

# Stakeholder participation in ICES meetings

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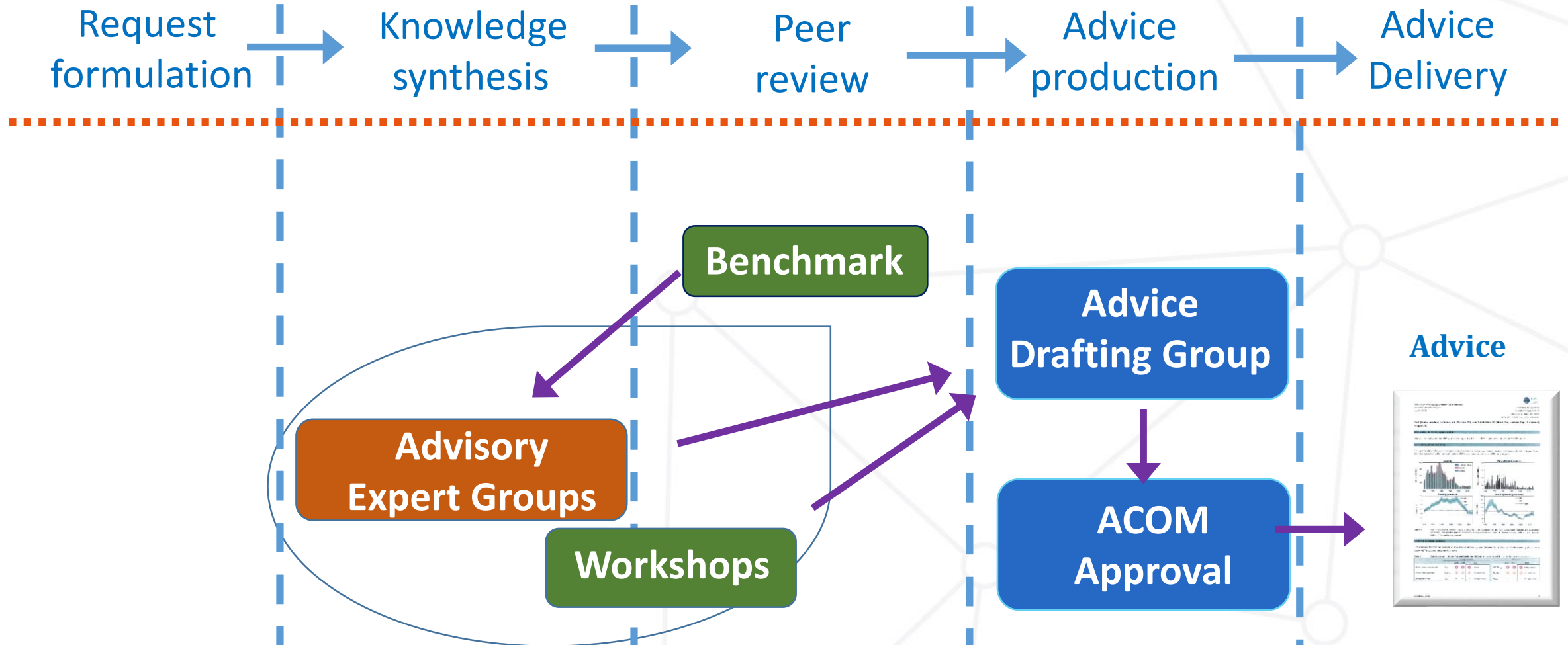
# Simplified framework for ICES provision of advice & quality assurance



# Advice process and meetings



## ICES meetings - Steps in the production of advice



# ICES Observer policy



- Subject to ICES Council approval, organizations (govt, international and NGO/stakeholders) are eligible to observe ICES Advisory Services.
- Applications need to be submitted to ICES in advance.
- Observer organizations should support the general objectives of ICES and have competence in the area of ICES work.
- May be a maximum number of observers to be admitted to any meeting based on logistics (room capacity, etc.).
- Observers admitted to a meeting shall comply with all rules and procedures applicable to other participants in the meeting.

# Advisory expert groups meetings

- Task:
  - Performs stock assessments and forecasts using the data and methods reviewed in benchmark meetings and synthesizes results.
  
- Participants:
  - National experts nominated by ICES delegates.
  - Chair may also invite expert(s) with specific expertise required to complete the work.



# Benchmark meetings

(including data evaluation, stakeholder engagement and methods review)

- Task:
  - Conducts peer reviews of data, methods and approaches to determine the parameters for conducting a stock assessment and forecasts
  
- Participants
  - Experts, stakeholders, recipients of advice, etc
  - Meetings are open but registration may be required for logistics.



# Workshops

## ■ Task:

- Peer review data and analyses and synthesize knowledge to develop advice. Usually used for one-off advice requests.



## ■ Participants

- Experts, stakeholders, recipients of advice, etc.
- Meetings are open but registration may be required for logistics.



# Advice drafting groups

- Task:
  - Prepares the draft of the advice for approval by the Advisory Committee (ACOM).
- Participants
  - 1 Advisory Committee member per country, the chair(s) of the relevant expert group(s), observers\* (stakeholders, recipients), ICES support professionals



# ACOM advice approval meetings

- Task:

- Approve the final text of the advice



- Participants

- 1 Advisory Committee members per country, ACOM leadership, observers\* (stakeholders, recipients)

# Other Advisory Committee meetings



- Meeting between ICES, Advisory Councils and Observers (MIACO)
  - Purpose: meeting to exchange information, provide clarifications, discuss developments in advice.
  - Conducted annually in January
- Other Advisory Committee meetings
  - Observers can attend the annual Advisory Committee meeting

# ICES Code of Conduct

- In October 2018, ICES has adopted a Code of Conduct for all contributors to ICES work.
- All contributors to ICES work are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with scientific independence, integrity, and impartiality.
- As part of the Code of Conduct, contributors need to declare any actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest.
- Experts with a potential or perceived Conflict of Interest can participate provided they follow the Code of Conduct and show through their behaviours and contributions to be fully capable of managing the conflict of interest.

# Thank you !



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