

# LIASA PROFESSIONAL BODY RECOGNITION: CONSIDERATIONS, IMPLICATIONS & IMPLEMENTATION

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UJALA SATGOOR

LIASA PAST PRESIDENT (2012-2014)

CHAIR: PROFESSIONAL BODY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

LIASA 2017



NPO 009-577



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION  
**PROFESSIONAL BODY**

This is to certify that SAQA has recognised the

**Library and Information Association of South  
Africa**

as a Professional Body and has registered the following professional designation in terms of Section 13(1)(j)(ii) of the National Qualifications Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008.

**Professional Librarian**

**19 November 2014**

Recognition Start Date

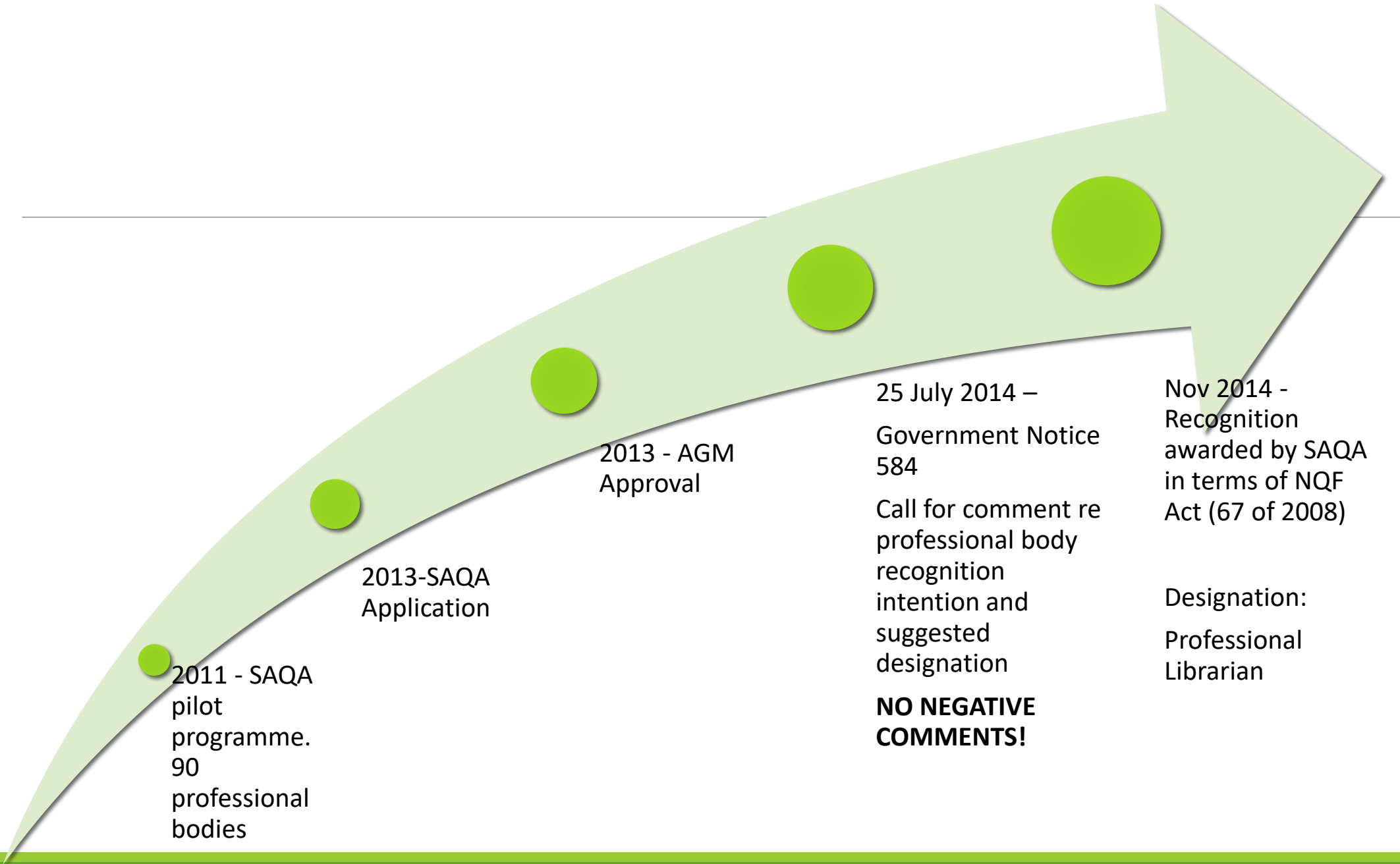
**18 November 2019**

Recognition End Date

Chief Executive Officer

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2011 - SAQA  
pilot  
programme.  
90  
professional  
bodies

2013-SAQA  
Application

2013 - AGM  
Approval



25 July 2014 –  
Government Notice  
584  
Call for comment re  
professional body  
recognition  
intention and  
suggested  
designation  
**NO NEGATIVE  
COMMENTS!**



Nov 2014 -  
Recognition  
awarded by SAQA  
in terms of NQF  
Act (67 of 2008)  
  
Designation:  
Professional  
Librarian

# MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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- Ninnie Steyn (Public Libraries)
- Shirlene Neerputh (Academic Libraries)
- Lynn Johnson (Special Libraries)
- Vacancies: School Library Sector and the LIS Schools
- Ujala Satgoor (Chair)
- Segametsi Molawa (Dep. Chair)
- Mandla Ntombela
- Naomi Haasbroek
- Rachel More
- Robert Moropa
- Annamarie Goosen (Secretary)

Guided by Terms of Reference

# TASK TEAMS

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## Competency and Assessment

- Shirlene Neerputh
- Ujala Satgoor
- Ninnie Steyn

## Accreditation & Endorsement Framework

- Naomi Haasbroek

## Continuing Professional Development

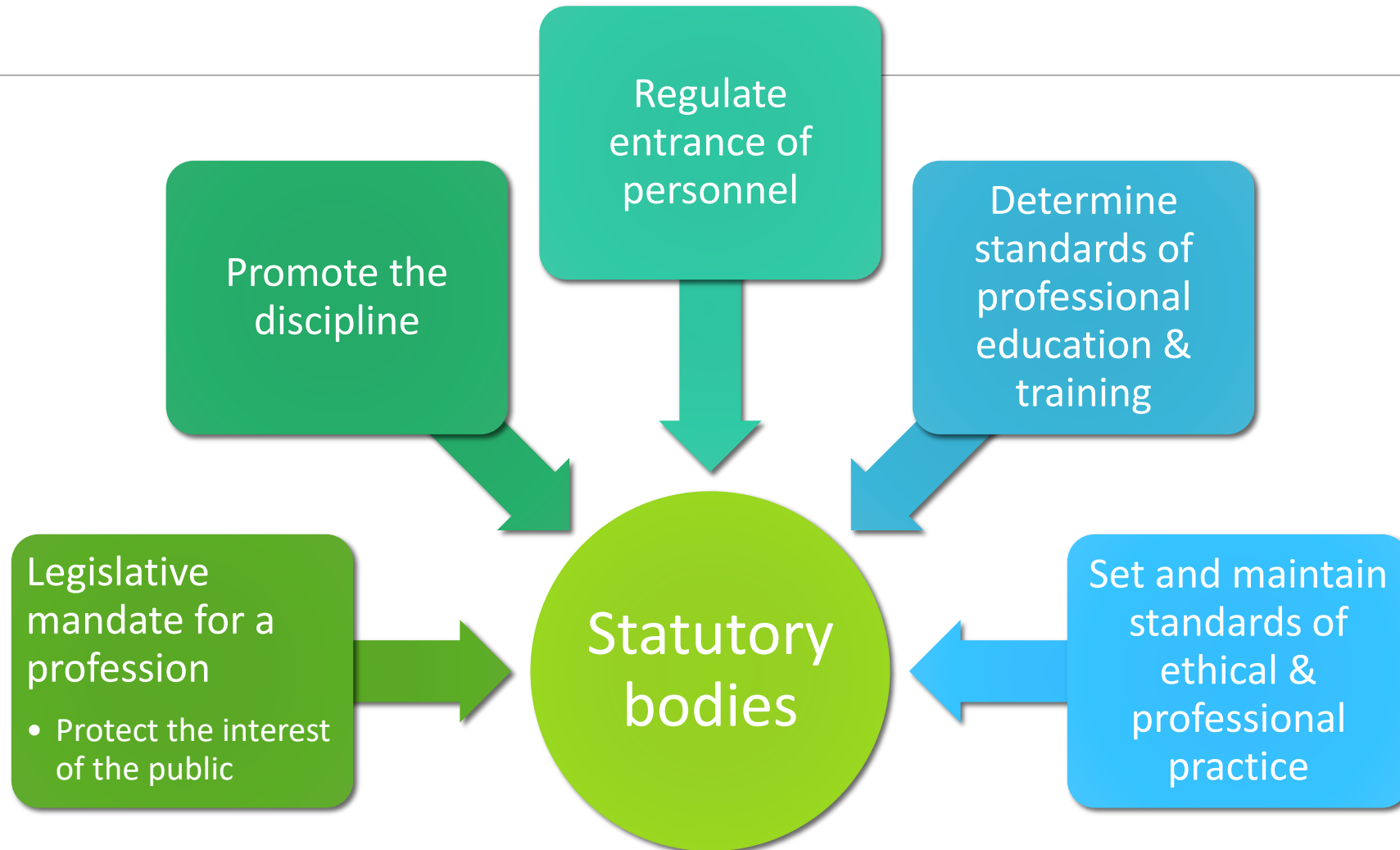
- Segametsi Molawa
- Rachel More

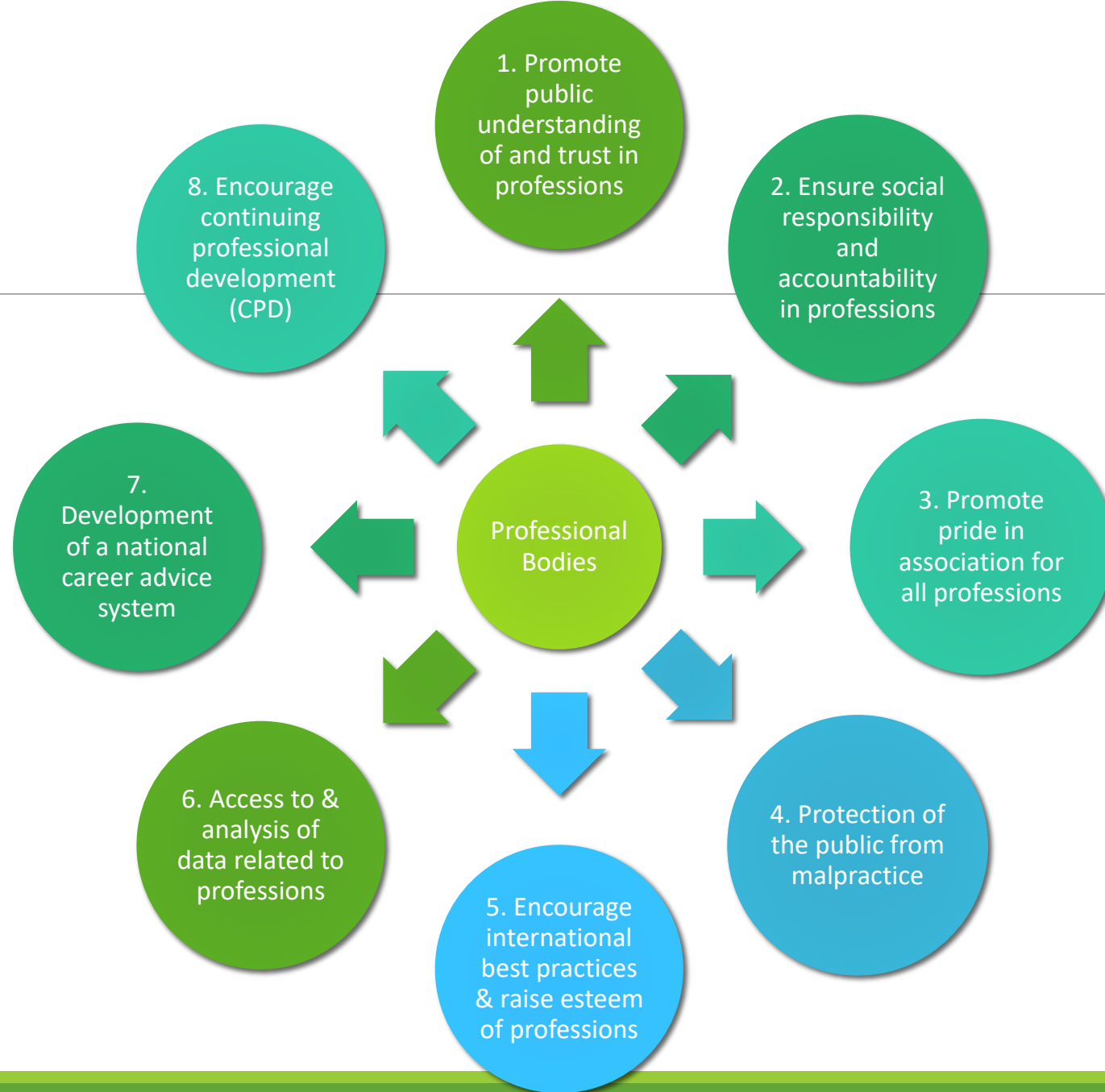
## Disciplinary Action

- Ninnie Steyn
- Mandla Ntombela
- Segametsi Molawa

# CONSIDERATION 1

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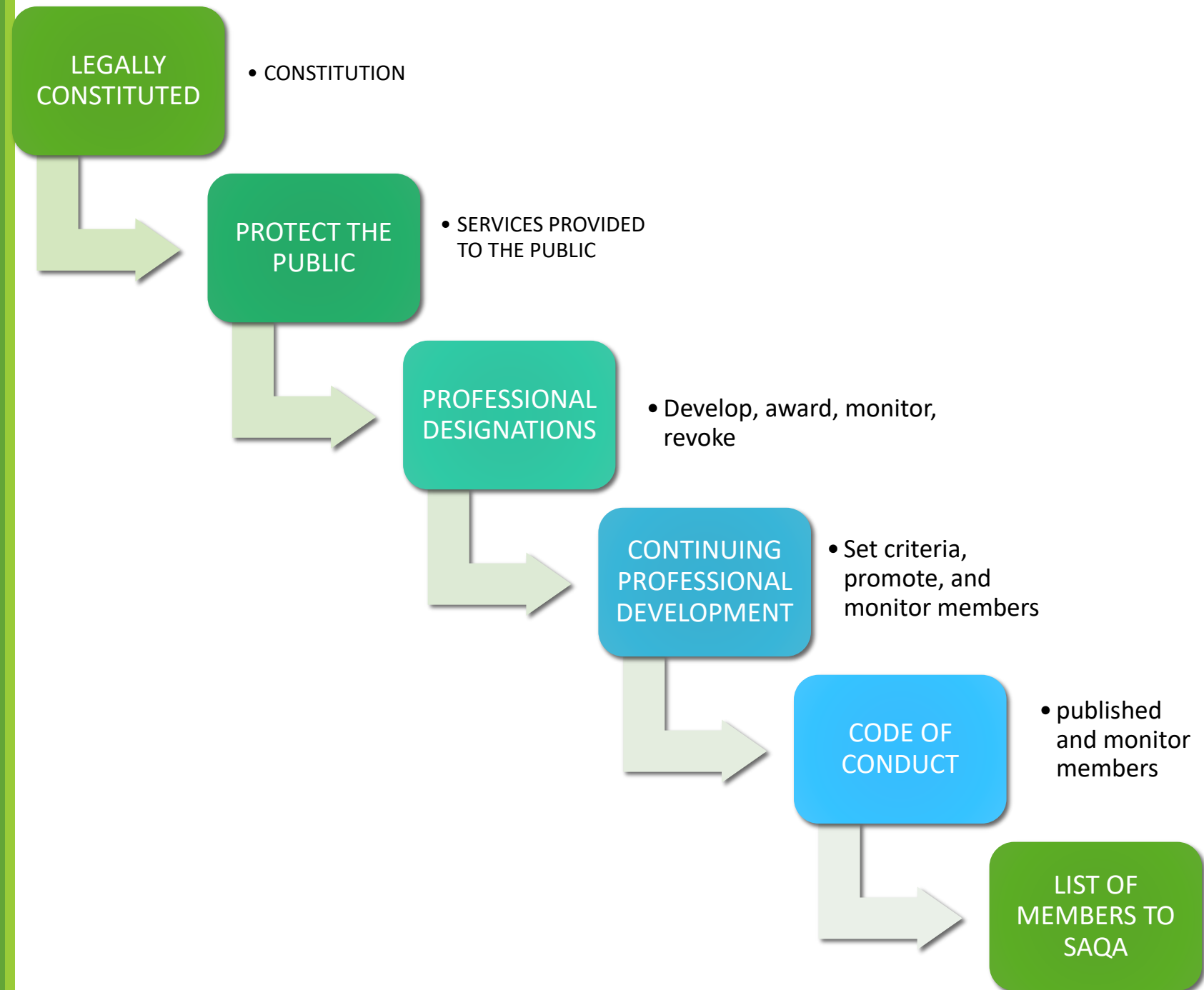


## CONSIDERATION 2

Professional body:

any body of expert practitioners in an occupational field, and includes an occupational body

✓ LIASA





## CONSIDERATION 3

### “Professional designation”

A title or status conferred by a professional body in recognition of a person's expertise and right to practice in an occupational field

✓ **PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIAN**

- Registration of the individual with a professional body
- Right to practice in a particular field of expertise
- Retention dependent on compliance with professional body requirements
- Registered separately from a qualification
- Verifications of qualifications and designations are the exclusive responsibility of the professional body
- SAQA may deregister a professional designation

# IMPLICATIONS FOR LIASA

- Recognised as the national LIS professional body
- Regulate qualifications
  - In consultation with SAQA
  - To ensure core competencies are addressed
- Accredite service providers
  - For CPD
- Determine designations
- Set standards of ethical practice
- Implement and monitor CPD

# IMPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS

- Qualification
- Demonstrate competency and capability
- Commitment to learning and skilling
- Personal development plans
- Collaboration with employers re workplace learning, standards and best practices
- Professionalism
- Adherence to the Code of Conduct

# Implementation

- Designation - Professional Librarian
  - Current membership - awarding of the designation
  - Eligibility criteria for awarding this designation
    - Member Handbook
    - Call to membership to submit information
    - AG to sort members according to qualifications
- Development of Second designation
  - Designation - Library Practitioner; Library Technician; Library Assistant, Other
- Survey of different PBs re CPD and management
  - Natalie Stoop (SACIA, South African Communications Industry Association)
  - CPD implementation; accreditation procedures
  - CILIP – CPD online platform
- Break-away session of the Committee - Finalising policies and framework for implementation and administration
  - Determine and develop standards of practice
  - Competency framework for public and school librarians

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I trust that the LIASA recognition and the registration of your Professional Designation will be to the benefit of the library and information sector as a whole, to LIASA itself, and to the NQF and will contribute to skills development and professional service delivery in our country.

**Dr Jody P. Cedras**  
**Director: Registration and Recognition**

17 December 2014