

# Presentation title

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World  
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for Animal  
Health  
Founded in 1924

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# Section 1

# The WOAHA

# Standards setting

# process

# Actors in WOAAH Standards

## Setting process



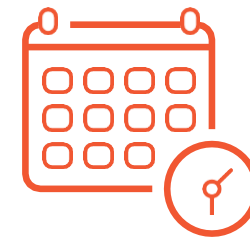
# WOAH Specialist Commissions

- 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 WOAAH Delegate
- Candidates reviewed by a Selection Committee and the WOAAH Council
- Council endorsed list shared with Delegates before the election



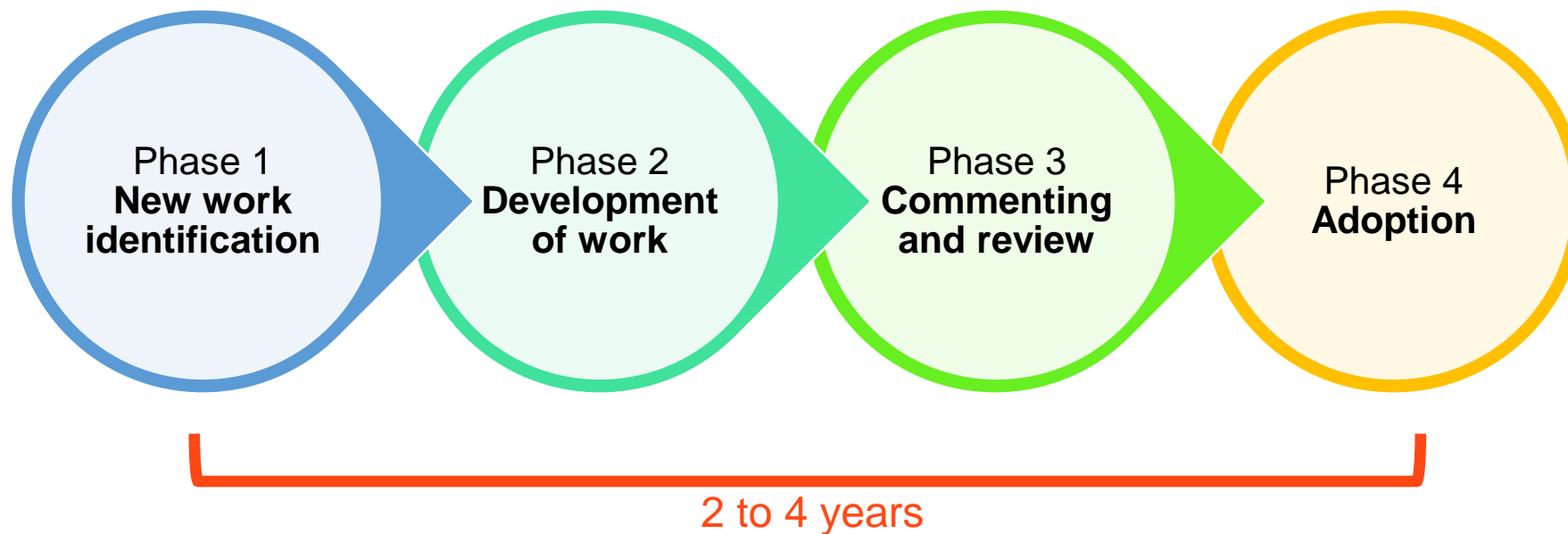
**3-year term**

**Elections at 2024  
General Session**

# Specialist Commissions

<b>Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission</b> <b>Code Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversees amendments to the <i>Terrestrial Code</i></li><li>• Oversees the work of relevant ad hoc Groups and Working Groups</li><li>• Advises the Director General on issues relevant to its work</li></ul>
<b>Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases</b> <b>Scientific Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assesses Member dossiers for the recognition of official animal health status and endorsement of official control programmes</li><li>• Supports disease-specific strategies for disease surveillance, prevention and control</li><li>• Oversees the work of relevant ad hoc Groups and Working Groups</li><li>• Provides technical advice to the Code Commission, where relevant</li></ul>
<b>Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission</b> <b>Aquatic Animal Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversees amendments to the Aquatic Code and the Aquatic Manual</li><li>• Oversee the work of relevant ad hoc Groups</li><li>• Proposes the designation of Reference Centres relevant to aquatic animal health and monitors their performance</li></ul>
<b>Biological Standards Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversees amendments to the Terrestrial Manual</li><li>• Proposes the designation of Reference Centres relevant to terrestrial animal health and monitors their performance</li><li>• Provides technical advice to the Code Commission, where relevant</li></ul>

# Process for the elaboration of WOAH Standards

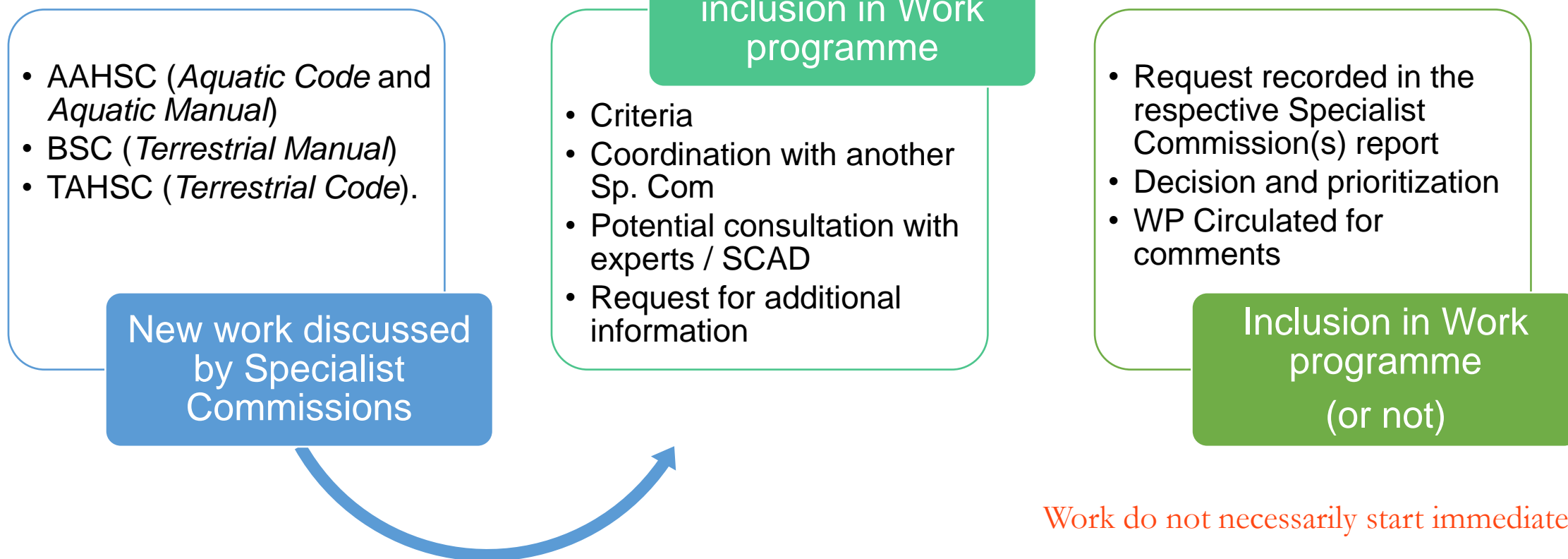


*A transparent process to ensure that WOAH International Standards address Members needs and are developed based in the latest science and taking into consideration the different contexts among Members to enable implementation.*

## New work proposals come from:

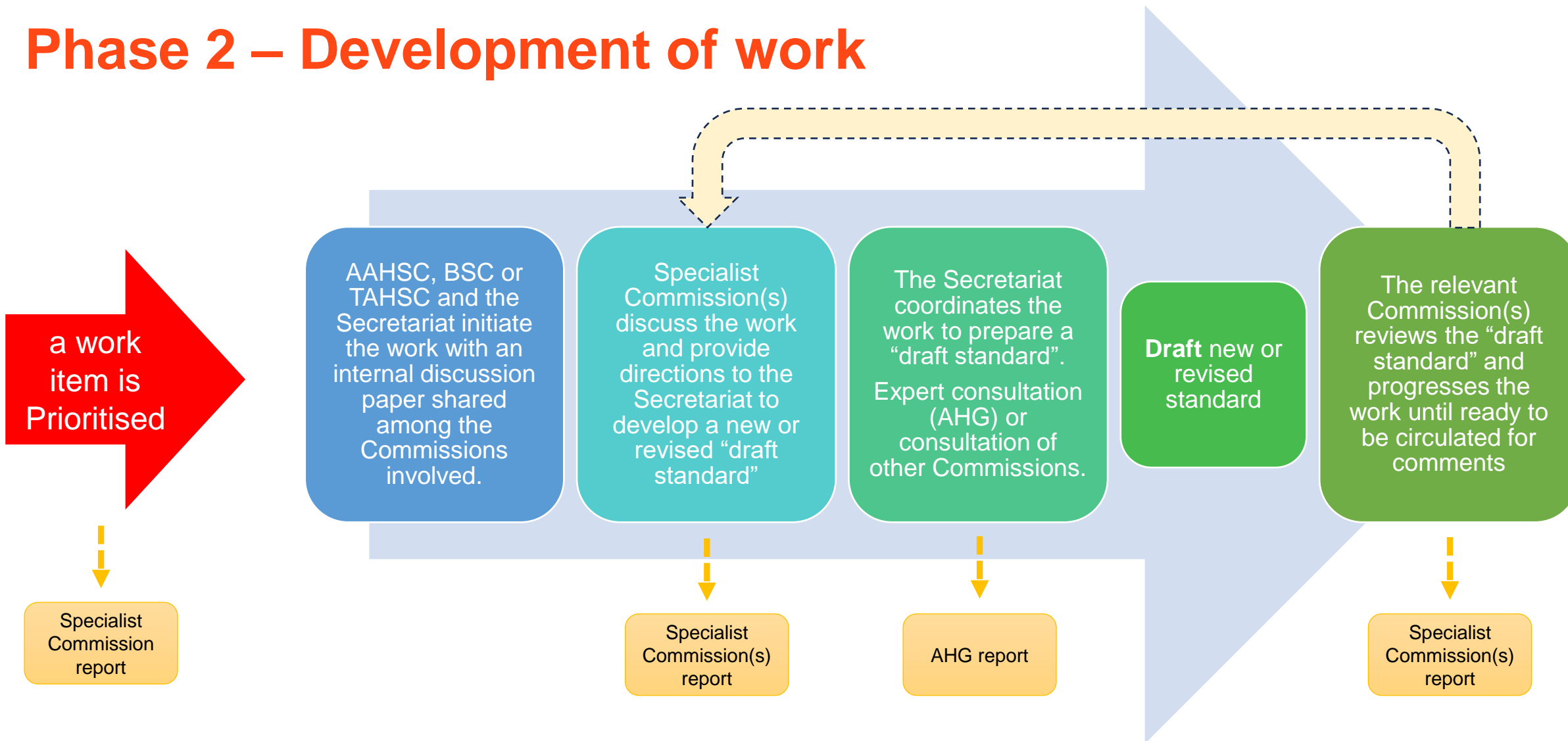
1. each WOAHA Specialist Commission, according to its mandate;
2. submitted by **WOAHA Members** or partner International Organisations;
3. proposed by WOAHA Working Groups;
4. proposed by WOAHA Reference Centre experts or other WOAHA experts;
5. from recommendations from WOAHA Regional Commission Conferences 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.

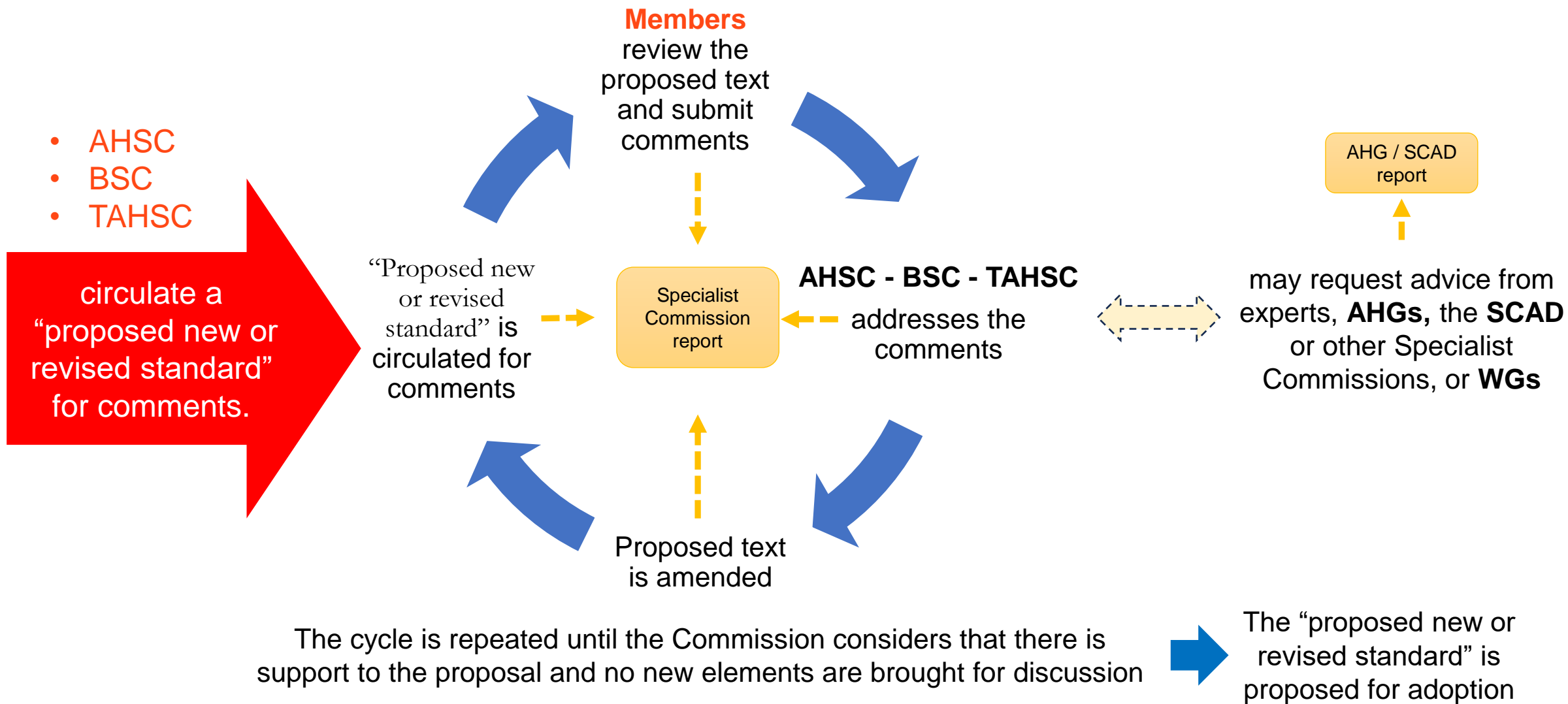
# Phase 1 - New work identification





## Phase 2 – Development of work





## Phase 3 - Commenting and review

## During the General Session

General Session resolutions and report

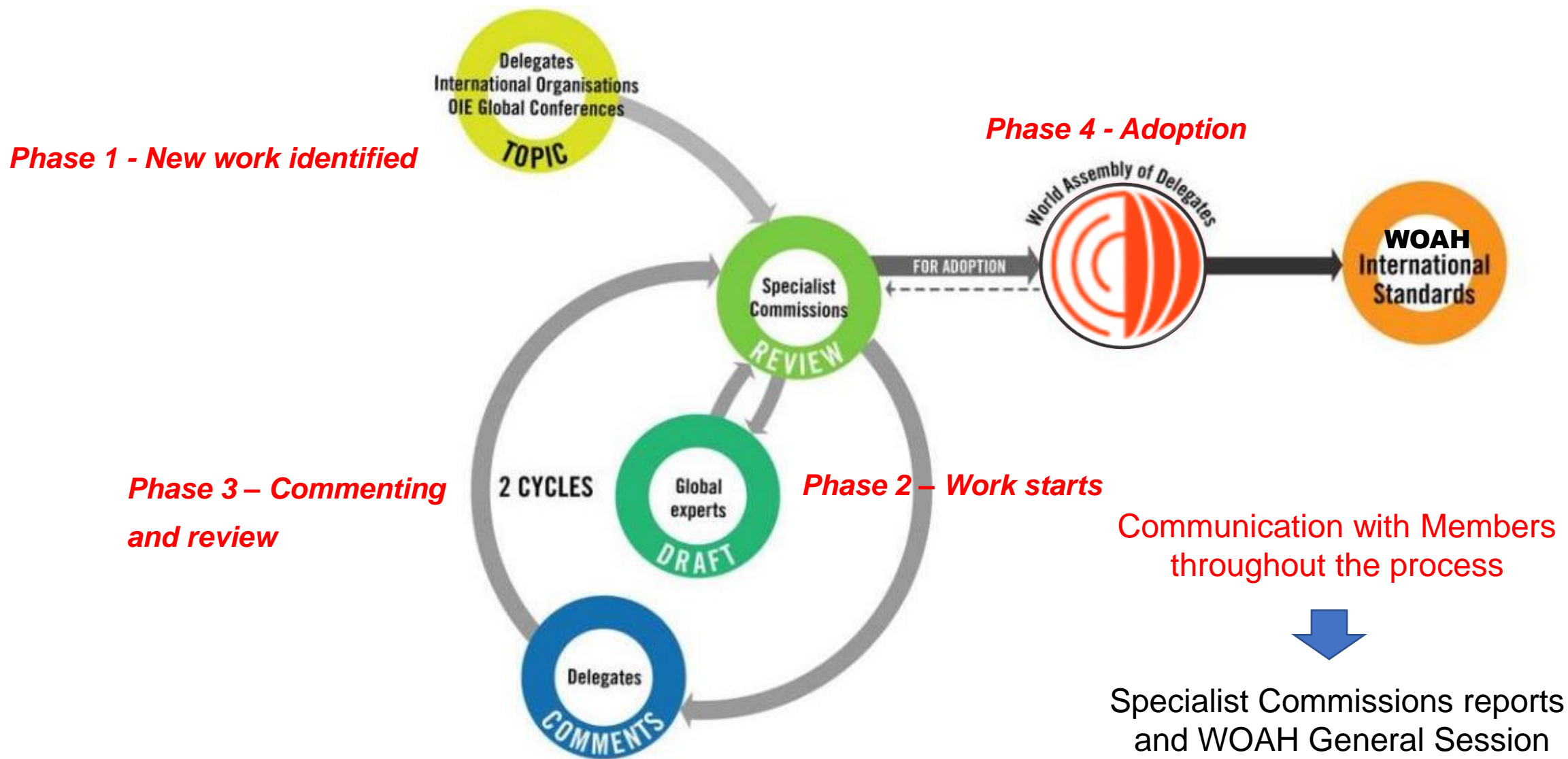
1. At a General Session, the President of the AAHSC, the BSC or the TAHSC presents the “new or revised standards” to the Assembly.
2. The President addresses comments from the Assembly
3. the Assembly considers the adoption of the “new or revised standard”, with the primary aim of reaching a consensus:
  - a) If consensus is reached, the text is adopted by the Assembly; or
  - 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 reconsider the work in the context of their work programmes at their following meeting.

“new or revised  
standard”  
proposed for  
adoption

February  
Specialist  
Commission  
reports  
AND  
GS docs

## Phase 4 - Adoption



Detailed process available on WOAH Website

Delegates  
International Organisations  
OIE Global Conferences

Members can comment on:

- ✓ Proposed new work
- ✓ Prioritisation of work



FOR ADOPTION

CYCLES



Members:

- ✓ Elect Sp. Commissions
- ✓ Can propose experts for AHQ/WG

Members:

- ✓ Adopt new or revised standards

And then, Members should:

- ✓ Implement standards into national legislation



Members can:

- ✓ submit comments on draft new and revised texts under development

# How Members and IOs can participate in the process?

## New requests

## Members & IOs

- Request new work, including a rationale and supporting evidence;
- Provide opinions on the prioritisation of work items;
- Provide relevant information or scientific evidence for consideration during development of relevant item.

## Commenting on proposed new or revised texts

## Members & IOs

- Propose additional or alternative science-based amendments, including a rationale and supporting evidence;
- Submit evidence-based concerns on potential challenges for the implementation of the proposed texts (e.g. national or regional level, production systems), including alternative amendments;
- Propose editorial amendments to improve the understanding or the meaning (in any of the three languages).

## Adoption

## Members

- Members can make interventions at the General Session to request changes to proposed amendments, express support or objections;
- If consensus is reached, the World Assembly of Delegates adopts the new or revised texts;
- If consensus is not reached, proposed text can return to the Commission for further work or exceptionally adoption could be subject to a vote.

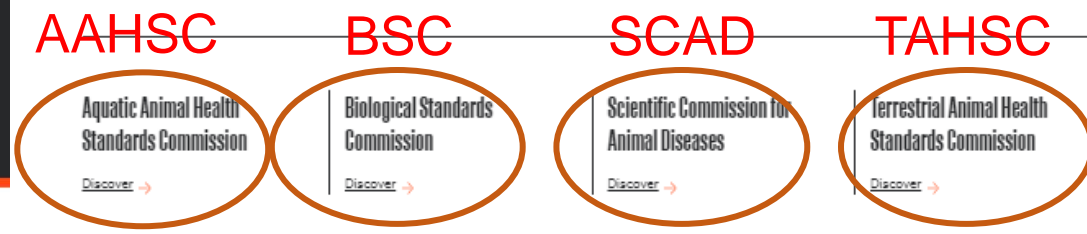
# Specialists Commissions

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, prioritised 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



## 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.



# Public Website

Codes and Manuals | Publications | Documentary Portal | Training Platform | **Bookshop** | EN FR ES

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

WHO WE ARE ▾ **WHAT WE DO ▾** WHAT WE OFFER ▾ MEDIA ▾ WAHIS ↗

**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.

- Animal Health and Welfare →
  - Standards** → **Standard-Setting Process**
  - Codes and Manuals
  - Observatory
- Global Initiatives →
- Publications

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](mailto: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.

# Thank you

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