Strengthening Ethics and Regulatory Capacity in Sierra Leone- SERCLe

Introduction to the project

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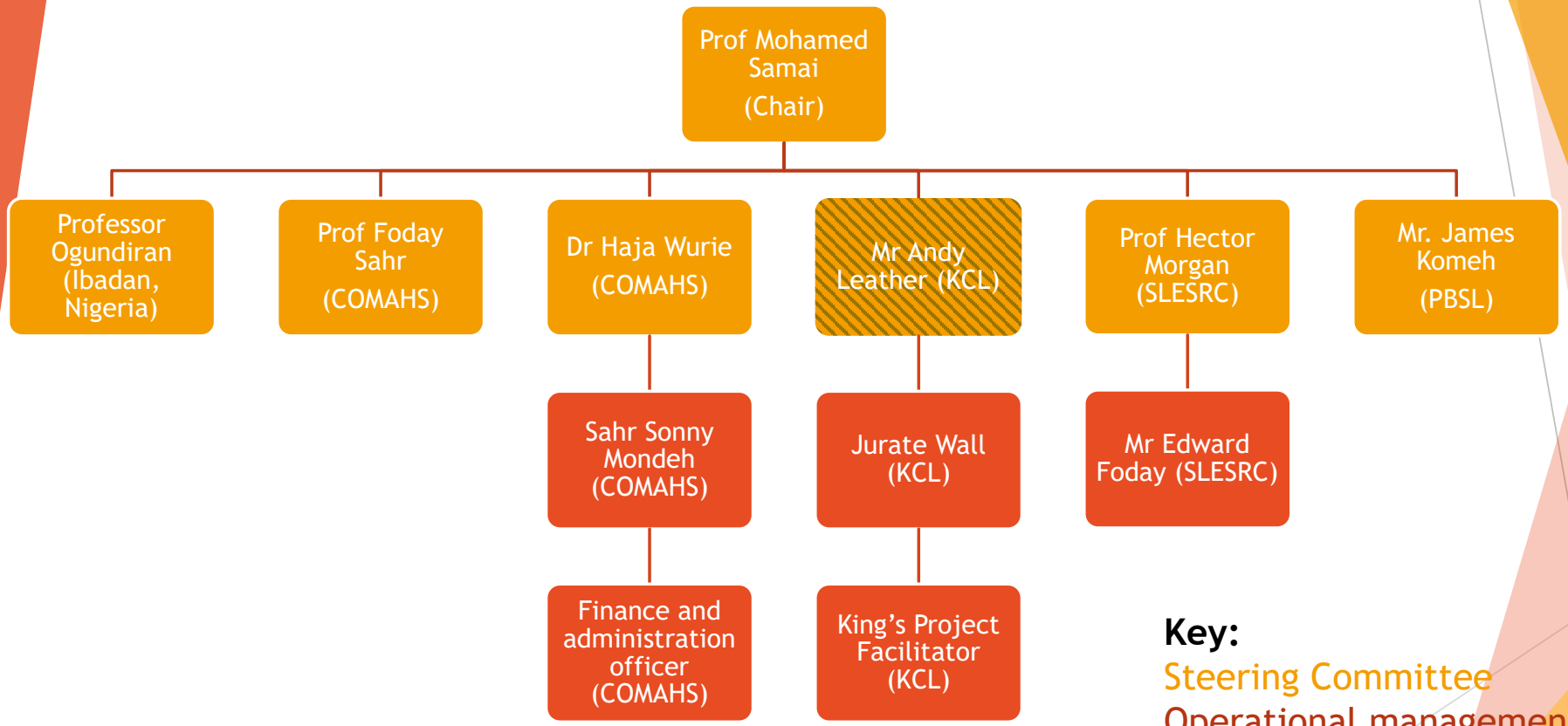
Organogram- SERCLe



Key:

Steering Committee

Operational management group

Background to the project

- applications are increasing
- increasingly complex studies
- capacity challenges

Project Aim

‘to strengthen ethics governance, technical expertise and operational capacity in order to ensure research is conducted in a contextually appropriate and rigorous manner, to protect the rights of participants and promote positive impact of research’

Project objectives: governance

- To strengthen the governance structures of SLESRC
- To improve collaboration between SLESRC and PBSL
- To improve oversight by the SLESRC of IRBs

Project objectives: technical expertise

- To develop individual technical capacity
- To develop institutional capacity to conduct training

Project objectives: operational capacity

- To develop SLESRC and PBSL institutional administrative and financial capacity
- To introduce enhanced information and financial management systems
- RHInnO Ethics and REAPS will present at the workshop

The EDCTP project

- Phases: baseline, implementation, evaluation

- *'at baseline, we will conduct an institutional capacity assessment through a desk review and stakeholder consultation. We will then hold a workshop to review findings and develop context specific interventions with local buy-in'*

Work package progress

5 work packages:

1. Ethics governance
2. Technical expertise
3. Operational capacity
4. Project management
5. Dissemination

All the work packages are a collaboration between partners

WP1-Ethics governance (SLESRC only)

- Baseline phase:
  - desk-based analysis of current documents
  - stakeholder interview analysis
  - literature review findings
- Implementation phase:
  - development of strategy, policy, standard operating procedures and guidelines
- Evaluation phase:
  - validation of these documents

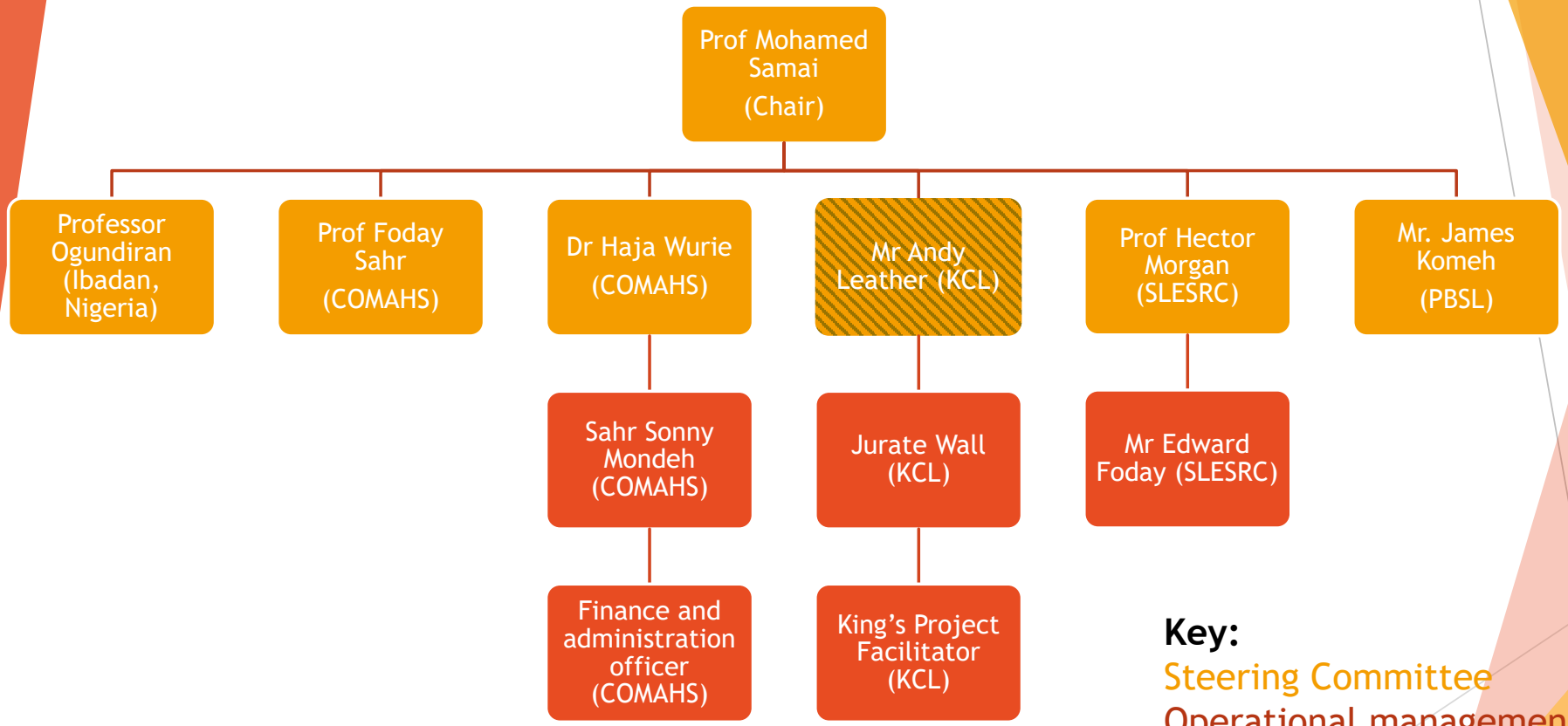
WP2- Technical expertise (SLESRC and PBSL)

- Baseline phase:
  - inventory of current capacity
  - identify training needs
  - collate case studies
- Implementation phase:
  - define competencies
  - develop training materials
  - formal training
- Evaluation phase:
  - validation of materials

WP3- Operational capacity

- Baseline phase:
  - financial and administrative procedures
- Implementation phase:
  - infrastructure activities
  - implementation of electronic database
  - training
- Evaluation phase:
  - validation of materials

WP4- Project Management



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WP5- Dissemination

- dissemination plan is being drafted
- materials developed during the project will be uploaded onto PBSL and SLECRC websites

Any questions?

Thank you!