



**Biodiversity**  
is **OUR**  
**Business**



## Using the Practice Standards - Starting a CTF



# MEPA TRUST ESTABLISHMENT

- ❖ Established on 22 May, 2015
- ❖ Majority NGO Board
- ❖ Support marine and terrestrial conservation activities through grant making and projects and programme implementation.



# Our Board



Board members - 6 NGOs, 2 Private Sector Entities, 2 Government Entities

## Mission

Work with multi-sectoral partners to catalyze and support the protection, recovery, and effective management of Antigua and Barbuda's protected areas to build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

## Vision

Antigua and Barbuda's marine and terrestrial ecosystems are vibrant and healthy, natural and human communities are adaptive and resilient to change, and ecosystems are sustained for future generations.

 **Transparency & Integrity**

 **Cooperation & Inclusivity**

 **Conservation & Sustainability**

 **Accountability**

 **Capacity Building**

 **Empowerment and Equity**

 **Dedication and Volunteerism**

# Practice Standards Core Areas

The Practice Standards for Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) were originally prepared in 2014 by Kathy Mikitin and Barry Spergel for the Conservation Finance Alliance. The standards have been enormously influential in helping CTFs document and improve their operations and for donors to have a greater understanding of, and impact on, CTF capacity at different points in their institutional maturation.

**1. Governance**

**2. Institutional  
Effectiveness**

**3.  
Programs**

# Practice Standards Core Areas

The Practice Standards for Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) were originally prepared in 2014 by Kathy Mikitin and Barry Spergel for the Conservation Finance Alliance. The standards have been enormously influential in helping CTFs document and improve their operations and for donors to have a greater understanding of, and impact on, CTF capacity at different points in their institutional maturation.

---

**4.  
Administration**

**5. Asset  
Management**

**6. Resource  
Mobilization**

# Practice Standards Core Areas

The Practice Standards for Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) were originally prepared in 2014 by Kathy Mikitin and Barry Spergel for the Conservation Finance Alliance. The standards have been enormously influential in helping CTFs document and improve their operations and for donors to have a greater understanding of, and impact on, CTF capacity at different points in their institutional maturation.

## 7. Risk Management and Safeguards

- ✓ Governing documents clearly defining the composition, powers and responsibilities of the MEPA Trust Board and Secretariat
- ✓ Board members are appointed based on their competencies and commitment to contribute meaningfully to the MEPA Trust's overall mission and vision.
- ✓ Specialized Committees are established to provide additional guidance to specific areas of programmes and initiatives
- ✓ The MEPA Trust has at least three meetings per year and has accurate records of the meetings
- ✓ The MEPA Trust recruited/recruiting staff to conduct its operations
- ✓ MEPA Trust maintains a compliance list to monitor and ensure full compliance with laws nationally and internationally

- ✓ Work plans, financial plans, strategic plans are in place/to be put in place to support the direction of the MEPA Trust
- ✓ Partnerships and Synergies are built with the government, private sector, non-government, community groups, international organizations and more
- ✓ MEPA Trust has internal reporting (narrative and financial) mechanisms in place
- ✓ MEPA Trust report to different audiences for different purposes
- ✓ MEPA Trust maintain a public presence on the internet through a website and social media
- ✓ MEPA Trust clearly convey our values, mission, program goals and impact

## Governance

## Institutional Effectiveness



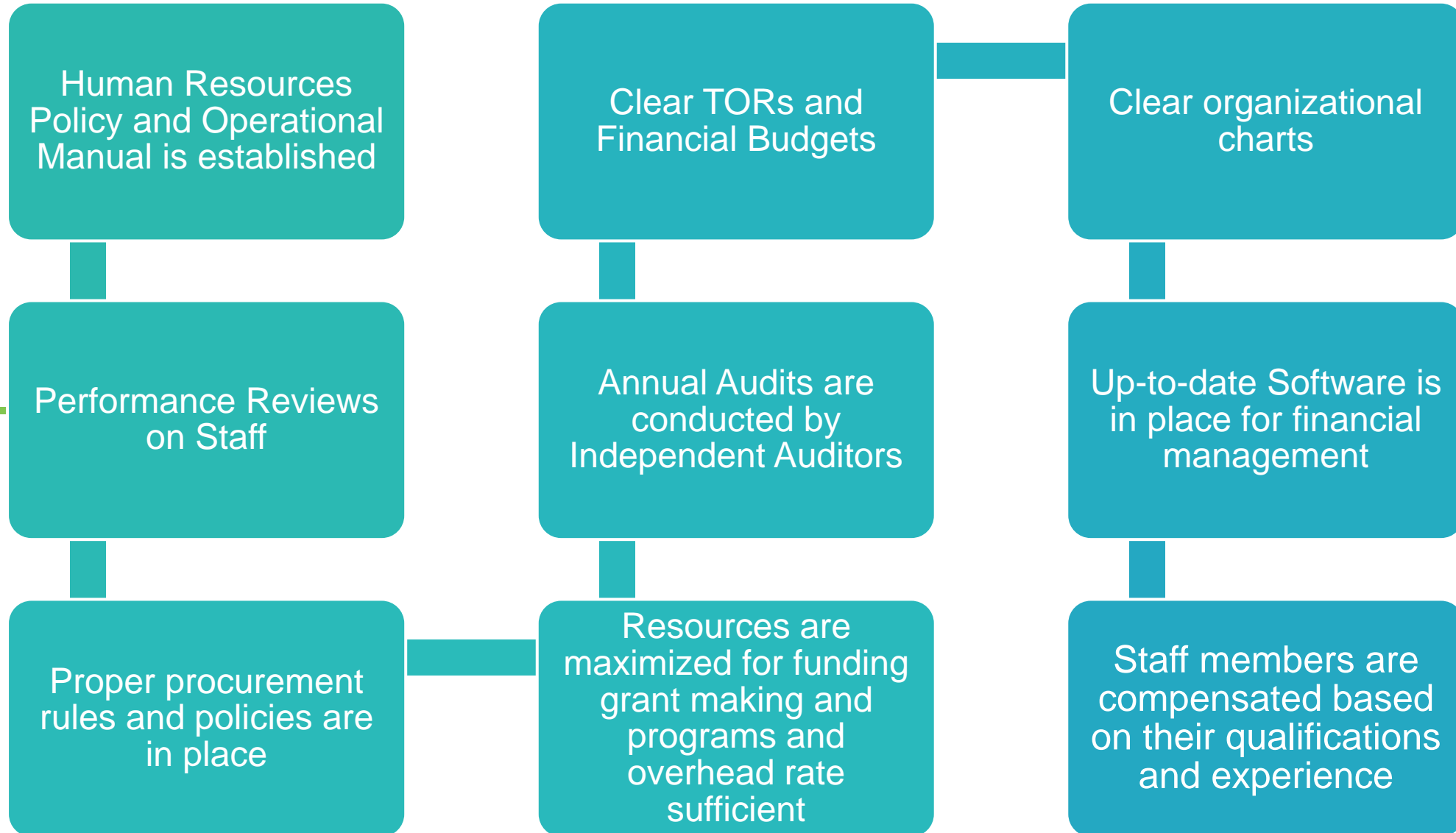
- ✓ When awarding grants, MEPA Trust evaluate potential grantees by requiring them to submit essential information
- ✓ Well defined grant award processes is established
- ✓ Grant-award cycles are concluded with a signed contract
- ✓ Capacity of potential grantees are built
- ✓ Clear reporting template and frameworks are provided to grantees to aid with monitoring and evaluation.
- ✓ MEPA mobilize staff to monitor grantees' progress

- ✓ MEPA Trust analyze and pursue opportunities for using funds from particular donors or government sources to leverage additional resources
- ✓ MEPA Trust have strategies to diversify, multiply our long term and short term sources of finances
- ✓ MEPA Trust has explored opportunities to serve as financial intermediaries for donor programs, voluntary and mandatory cash flows to support environmental conservation and climate change and adaptation
- ✓ Seek the support of national government ministries and international donors to support the work of the Trust
- ✓ Encourages Cost Sharing arrangements – (Grantees provide a contribution to the project the MEPA Trust has funded)

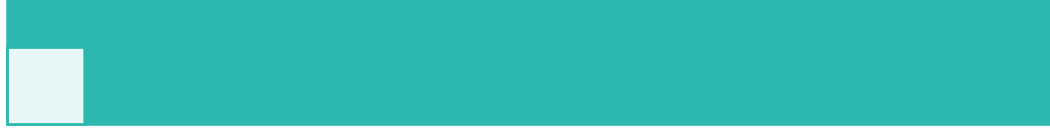
# Programs

# Resource Mobilization

# Administration



## Risk Management and Safe Guards



- The MEPA Trust adapt recognized national international environmental and social safeguards policies
- Policies are in place to protect the safety and well being of staff

## Asset Management



- The MEPA Trust has an Asset Register
- The MEPA Trust recognizes the importance of investing our assets that are consistent with our missions and core values

# Next Steps





TEAM ANTIGUA  
ATLANTIC ROWERS

"MORE PEOPLE HAVE CLIMBED MT EVEREST  
THAN HAVE ROWED THE ATLANTIC"

2017-2018



f TEAMANTIGUA2017 | TEAMANTIGUA  
WWW.TEAMANTIGUABARBUDA.COM

FOUR MEN FROM ANTIGUA WILL COMPETE IN  
**THE TALISKER WHISKY ATLANTIC CHALLENGE**  
IN DECEMBER 2017 & WILL ROW 3000 MILES BACK TO  
ANTIGUA. PLEASE FOLLOW THEM AND DONATE TO  
THEIR WORTHY CAUSE.



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA  
NATIONAL PARK

# Our Partners



# Our Partners



Thank You

