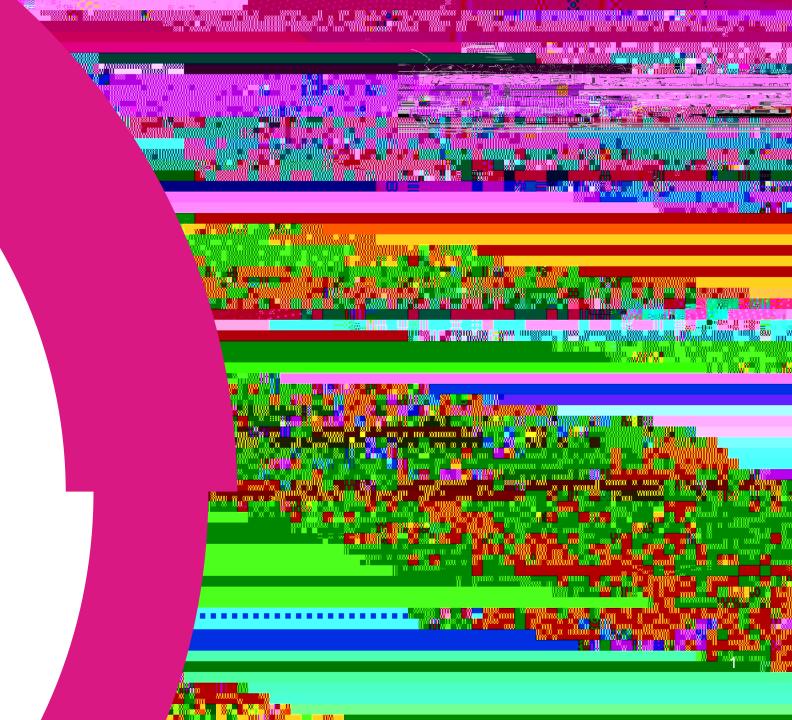
RSC Member Networks Conference 2023

# International Local Sections Meeting

17 October 2023

**Professor Patricia Forbes** 

Chair, International Local Section Representative, Member Networks Committee



Impact of Open Access on authors from low- and middle-income countries

**Laura Fisher** 

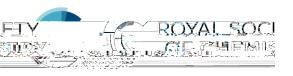


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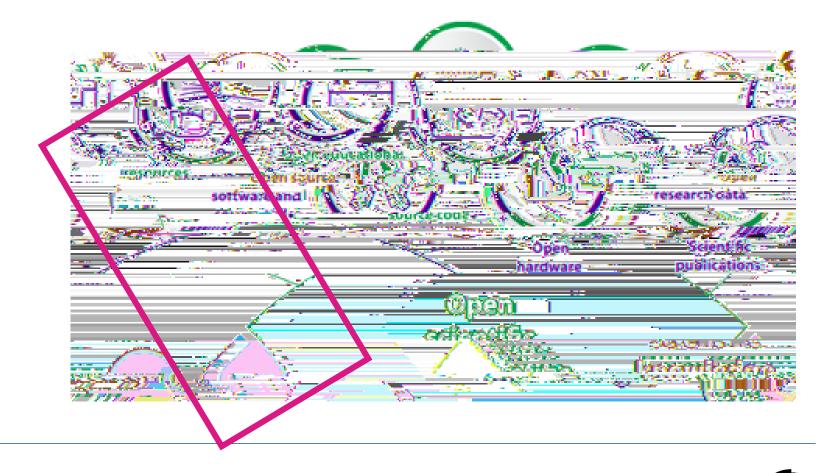
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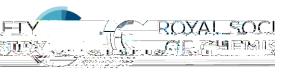
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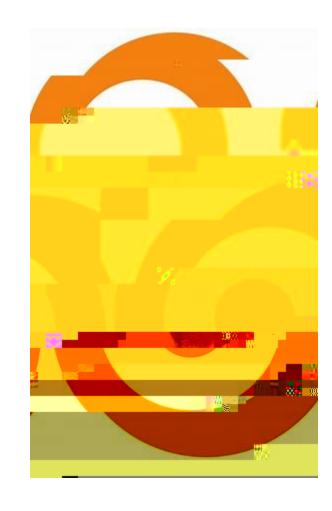
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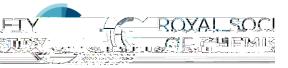


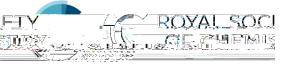
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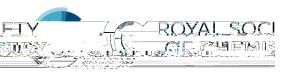


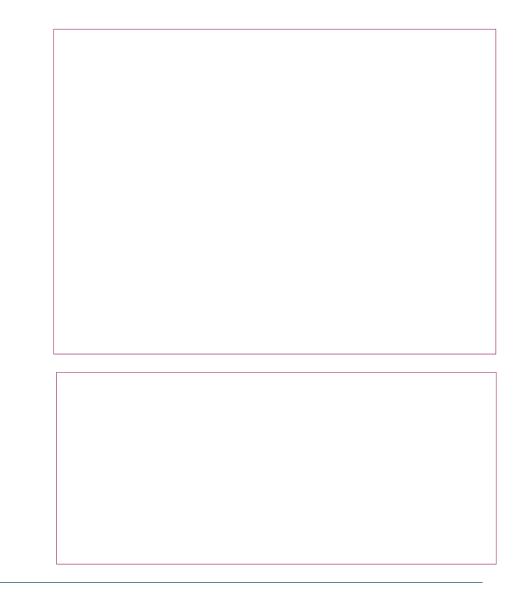




## publishing landscape is moving further and further towards a fully Open Access environment









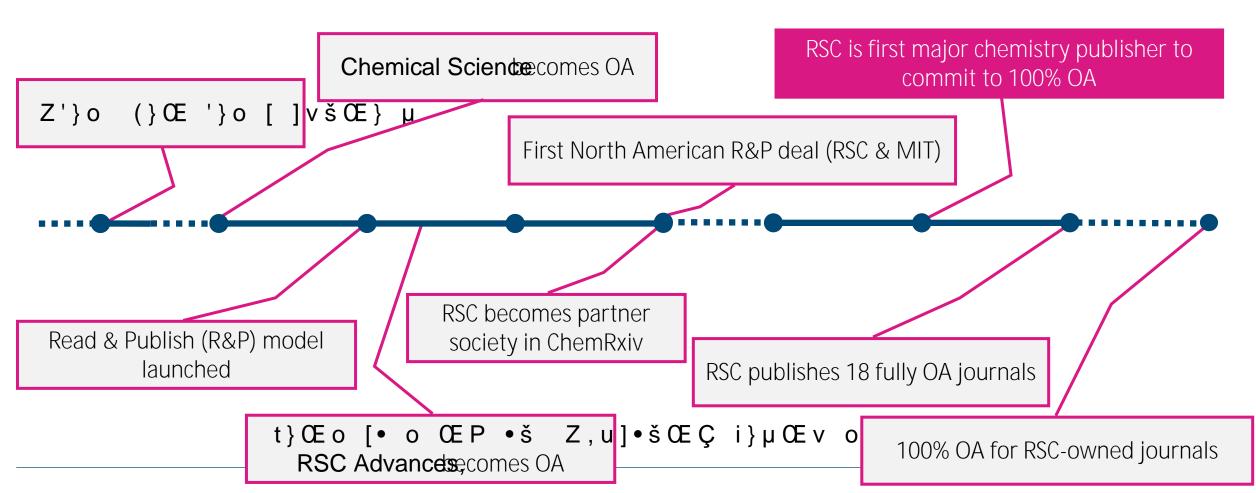


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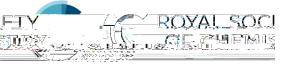
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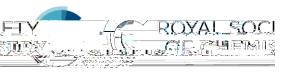
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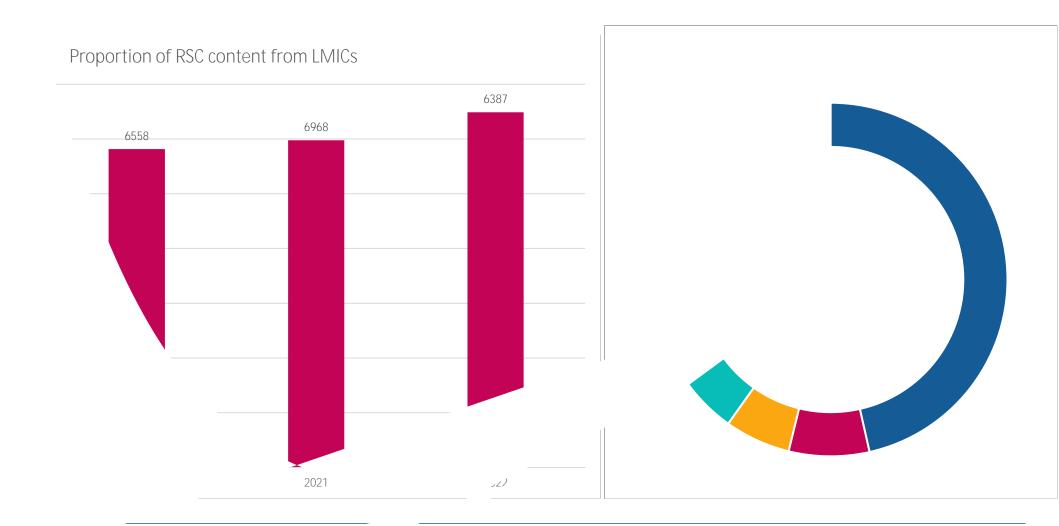






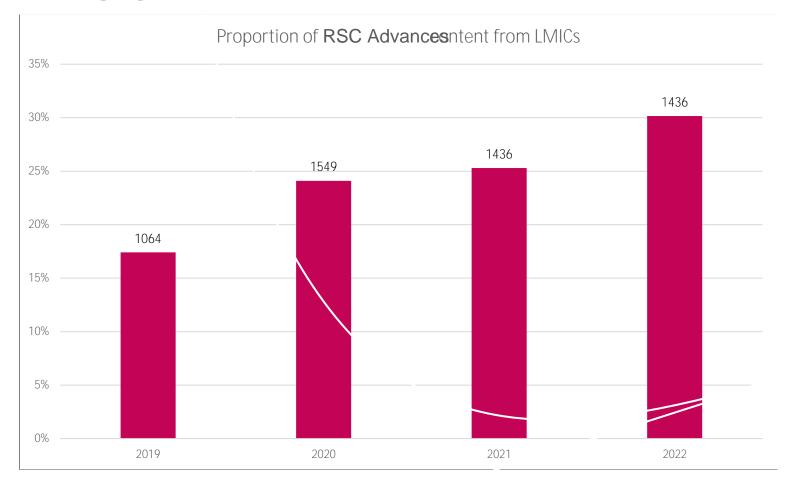


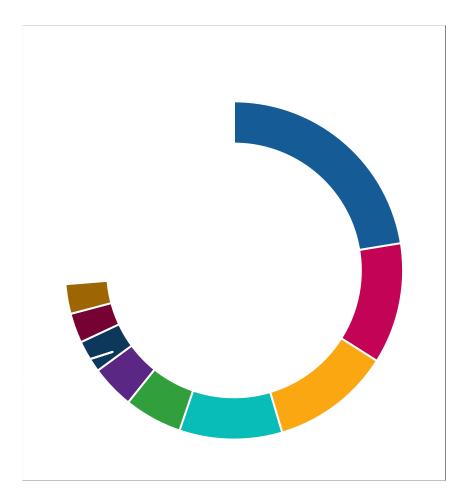






## RSC Advances







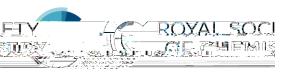
#### Research4Life

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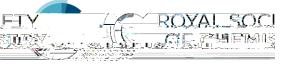
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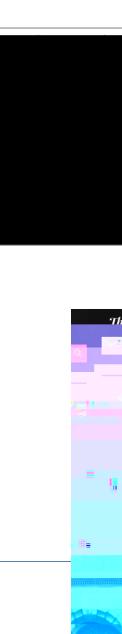


## The RSC has committed to achieving 100% Open Access by 2028.

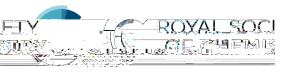
#### press release went out on 31

#### October 2022

The announcement was shared in several industry news outlets Chemistry World, The Chemical Engineer, Chemical & Engineering News, Research Professional News, Knowledge Speak, Library Learning Space







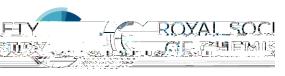
#### Ensuring that everyone, everywhere can still publish with us

all authors have the same potential to access and publish

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Partnering with institutions to develop new Open Access models transform our current subscriptions to new OA models

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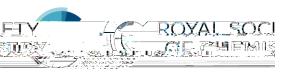
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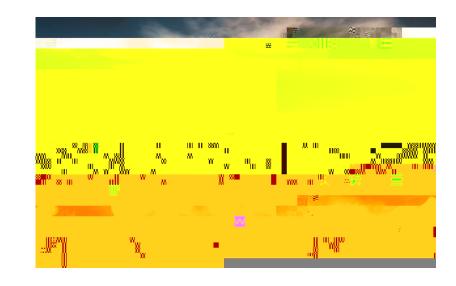
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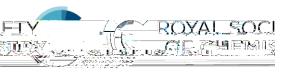




openly inviting key stakeholders across the globe to partner with us towards achieving this goal.



What can do?









## The International Engagement team





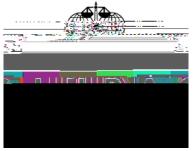














### The RSC International Ambition

- ‡ Internationally, RSC is the ambassador for UK chemical science community
- ‡ Strengthen the reputation of UK science and its role as part of a global role
- ‡ Set and maintain professional standards for RSC members within the global chemical science community
- ‡ Convene the global science community through a programme of conferences and events







## Pan Africa Chemistry Network ±who we are

‡Established in 2008, owned by the RSC, PACN has invested over £2m in Africa

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### Pan Africa Chemistry Network ±what we do

- ‡Enables access to all RSC journal articles free of charge through Research4Life
- ‡Allows authors from most African countries to publish open access with no charges
- ‡Supports African scientists to attend international conferences and sponsor conferences in Africa
- ‡Fund equipment and maintenance costs for analytical facilities within Africa
- ‡Connecting individuals and programs to stakeholders across Africa





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### Chemical Sciences and Society Summit (CS3)





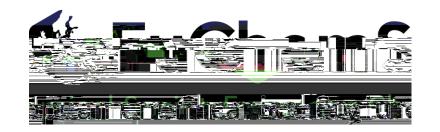




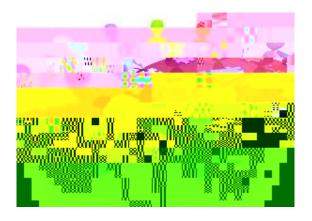
Theme: & KHPLVWU\IRU 6XVWDLQDEOH)RRG & KDOOHQ September 2023, hosted by CSJ

- Chemistry for Sustainable Food Engineering
- Chemistry for Revolutional Food Production
- Circular and Sustainable Chemistry for Food Sustainability

















### Vision One community, one voice, catalysing equality for all

Guiding principles
Equal and inclusive representation from all
Commonwealth nations with the recognition
that those with greater resources will
contribute more in order to support those
with fewer resources.

#### Mission

To inspire, celebrate and elevate the role and practice of the chemical sciences for the benefit of Commonwealth nations and their people.

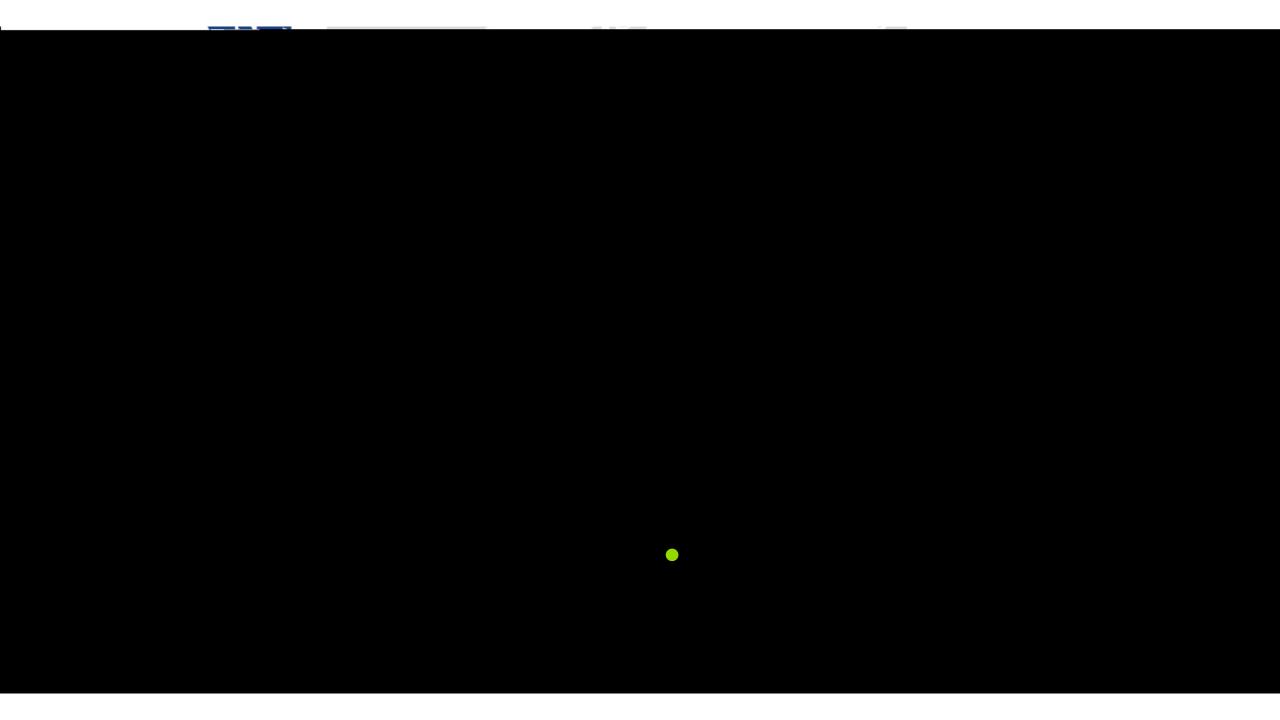
- ‡ RSC provides the Secretariat function
- ‡ Commonwealth Chemistry Day
- **‡ Commonwealth Chemistry Congress**

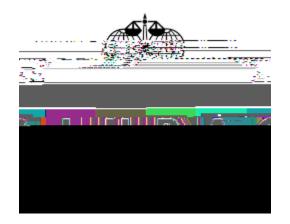
https://commonwealthchemistry.org/event/ccc 2023/

- **‡** Commonwealth Chemistry Posters Event
- ‡ Early Career Network

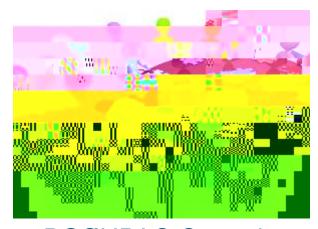












**RSQUPAC Committee** 

IUPAC Young Observers Programme





### Key dates

- ‡ 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023: One-day symposium with Korean Chemical Society, Korea
- ‡ 13-17 November 2023: LC-MS: A Hands-on Approach, Kenya
- ‡21st 1RYHPEHU && (DUO\ &DUHHU 1HWZRUN 33DWK (virtual)
- ‡ February 2024 EYCN Delegates Assembly at Burlington House
- ‡ May 2024 Commonwealth Chemistry AGM (virtual)
- ‡ 7-11 July 2024 9<sup>th</sup> EuChemS Chemistry Conference, Dublin
- ‡ 30<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 PACN Congress, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- ‡ 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> -

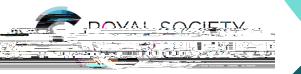








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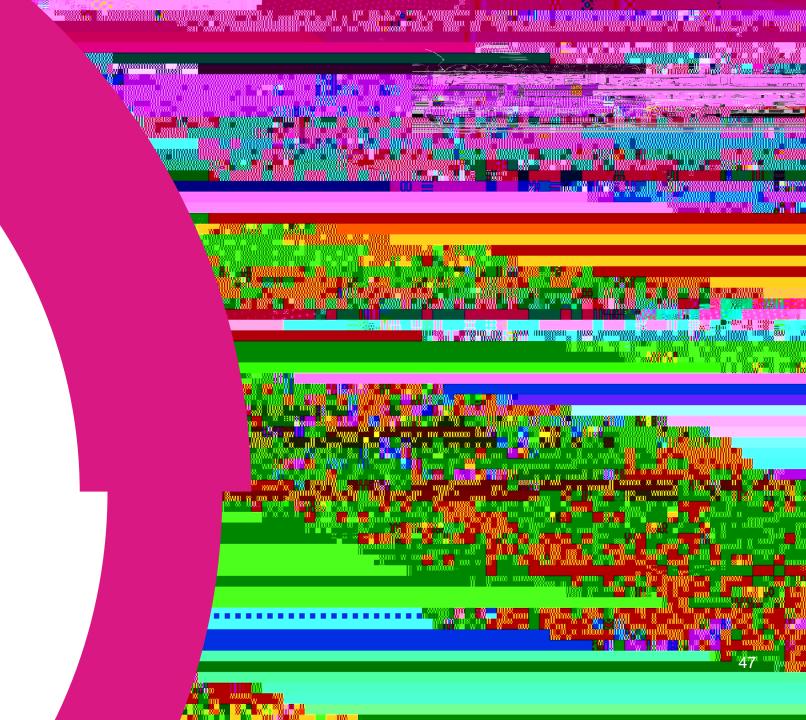


# Financial reports and annual grants

17 October 2023

Debbie Dekker

Member Networks Specialist



### Changes to financial reports and grants

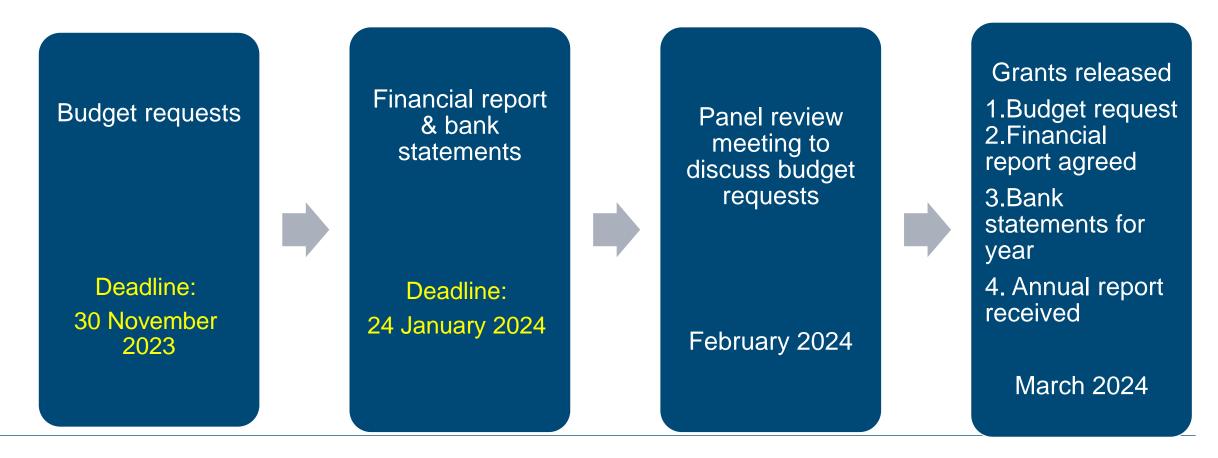
- ‡ Budget requests now reviewed by a panel from Member Networks Committee (MNC)
- ‡ Budget request submitted earlier & more information required
- ‡ Stricter deadlines for budget requests and financial reports
- ‡ Trial cash book format
- ‡ Volunteer hub pilot for Treasurers



### Budget r50.28tEsts

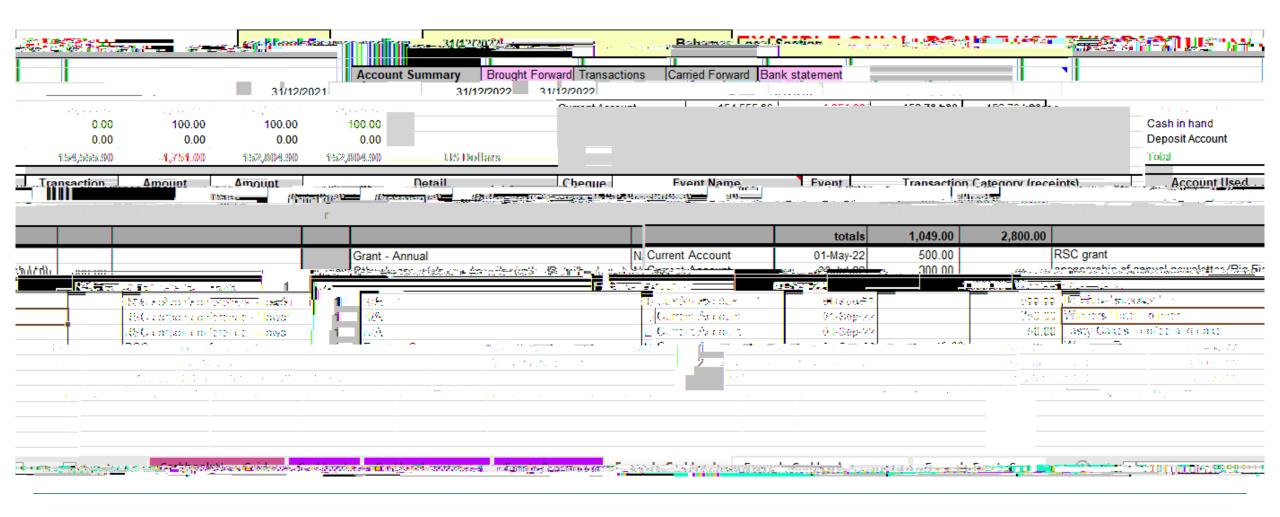


### Financial reports timeline





### Cash book trial - 2024





### Volunteer hub ±Pilot for Treasurers

