Introduction of the National Biogas Platform

Expert workshop for the How2Guide for Bioenergy
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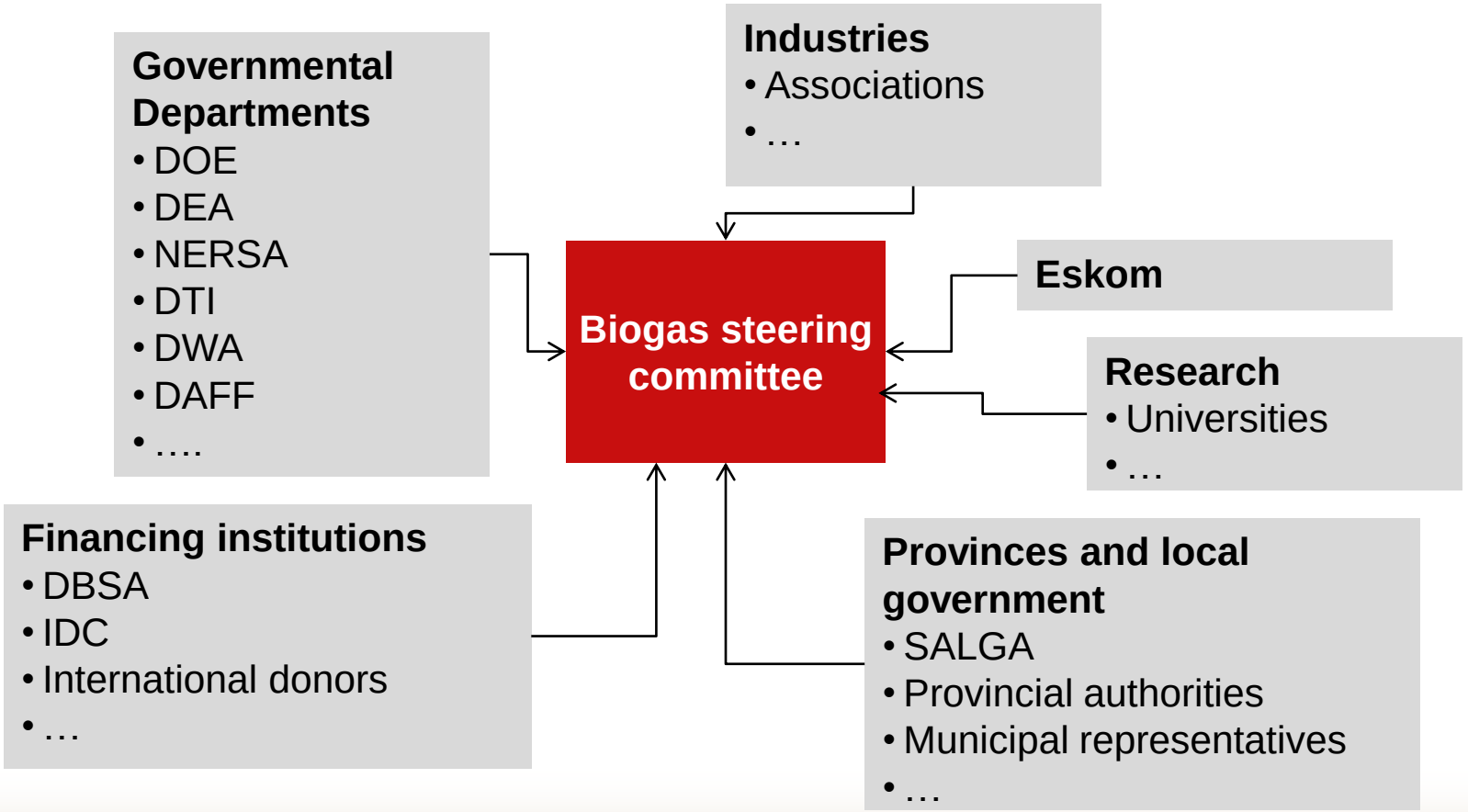
Platform background

- Proposed by Department of Energy (DoE) and South African Biogas Industry Association (SABIA) during the meetings with GIZ
- Officially discussed during the first **South African National Biogas Conference** (30-31st of October 2013)
- GIZ-SAGEN as **facilitator of the platform not a driver**
- Assistance provided by GIZ-SAGEN:
    - Coordination, facilitation and documentation of the regular meetings
    - Tracking of the progress in the main work streams

The aims of the platform

- To address the **lessons learned** from the existing biogas projects
- To **assess current and future regulatory requirements** in order to make the regulations proactive and conducive for the development of the industry
- To **reveal and bundle the financing options** for the biogas projects in order to lift up the industry
- No intention to create a separate institution
- Temporary platform

The constellation of the platform



Progress so far

- 4 well attended meetings conducted at the GIZ offices in Pretoria (November 2013 - April 2014) with representatives from DoE, DEA, CSIR, NERSA, Eskom, SABIA, SALGA, SANEDI, DTI, IDC, DBSA, UNIDO, UCT,UJ, Green Cape)
- Discussions around bottlenecks and needs for the biogas project implementation initiated
- **3 working groups were created** engaging with particular topics identified by the Platform as priorities
  - Information gathering
  - Financing
  - Licensing
- Next meeting **4th of June 10h00-12h30** at GIZ Hatfield, Pretoria



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