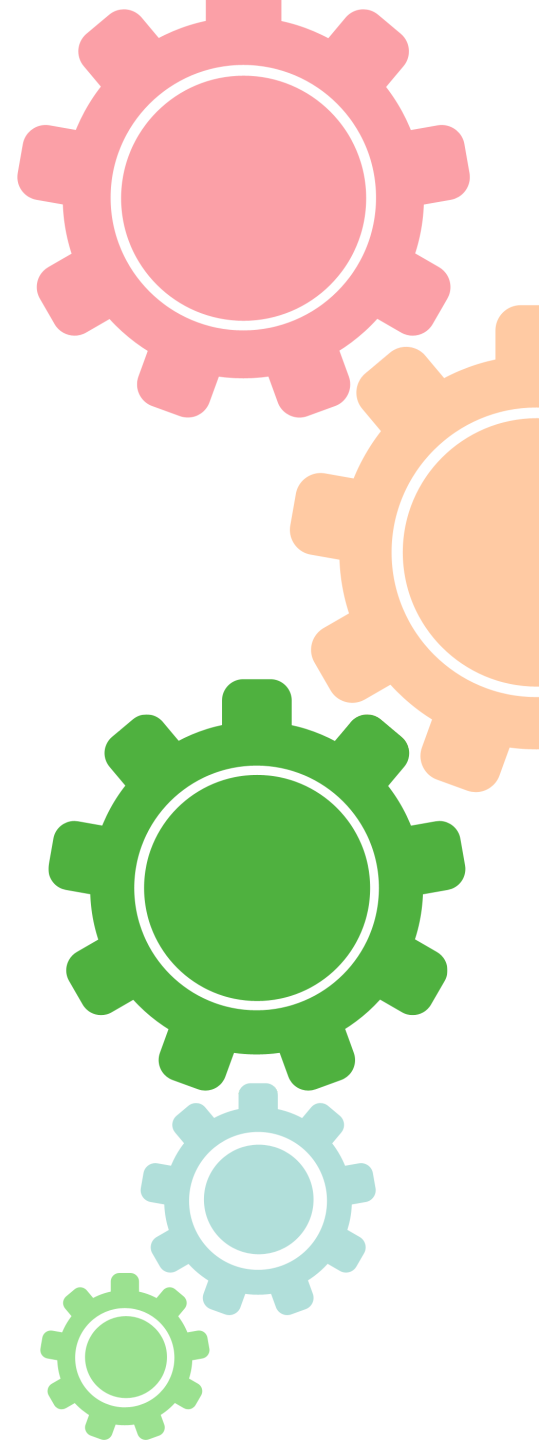
Benefits of Regional Integration

- » Voice for the profession: regional and global agenda's
- » Influence standard setting process globally (research, comment letters)
- » Effective use of limited resources
 - Guidelines and tools developed centrally and shared.
 - Central resource – center of excellent
- » Efficient sharing of experiences – regional events, conferences
- » Regional qualifications with global recognition – increase intra-Africa trade in professional services.

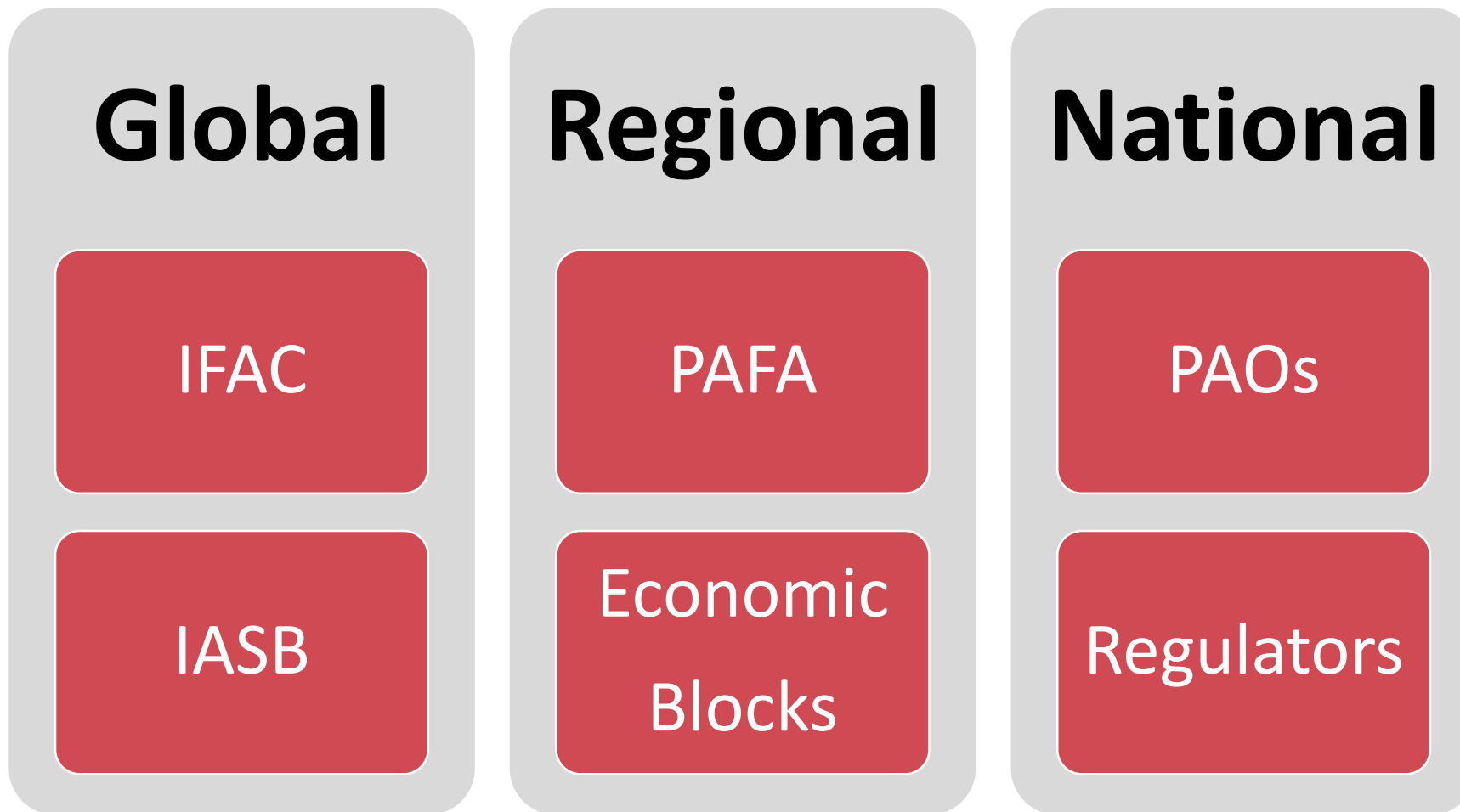




What is WB response



Partnerships

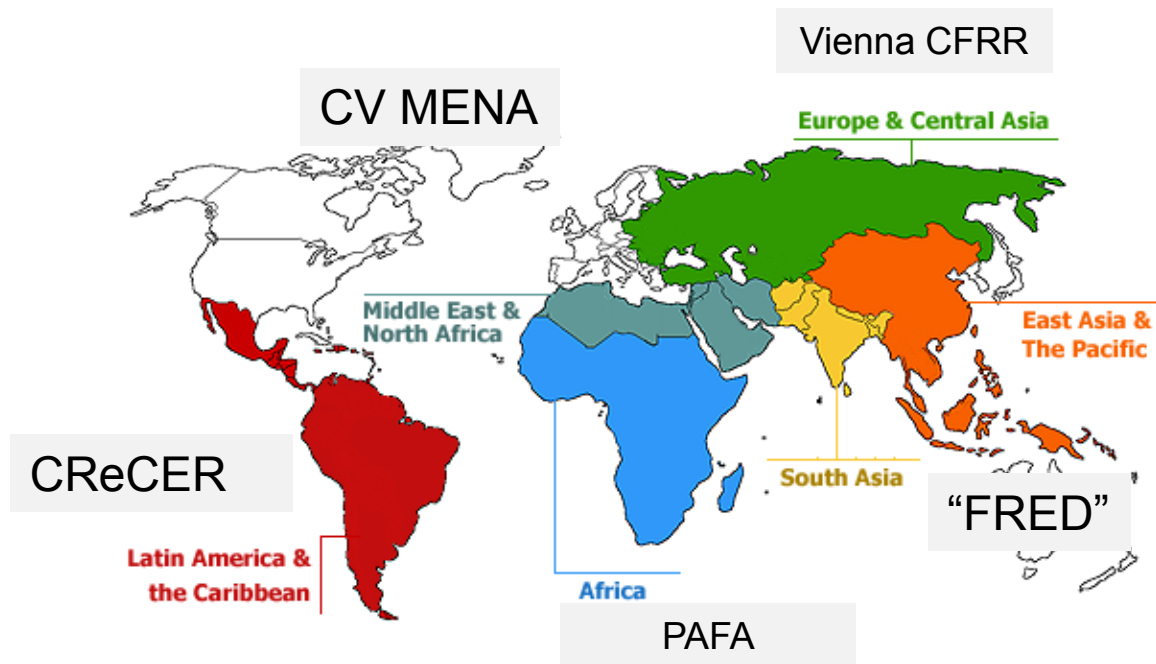


“We are engaging in smart and effective collaborations to achieve the desired results – end poverty”



2. Knowledge sharing

a. Regional Conferences



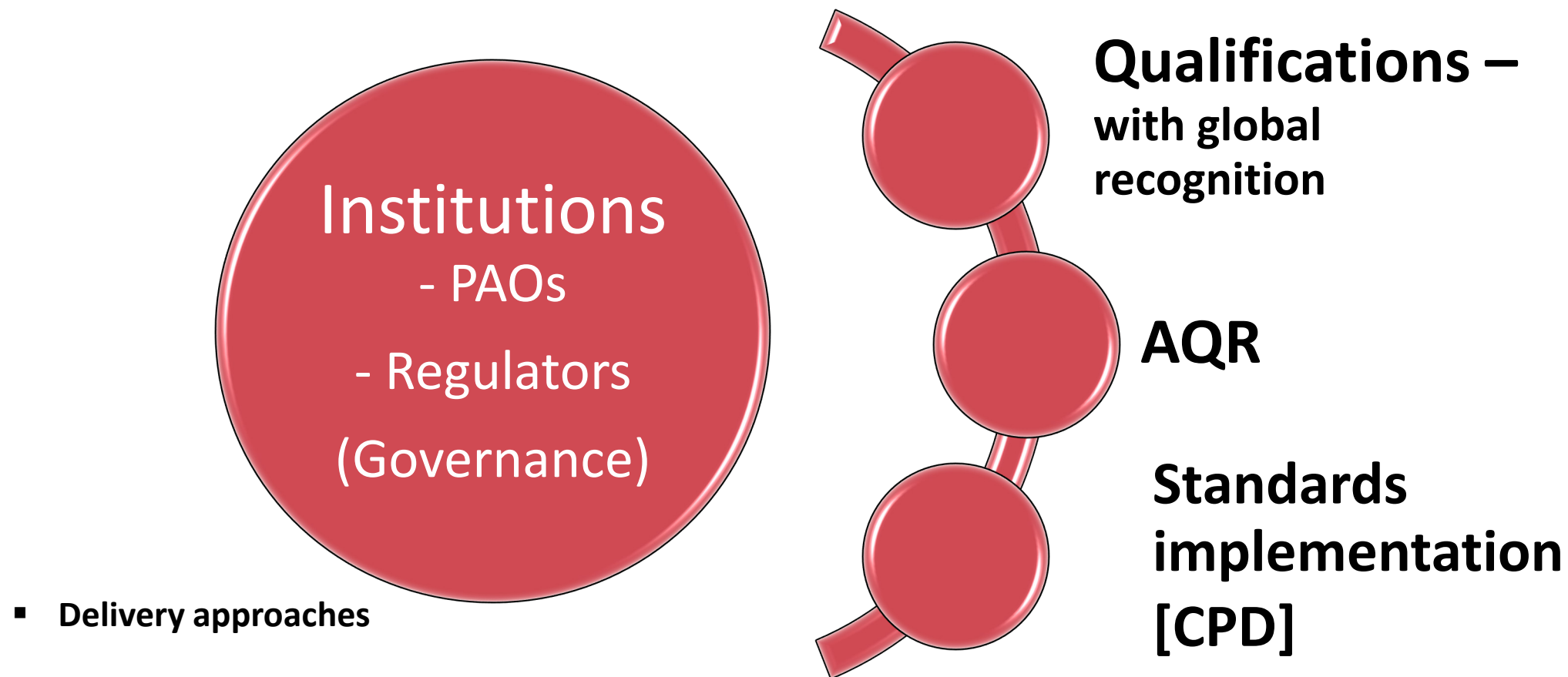
b. National events

c. South-South peer learning:

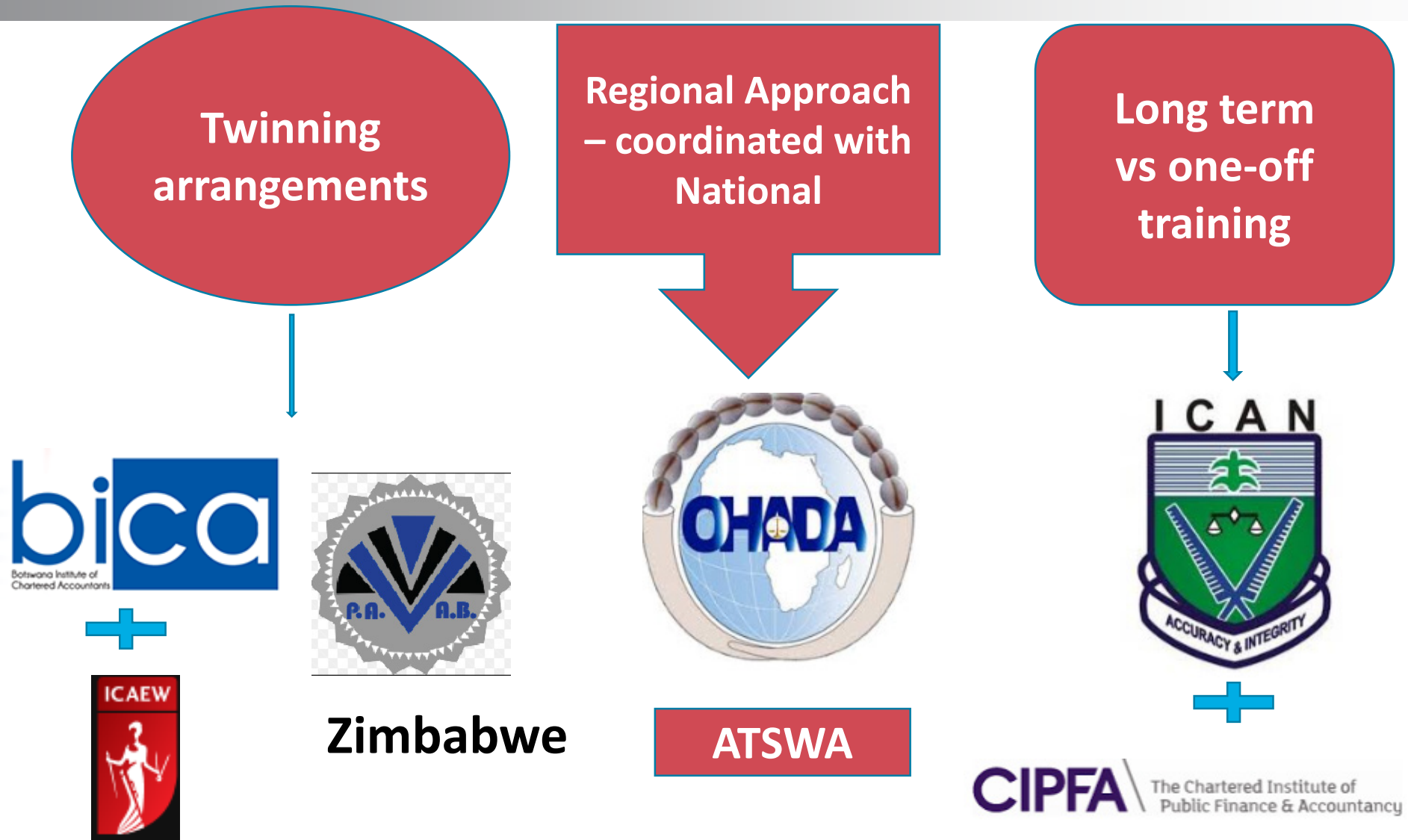
*“ We should learn from others, adapt to our circumstances
& implement to strengthen the profession”*

3. Funding – Technical assistance

Grant and loan funded projects across Africa



We adopt effective and sustainable delivery approaches



4. Challenging the profession to:



a. Enhance demand for accountancy services

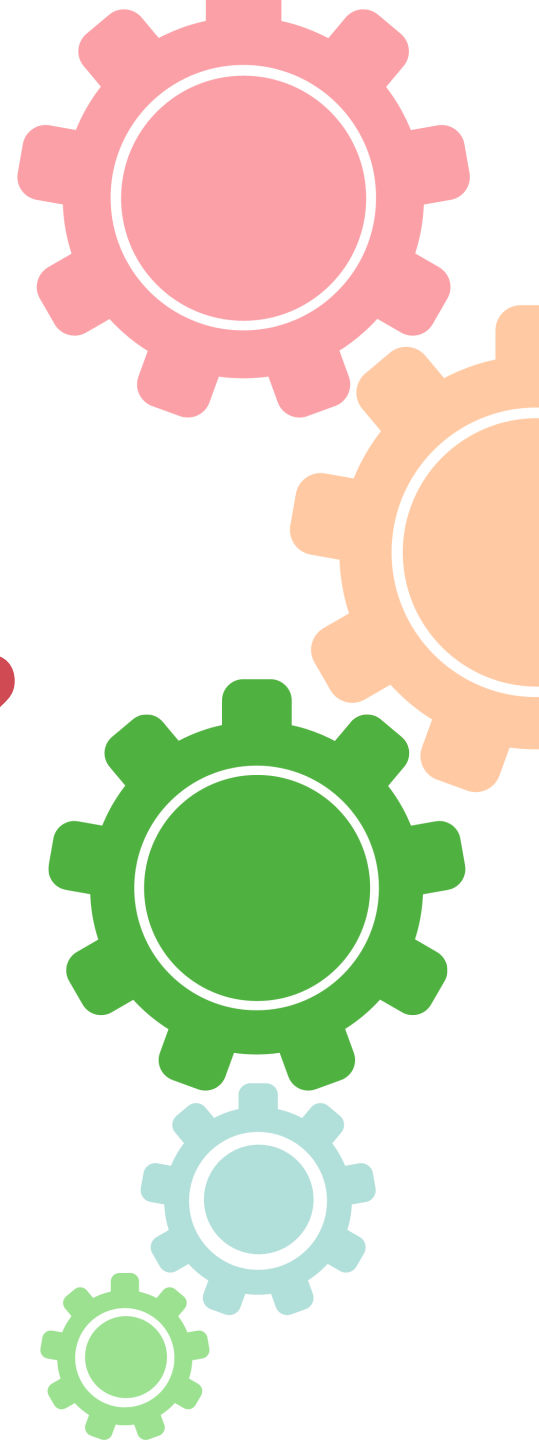
b. Build accountancy profession brand

c. Lift the game: thought leadership in national agenda

d. Youth attraction



What is PAFAs response?





Knowledge sharing sessions:

Partnerships: WB, AfDB, IFAC, OHADA, FIDEF, Regional PAOs

- » Africa Congress of Accountants – 2011 (Kenya); 2013 (Ghana), 2015 (Mauritius) and 2017 (Uganda)
- » PAFA Annual Conferences
- » Public Finance Management Conferences – 2015 (Dakar Senegal), 2016 (Madagascar)
- » PAFA Technical Standards Forum: role and meetings
- » PAFA Education Advisory Board



Developed and share guidelines and tools

Partnership with WB, AfDB

» **World Bank:**

- PAO Strategy formulation templates
- Policy/Guideline on Revenue sources for PAOs

» **AfDB**

- Audit Quality Review methodology and checklists
- Audit quality review training material
- PAO maturity status report.



Memorandum of understandings

- » PAFA & OHADA
- » **PAFA&AFROSAI-E**
- » **PAFA & FIDEF**
- » PAFA & ESAAG
- » PAFA & African Union – in progress

Others

- » Funding for **technical resources** at PAFA Secretariat:
 - IFAC/DFID Technical Director
 - ICAS, Scotland – Support education
- » **Africa Integrated Reporting Committee** – promoting and supporting adoption of IR in Africa
- » Regional Mutual Recognition Arrangements: SADC

Thank you
Questions

Comments

