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# Sub-Saharan Africa Transport Programme (SSATP) Annual General Meeting 2009

## Governance in Transport: A Quest for Interdisciplinarity

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## Background: gTKP

A partnership of global organisations, policymakers, technical experts and universities working to generate and disseminate transport knowledge

gTKP currently operates under eight themes:

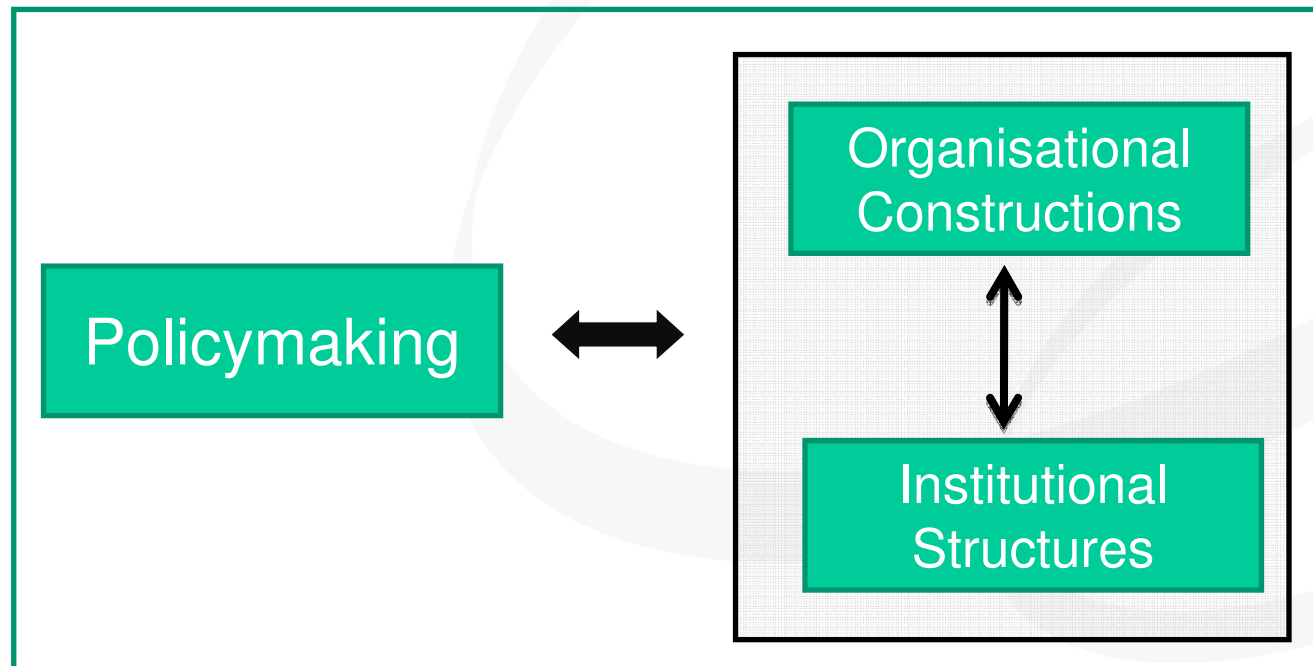
1. **Governance**
2. Environment and Climate Change
3. Finance and Economics
4. Road Safety
5. Rural Transport
6. Social Development
7. Trade & Transport
8. Urban Mobility

# Guiding Framework: Governance Defined

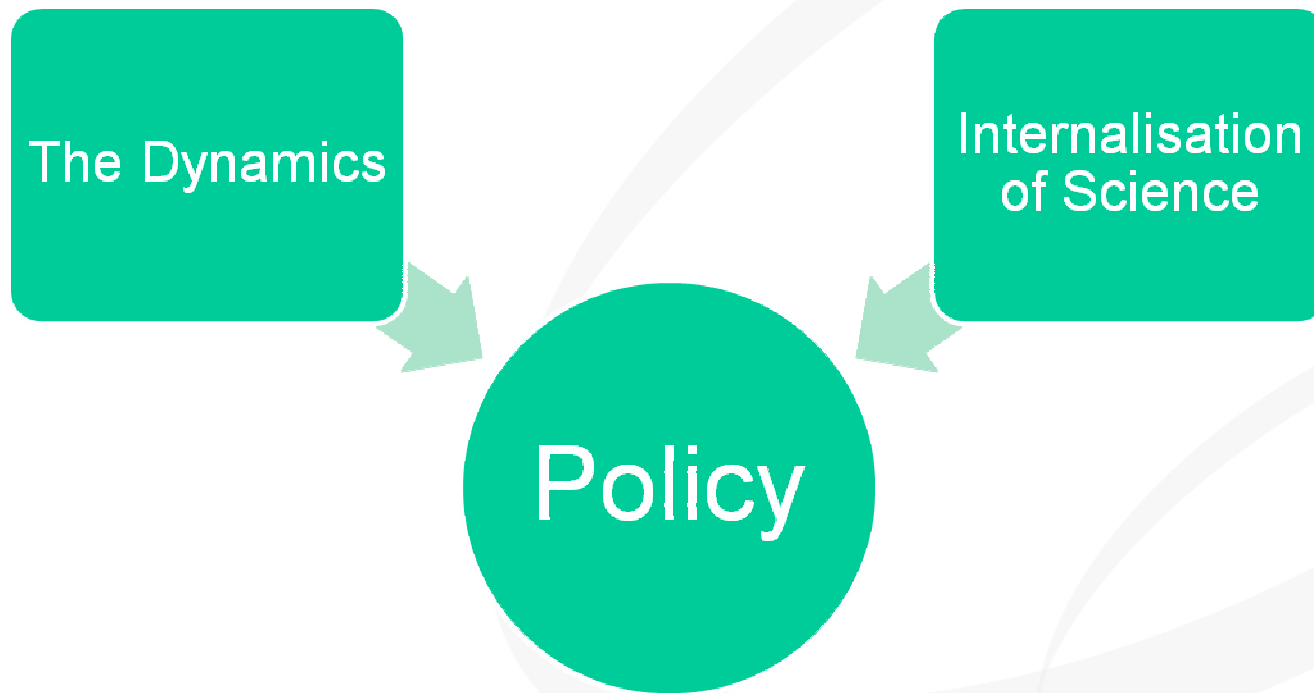
....[a] means for achieving direction, control, and coordination of wholly or partially autonomous individuals or organizations on behalf of interests to which they jointly contribute.

(Lynn et al., 2000: Journal of Public Administration, 10(2), pp.3-4)

## Theme Platforms



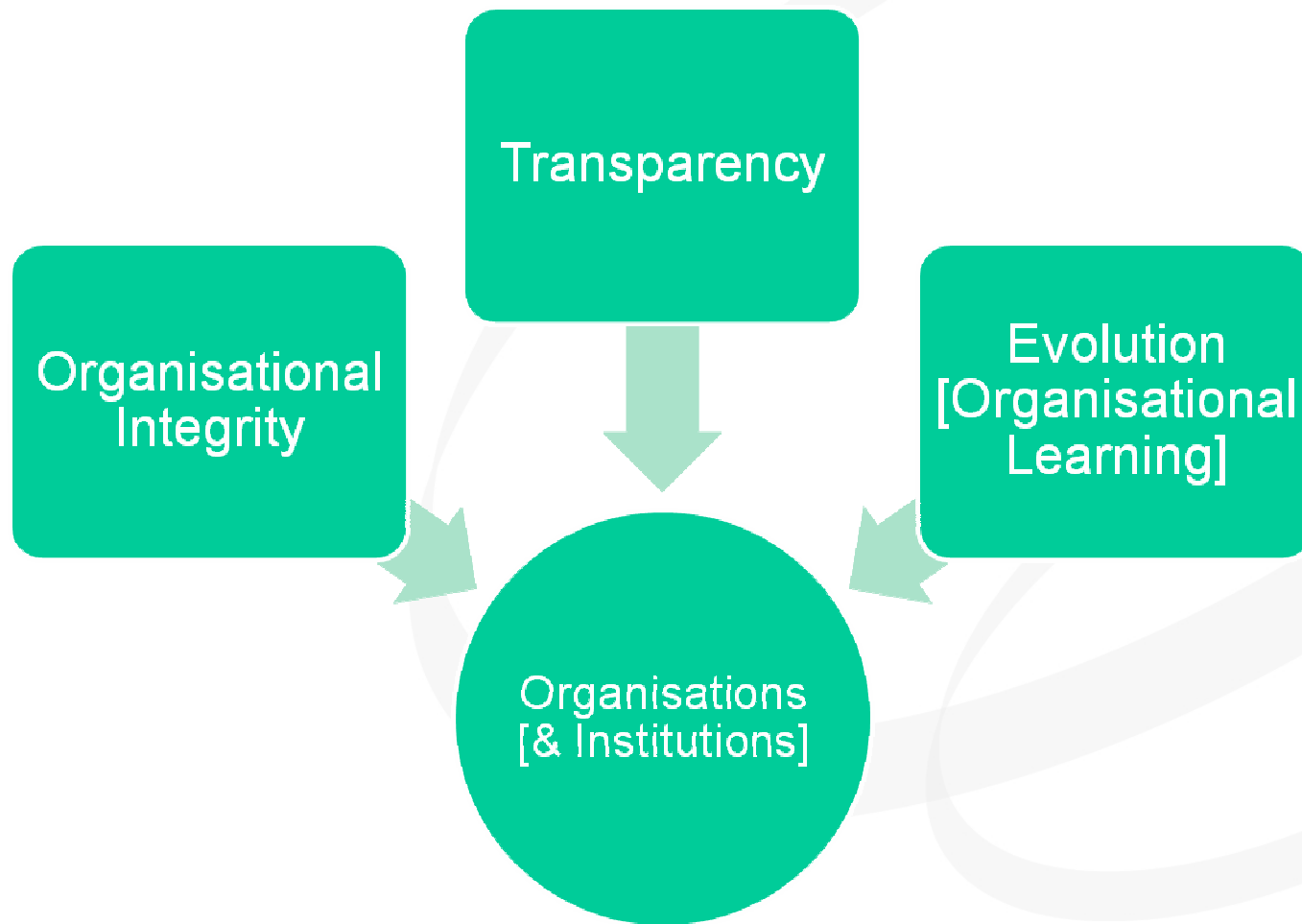
## Governance Dissected – Policy Issues



## Governance Dissected – Policy Questions

- Who are the key drivers of policy?
- On what platforms do these actors perform [parliament, local councils etc]?
- How is science generated and assimilated into policy [science broadly defined to include issues like transport-growth-equity effects, environmental concerns, private finance etc]?
- What is the life span of these interactions [present typical time-frames]?
- How can the process and content of policy be improved?

# Governance Dissected: Organisations & Institutions

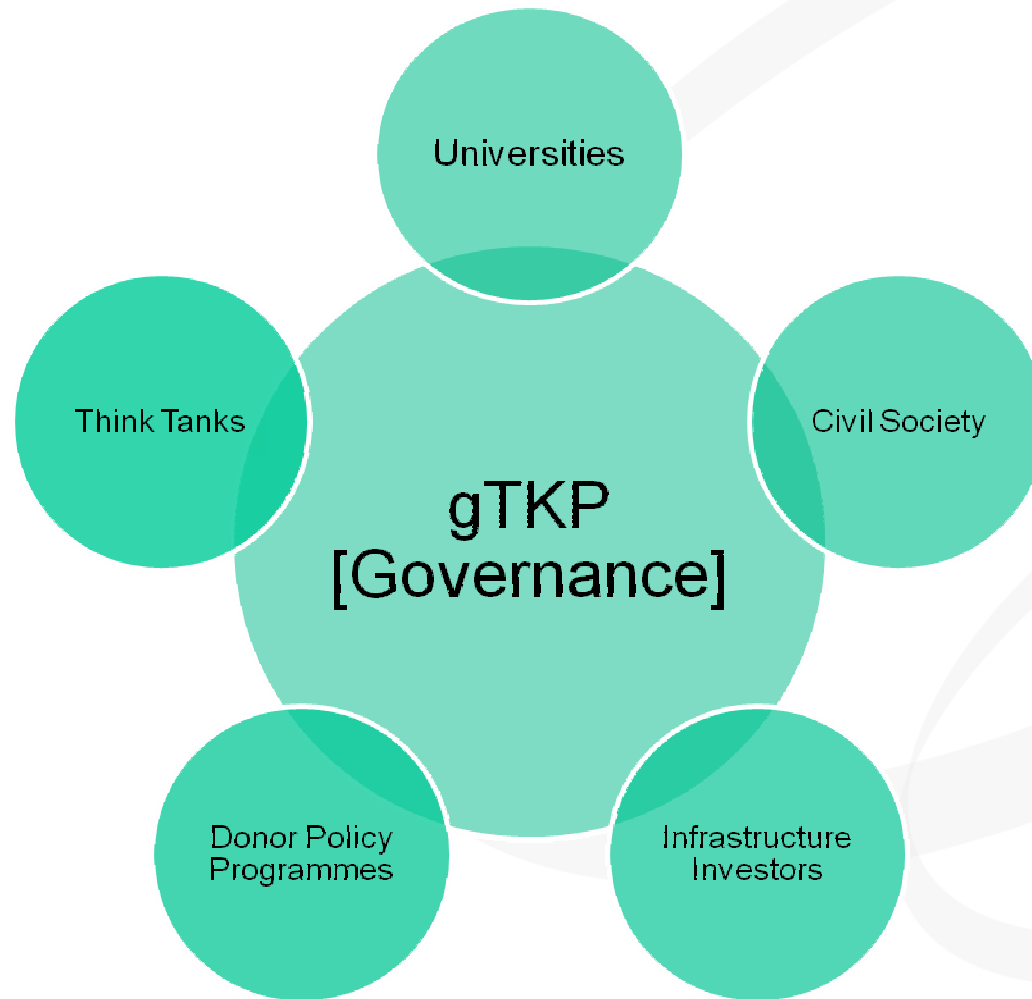


# Governance Dissected: Organisations & Institutions

## Guiding Questions

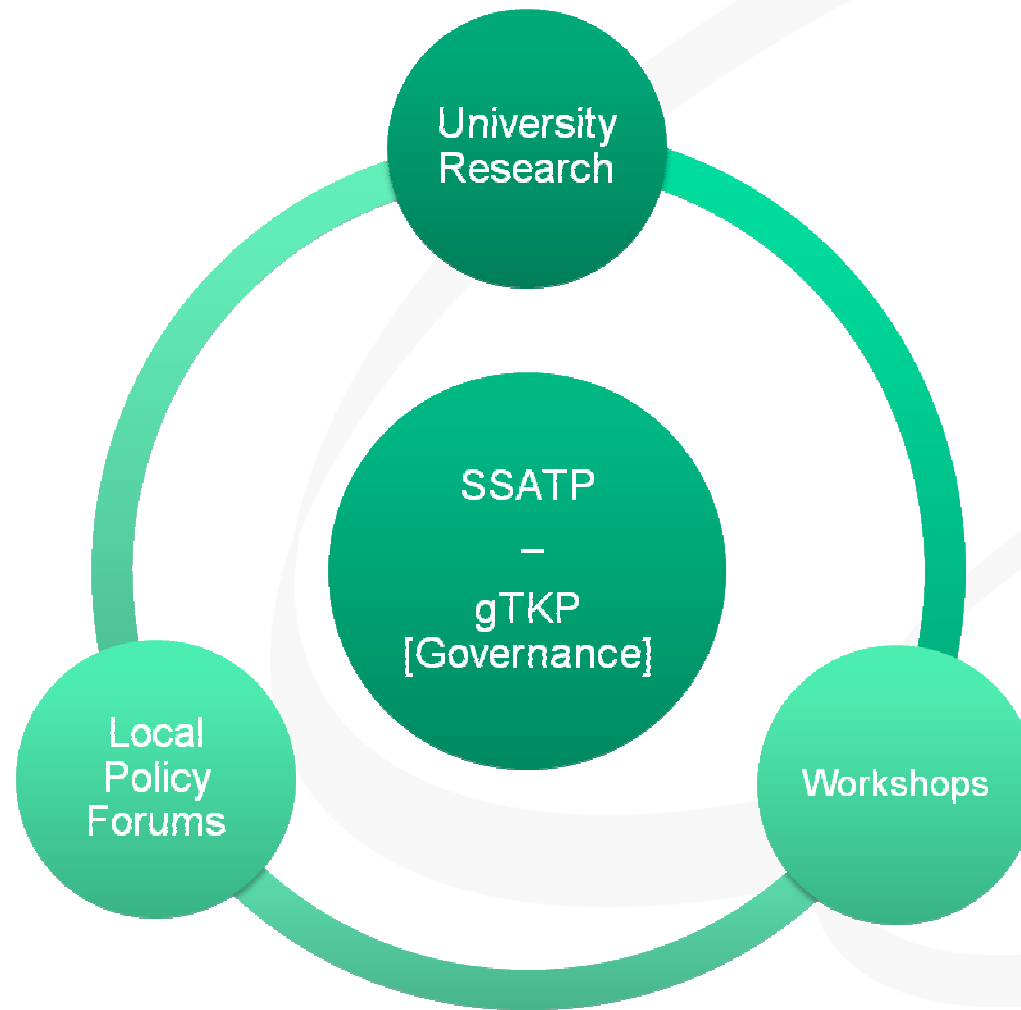
- What are the key organisational constructs of the transport sector in the jurisdiction of focus?
- How are these organisational constructs influenced by the local institution?
- How can organisations be designed to take advantage of the local institution?

# Our Relations





## SSATP: Possible Facets of Collaboration



## Conclusion

- Our concerns: generation and dissemination of transport knowledge
- Governance Theme addresses policymaking and institutional structures
- Possible facets of collaboration with SSATP:
  - facilitation of **interdisciplinary research** in universities
  - nurturing local transport policy forums
  - joint dissemination platforms [workshops & conferences].

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**Thank You.**

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