

Keynote address:

Direction 4IR - South Africa's Readiness and Road Map



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Update Support Structure

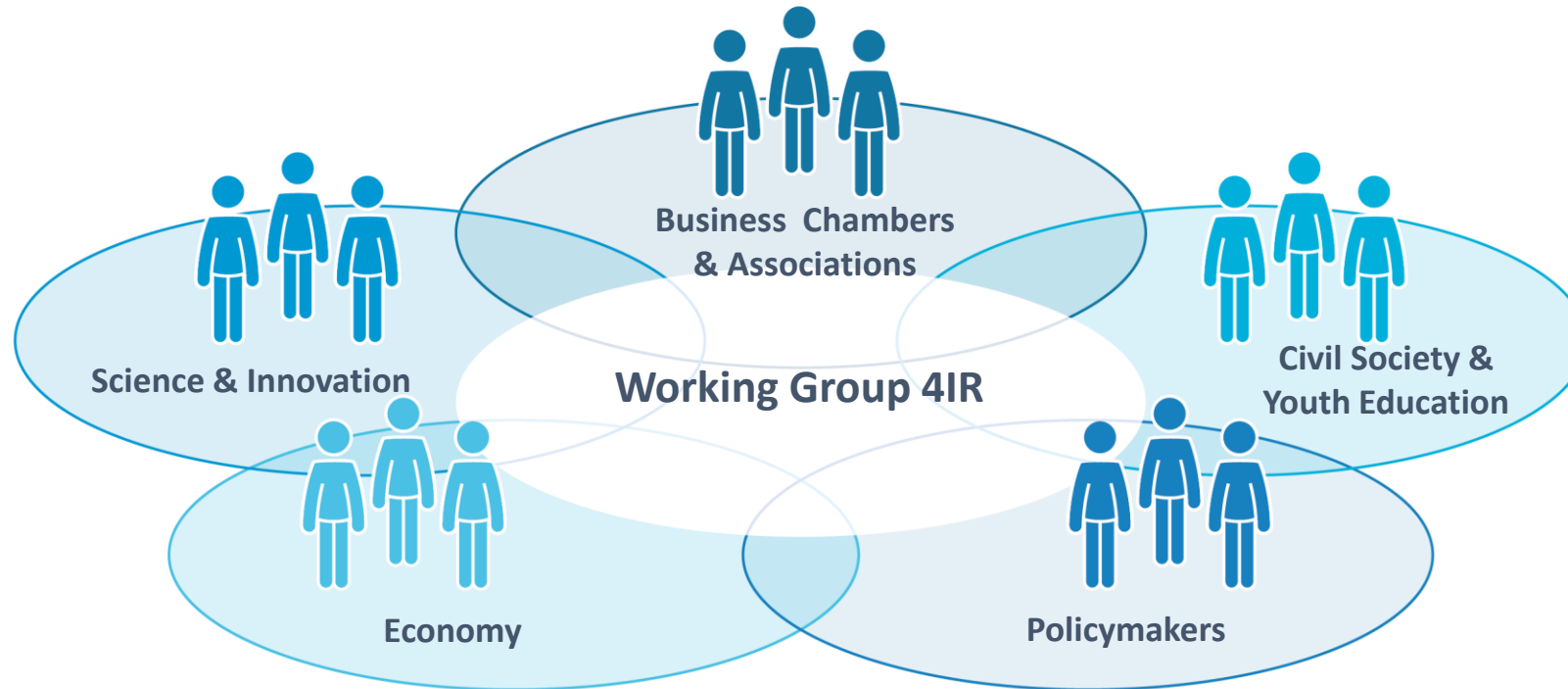
Working Group 4IR (WG4-IR)

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Objectives Working Group 4IR

Support advocacy engagements by the German (host) / EU Chamber related to a wide range of topics in the development of South Africa in the 4IR.



Background & Justification Working Group

- Support German / EU companies or companies representing German / EU-based firms:
 - By advocating towards an attractive investment and business climate
 - By supporting policies that duly acknowledge the essential role of responsible foreign direct investment to the sustainable and inclusive growth as well as associated job creation in Southern Africa

Primary Roles Working Group 4IR

- Advocate on behalf of its members for policy clarity, certainty and changes that will strengthen the business climate in South Africa
- Raise impediments to expanded trade and investment between the Germany / EU and South Africa with the appropriate stakeholders
- Contribute to the process of identifying appropriate and mutually beneficial solutions

Activities Working Group (1)

- Commissioning research papers, policy briefs and surveys
- Stakeholder mapping
- Consultations with government, civil society, communities, women, youth and other stakeholders
- Participation in Parliamentary hearings (if relevant)

Activities Working Group (2)

- Interactions with other South African, regional and European business associations e.g. BMF, BUSA, BBC, BSA, SAIMC, SEDA, EU-SA Partners for Growth, EDSE SMME, ... and other EU Bilateral Chambers, Enterprise Europe Network and other EEN nodes in Africa
- Dissemination of information to the media
- Other communication actions e.g. through the German's / EU Chamber's website and social media channels

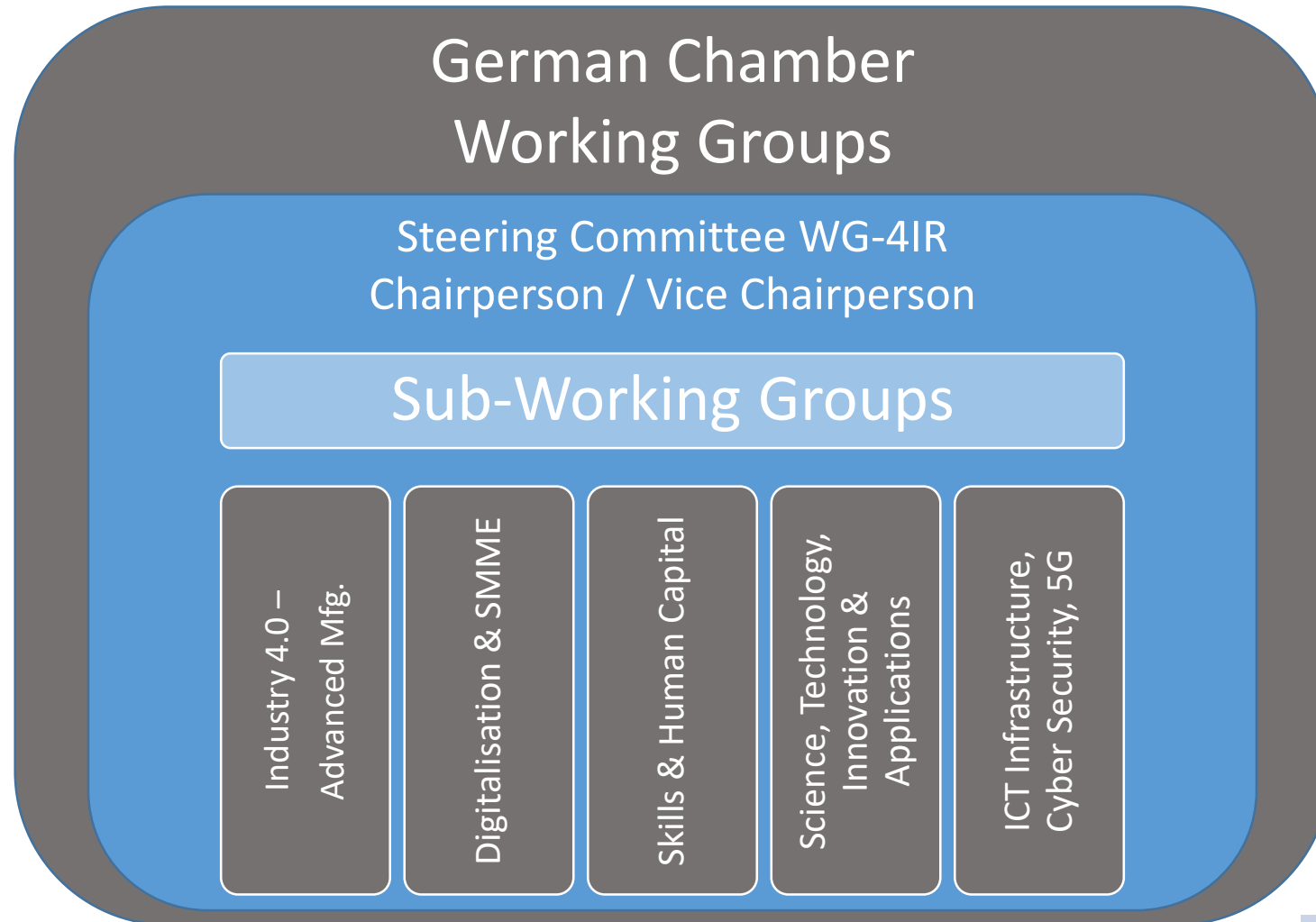
Results Survey – Topics WG-4IR

1. Industry 4.0 & Advanced Manufacturing
2. Digitalisation & SMME's (e-commerce, app economy, ...)
3. Skills Development & Human Capital
4. Science, Technology, Innovation & Applications
5. ICT Infrastructure, Cyber Security, 5G

New Structure WG-4IR

- Complexity and broad variety of discussion topics
→ need for a Steering Committee on 4IR (SC WG-4IR) driving topic related Sub-Working Groups (SWG-4IR)
- The SC WG-4IR / SWG-4IR will elect a Chair and Vice Chair from amongst its membership once every two years
- The chairperson of each SWG-4IR will be de facto member of the SC WG-4IR
- The SC WG-4IR or SWG-4IR may invite guests or experts to its meetings to provide input and advice when required

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Way Forward to Role Out New Structure (1)

1. Finalisation of the Rules of Procedure

2. Start up Sub-Working Groups based on the primary roles:

- Invitations will be sent in the coming weeks
- Election of the Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson
- Defining goals of the Sub-Groups based on:
 - Define areas of advocacy to strengthen the business climate
 - Raise impediments to expanded trade and investment
 - Identifying appropriate and mutually beneficial solutions

Way Forward to Role New Structure (2)

3. Start up Steering Committee:

- Chairpersons of the various sub-working groups
- Representatives of other relevant stakeholders
- Define areas of synergy between the sub-working groups
- Define area of synergy / communication with other initiatives at the AHK
 - Education & Training Advisory Committee
 - Competence Centres (e.g. Mining & Raw Materials)
- Communication to the CEO & Senior Council AHK / EU & Bilateral Chambers

Thank You

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