



**INTERNATIONAL
COTTON
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

WTO COTTON DAYS

11TH May 2022

Director-General's Consultative Framework Mechanism on Cotton
(DGCFMC) development assistance aspects

ICAC's presentation on
PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSAC)



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MANDATE OF THE PSAC

The mandate of the Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC) shall be to foster communication and industry concerns between the private sector and the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) Member governments by consulting with the ICAC Standing Committee and engaging with governments at the ICAC Plenary and other meetings.

Once fully functional the Private Sector Advisory Council will be the only cotton-specific organisation in the world that will draw representation from every sector of the cotton value chain on the same platform.



PARTICIPATION

CURRENT PARTICIPATION AT THE PSAP



Individuals based

Total Members: 33
individuals

Representation from:
Traders, producers,
Merchant, Spinner/Textile



PARTICIPATION AT THE PSAC



Organisations Based

Total Members: more than 100
organisations

Representation from: Merchants,
Traders, Producers, Ginners,
Spinners, Weavers, Machinery
Manufacturers, Brands and
Retailors and other cotton
activities

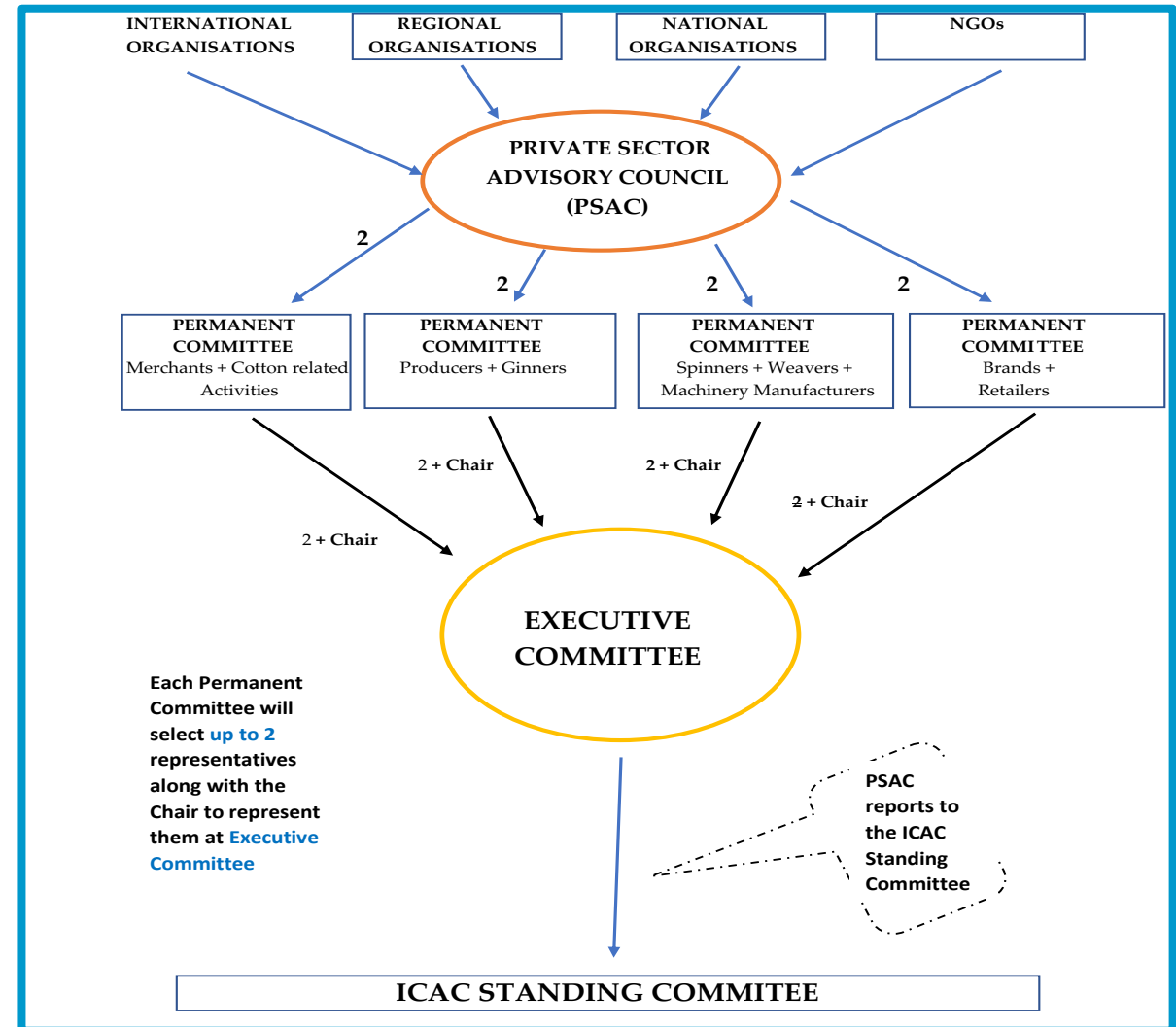


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PSAC STRUCTURE

This shows in brief the structure of the PSAC as envisioned.

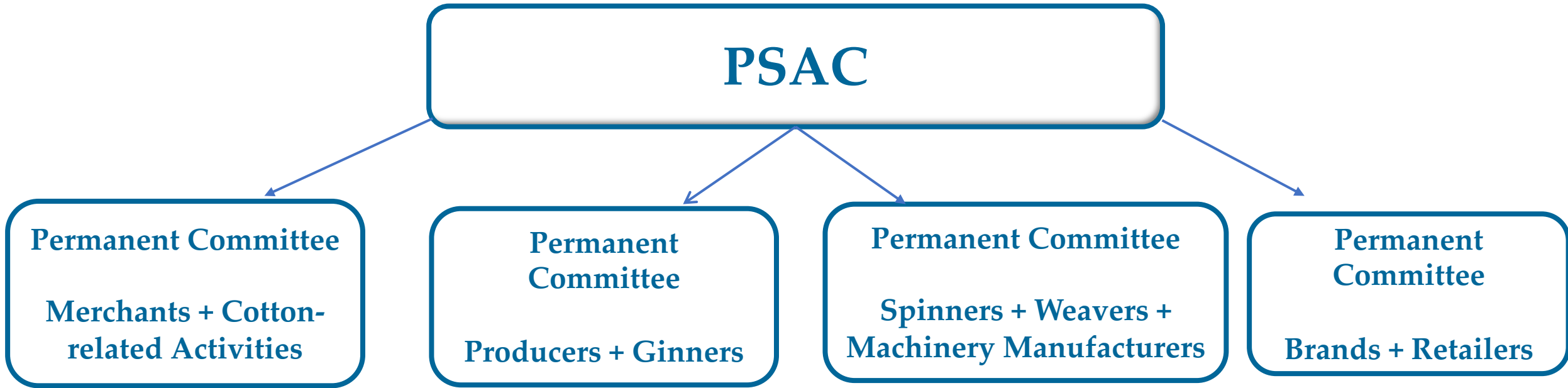
- Membership of the PSAC
- Participation at the PSAC's Permanent Committees (PCs)
- Composition of the PSAC's Executive Committee
- Relationship between the PSAC and the ICAC



MEMBERSHIP OF THE PSAC



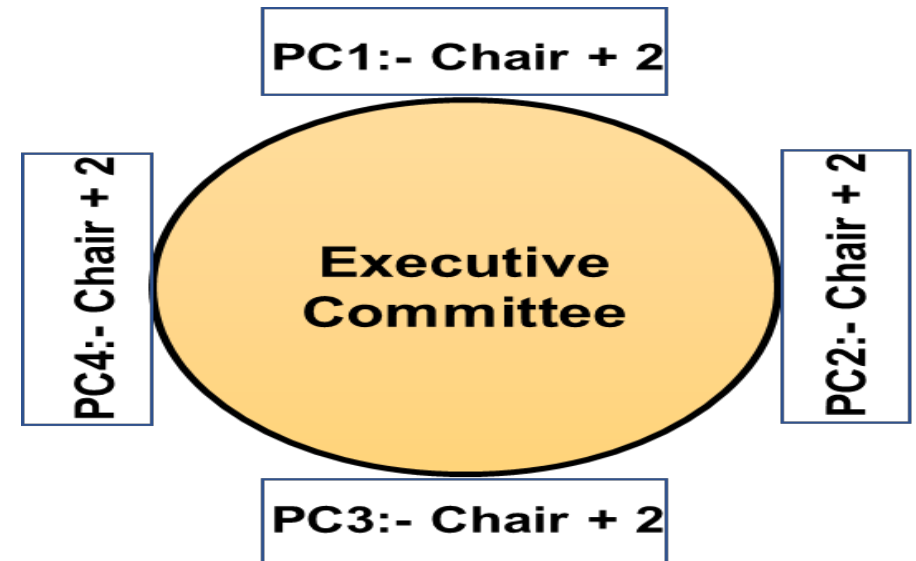
PARTICIPATION AT THE PSAC's PERMANENT COMMITTEE



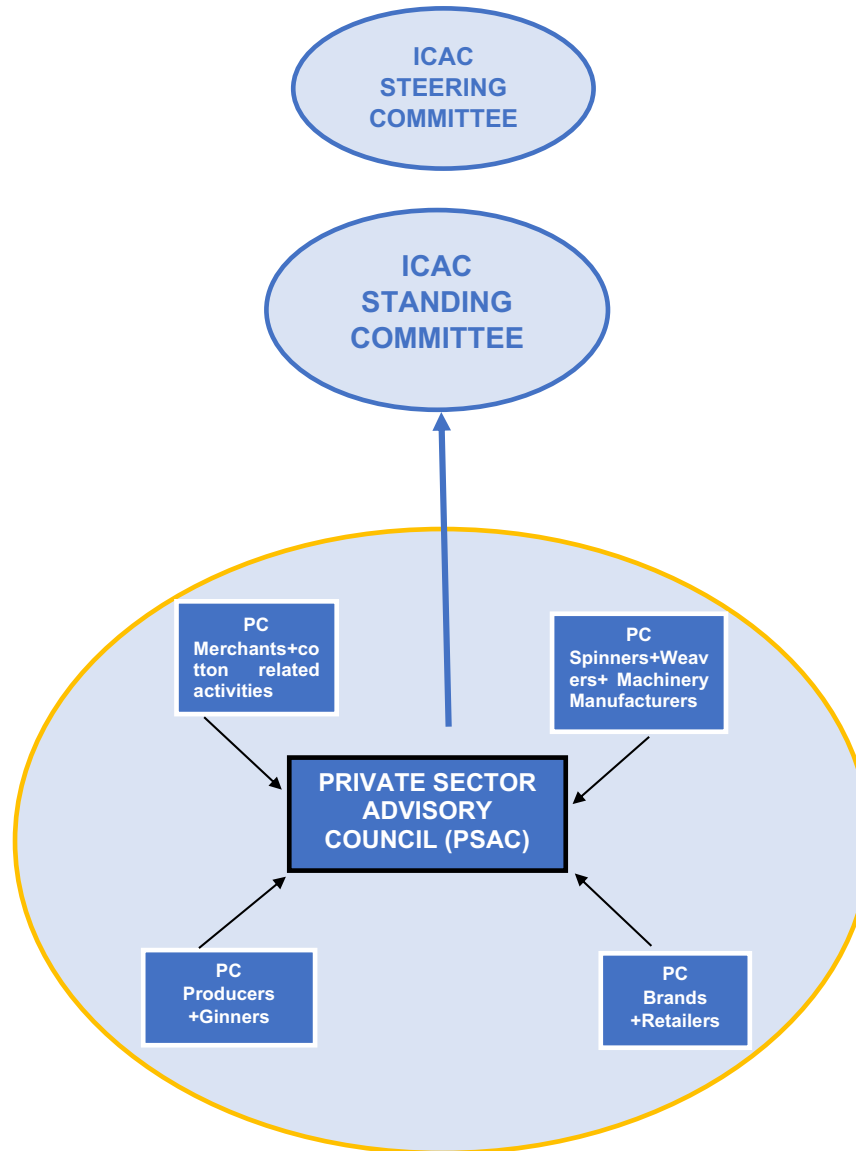
FORMATION OF THE PSAC's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Each Permanent Committee will also select (by consensus) two other Members, in addition to the Chair, to represent their Permanent Committee on the Executive Committee.

The PSAC's Executive Committee therefore will have 12 members (Chair + 2 other representatives from each Permanent Committee) + the ICAC Executive Director and other staff members.



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PSAC AND THE ICAC



PSAC will hold the same relation that the PSAP currently holds with the ICAC Standing Committee: The PSAC, through its chair, will report all major changes and decisions made at the PSAC to the ICAC Standing Committee and Steering Committee during the ICAC Standing Committee and/or Steering Committee meetings.



PSAC TIMELINE

- **March 2022**
First meeting of Merchant's Permanent Committees
- **June 2022**
First meeting of the other Permanent Committees
- **June– August 2022**
Inviting Observers to join PSAC
 - UN and other International Organisation
 - NGO's
 - Organisations from non-ICAC member governments



FAQs

- Are private firms allowed to be PSAC members?
 - No, private firms can not apply to become PSAC members.
- Can national organisations from non-ICAC member nations become PSAC members?
 - National organisations belonging to non-ICAC Member governments may only apply to become observers.
- Suspension from the PSAC
 - Should an ICAC Member government become suspended due to non-payment of assessment fees, any associated national association which is a Member of the PSAC or of its Permanent Committees, will be given the observer status for a period of one year before it is suspended.
- Is there a membership fee?
 - The Executive Committee may decide to set an annual membership fee that should be reviewed annually. In addition, they may also choose to levy an Assessment to fund specific projects or initiatives.



THANK YOU

In case you have a suggested organisation for PSAC then please email at Parkhi@icac.org



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