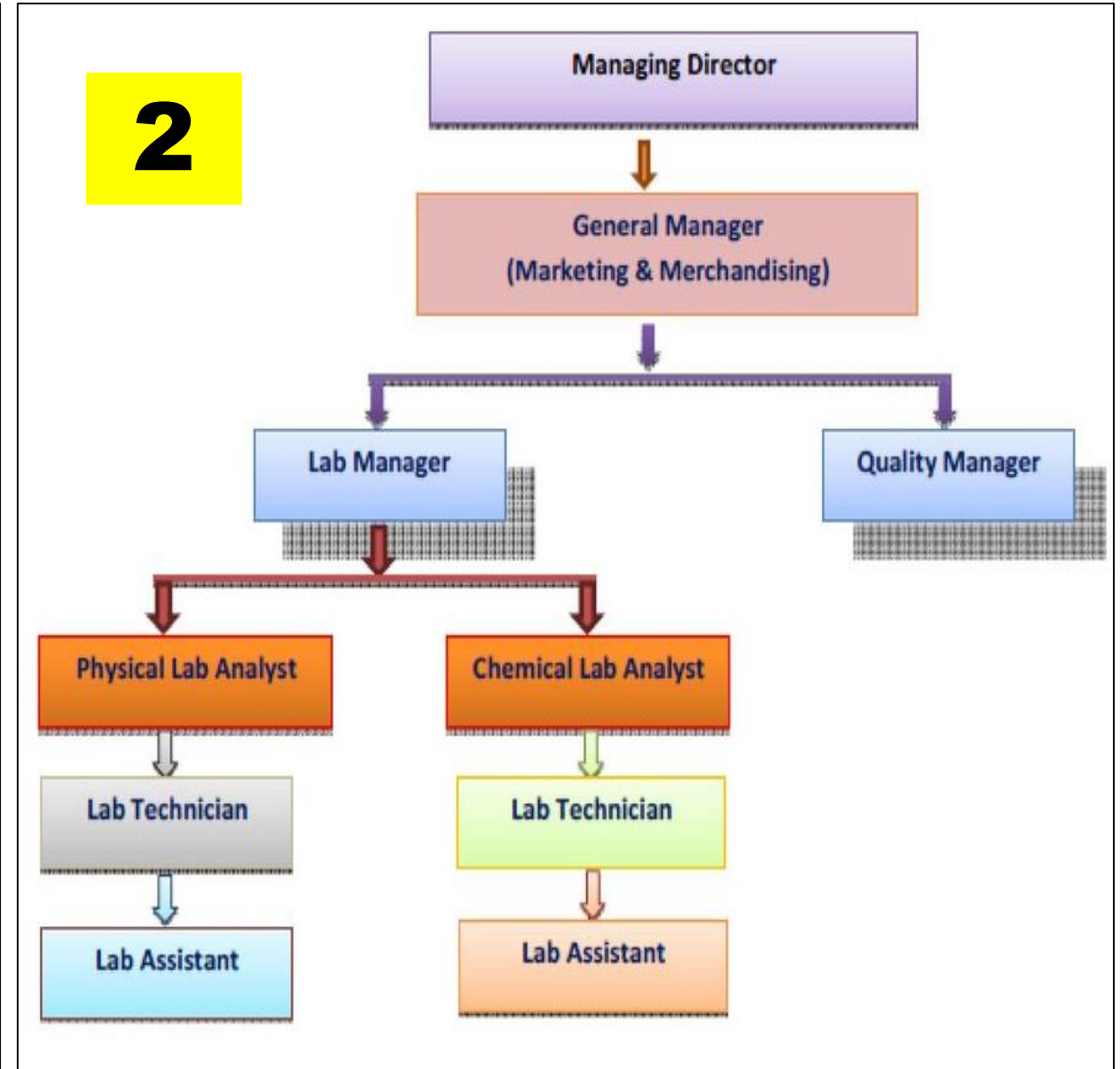
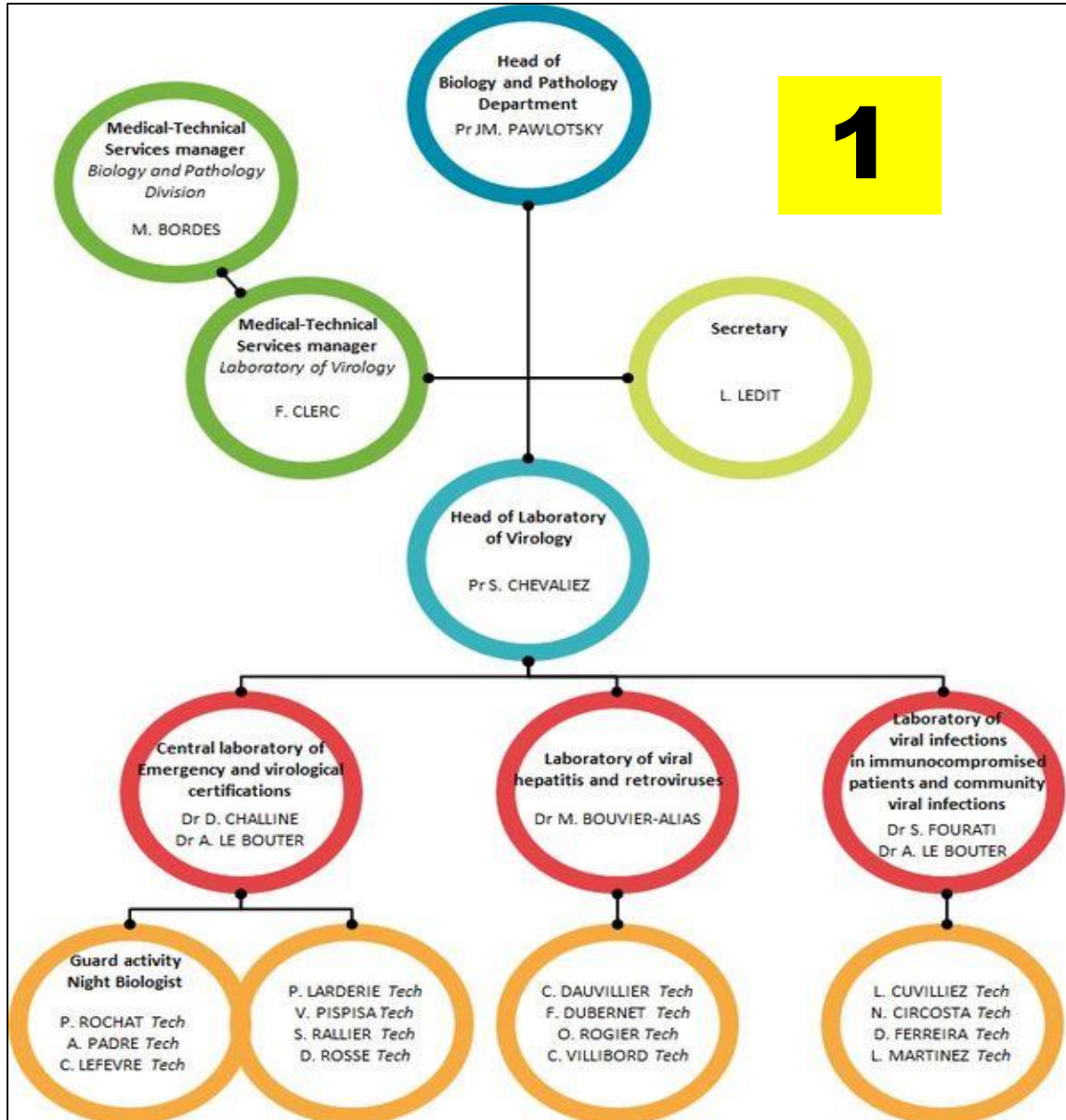


# Expert Panel #1

**EFFECTIVE AUDIT PRACTICES TO  
STRENGTHEN LABORATORY QMS  
TO ACCREDITATION**

# WHICH CHART MEETS ISO15189 REQUIREMENTS?



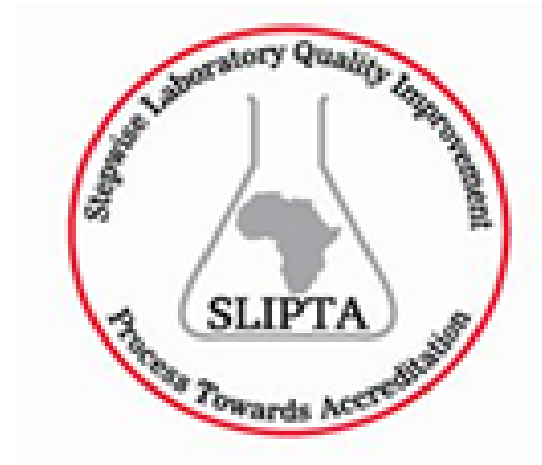
# ACCORDING TO ISO15189, HOW OFTEN MUST A LABORATORY HOLD STAFF MEETINGS?

**At least:**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually



- Efforts in introduction of LQMS in laboratories across the continent grown significantly over the past 10 years
- At forefront:



- Ultimate objective of all these efforts:

**QUALITY LABORATORY SERVICES THROUGH ACCREDITATION**

# HOW MANY LABORATORIES ACCREDITED TO DATE?

94



**SLMTA**



25



# CAN WE DO BETTER?



**YES!**

- One of the areas we can look at to improve are Audits

# GOOD AUDIT PROGRAMS ARE CRITICAL

Can be the make or break in this process, especially in SLMTA Labs

- New to LQMS & Accreditation
- Limited Resources
- Limited technical support and guidance

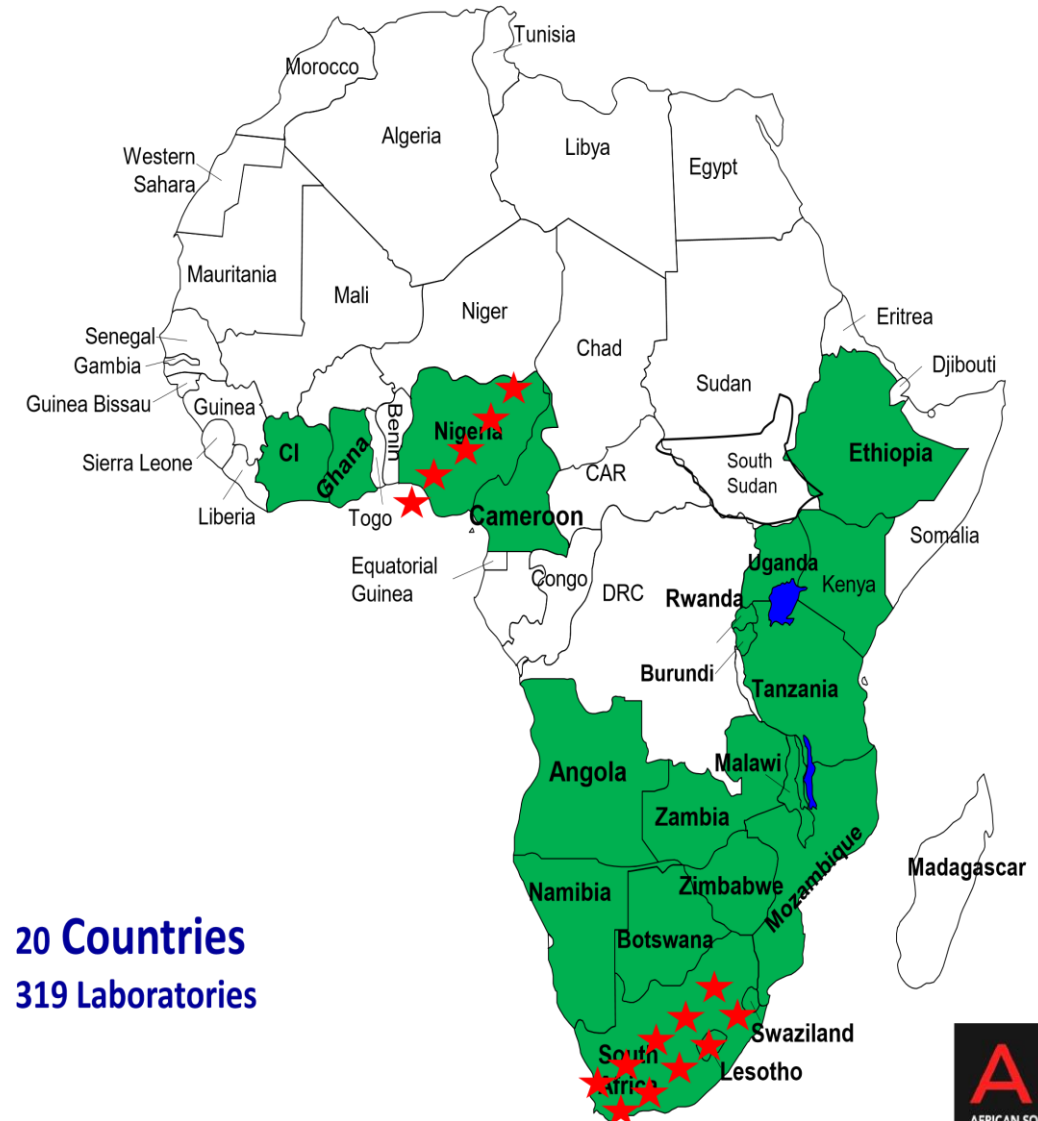
Fulfill two main purposes in this process:

- Supporting development and implementation of system
- Checking system works and meets ISO requirements



# SLIPTA Audits

- Most wide spread external audit for SLMTA Labs.
- ASLM data: May 2013 – Jan 2018, **319** laboratories in the region have undergone SLIPTA audits



Data & Image: ASLM



# HOW DO WE ENSURE AUDITS ARE AND REMAIN EFFECTIVE AT ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES?



- Expand on vital role Audits have in accreditation preparedness with focus on SLIPTA
- Gain insight from accreditation body on how to strengthen and use Audits.
- Discuss deficiencies and challenges **(Laboratory & Auditor perspective)**

# HOW DO WE ENSURE AUDITS ARE AND REMAIN EFFECTIVE AT ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES?



- Learn about what is already ongoing to address some deficiencies and challenges
- Learn from past to develop future programs
- Calls to action

# PANEL



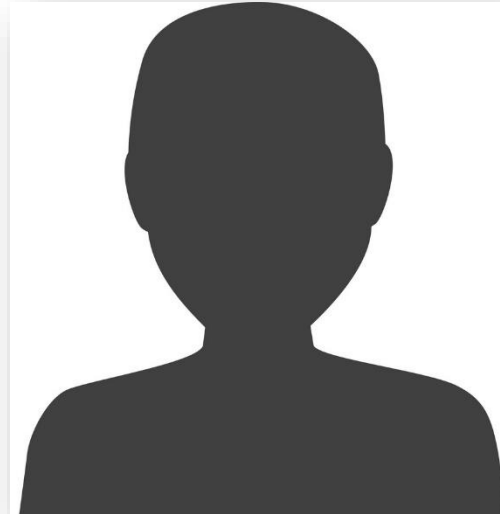
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Thank  
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