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## Assessing institutional frameworks for ensuring research integrity in Southern Africa; Lessons from selected Zimbabwean Universities

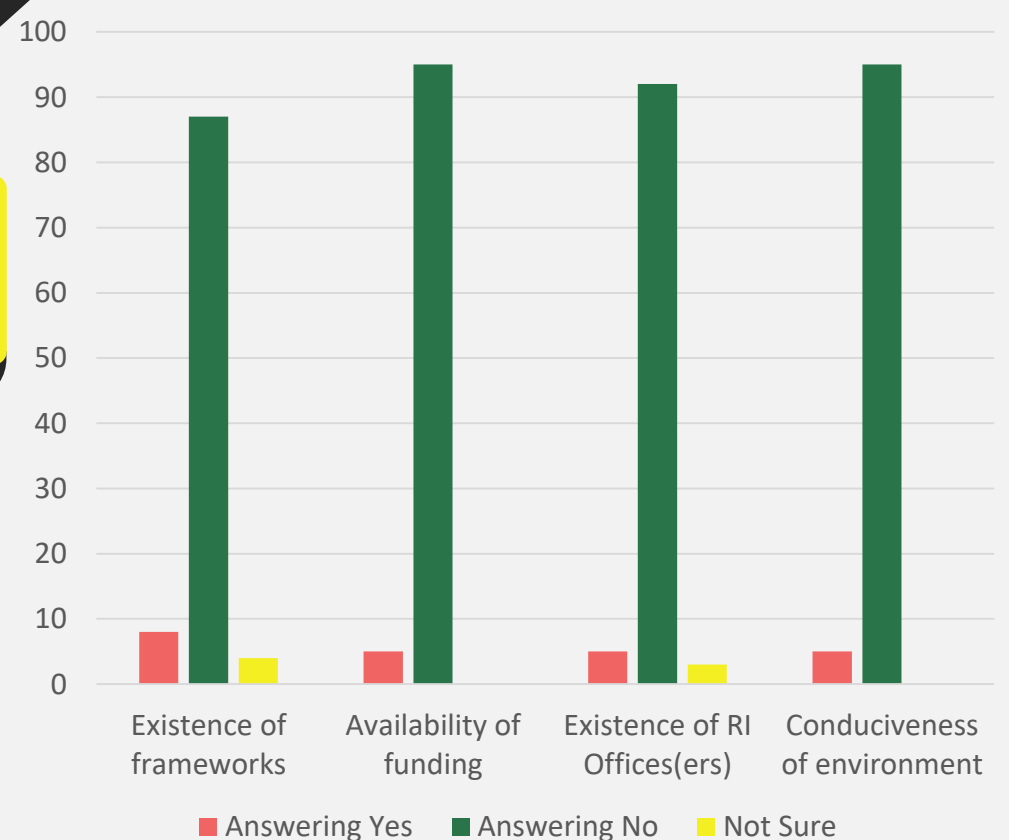
- Discussions at the 7th World Conference on Integrity in Research, which revealed that context and environment have a major impact on research integrity, formed the basis for this study.
- Research sought to determine whether or not institutional frameworks supporting research create a research environment that either supports or detracts from research integrity.

### Methodology

- ✓ Questionnaire Survey asking key questions surrounding:
  - Existence of specific frameworks on RI
  - Availability of funding
  - Existence of specific offices(ers) for RI

- 3 Universities selected
- 62 Responses
- Questionnaire shared via email targeting university officials responsible for university-wide research

## Results



## Conclusions

- ❖ Research environment in Southern African Universities does not support RI
- ❖ Weak institutional frameworks and lack of adequate funding creates an environment that detracts RI
- ❖ There is need for capacity building and collaborations with institutions from the global north