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• Concept review
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Things BSA Does Poorly

- Strategic scientific planning
- Priority setting
- Interface with BSC and NCAB
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How Can We Do Better?

• Greater input into agenda-setting
• For new activities…need a better understanding of context and priority
• For ongoing activities…need regular progress reports and assessment of strategy and goals
• To be effective we need to be engaged