



APEC Business Advisory Council

ABAC III

Towards a virtual ABAC in 2021

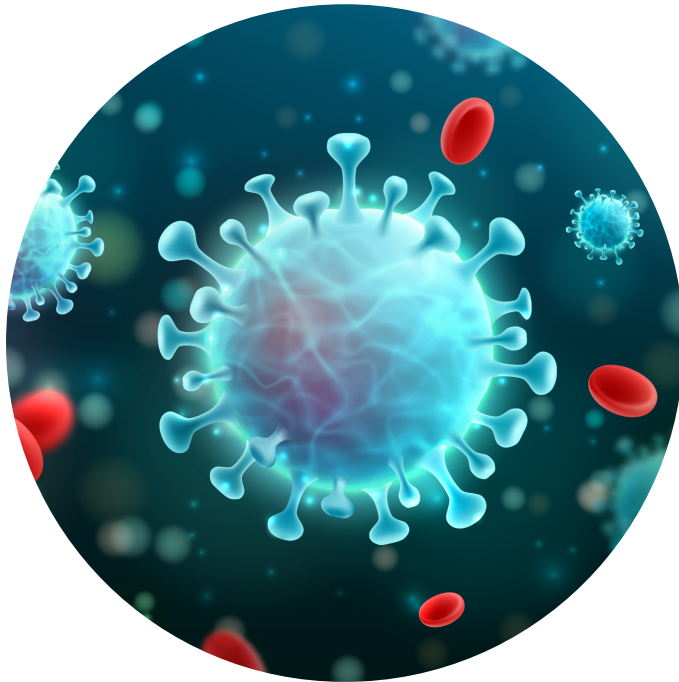
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2020 has presented some surprises....



Health crisis



Economic crisis



Pivot to digital

Enhancing Productivity: scheduling



Agree the meeting schedule in advance

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Hold six meetings of the whole

- 4 plenaries, 2 dialogues; 2-3 hours for each plenary
- Supplemented with WG/Task Forces

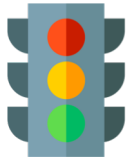


Include time for discussion of key issues

Enhancing Productivity: process + inputs



Confirm the best digital platform



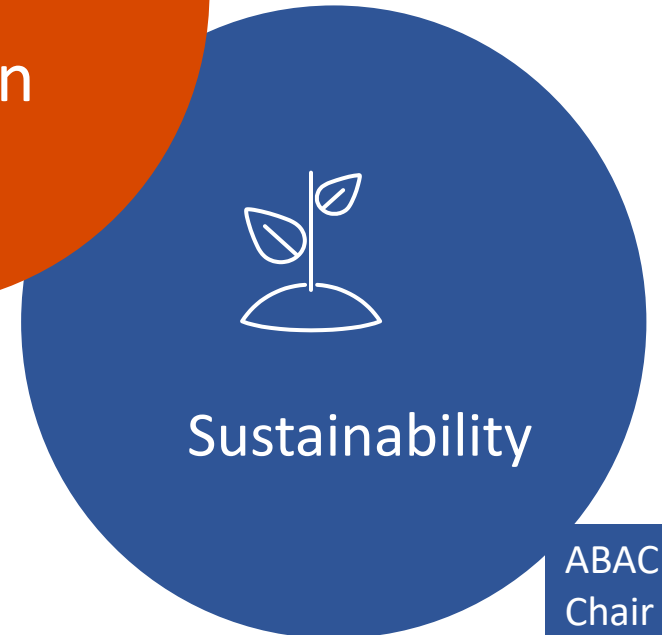
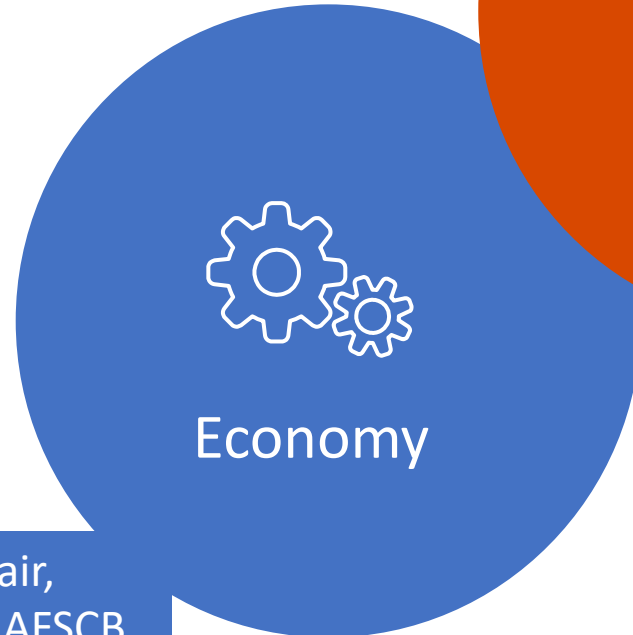
Streamline meetings by taking documents
“as read” where possible



Replace Advocacy Matrix with Key Messages

Adapting Working Groups

- One Chair per WG
- Work Programme
- “Task Forces”
- MSME issues addressed in each WG



Chair,
AGAFSCB

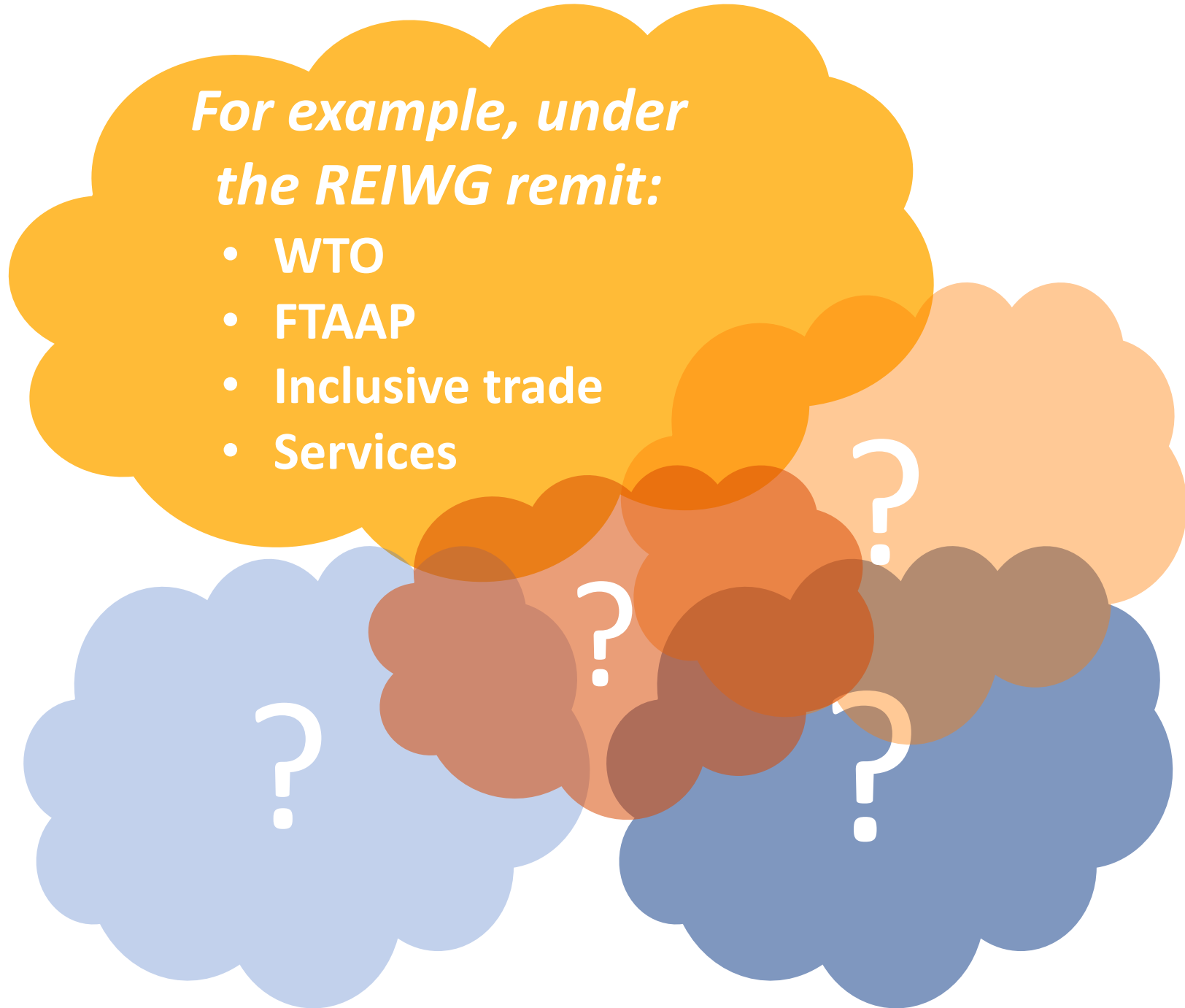
ABAC Vice
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Task Forces

- Single topic focus
- Run by a “Convenor”— in effect like a WG Co-Chair
- Any interested member can participate
- Starts in January, and/or later in the year; exists for a defined period
- Develops recommendations (for approval by meetings of the whole)

For example, under the REIWG remit:

- WTO
- FTAAP
- Inclusive trade
- Services

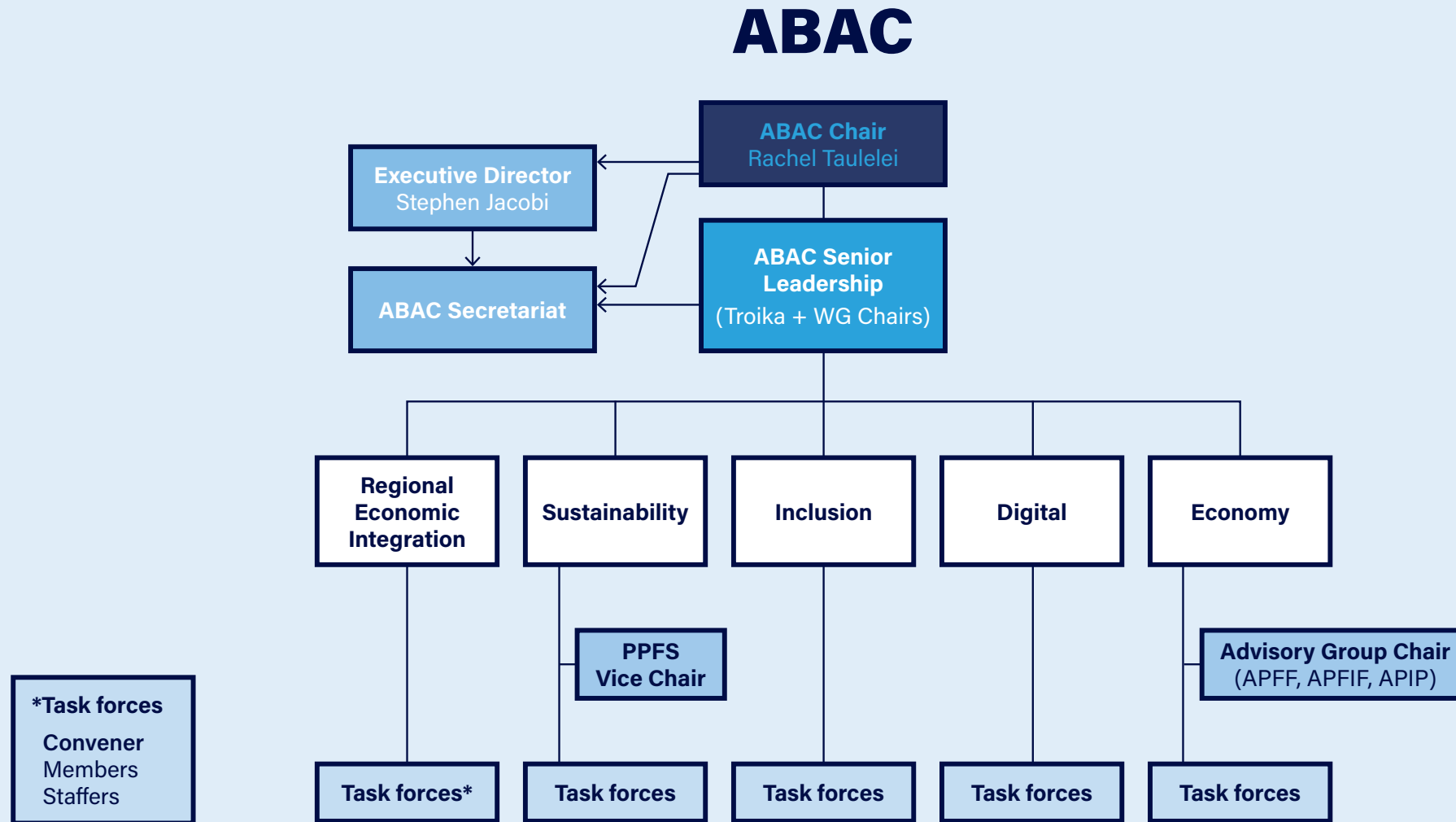




Ensuring effective governance

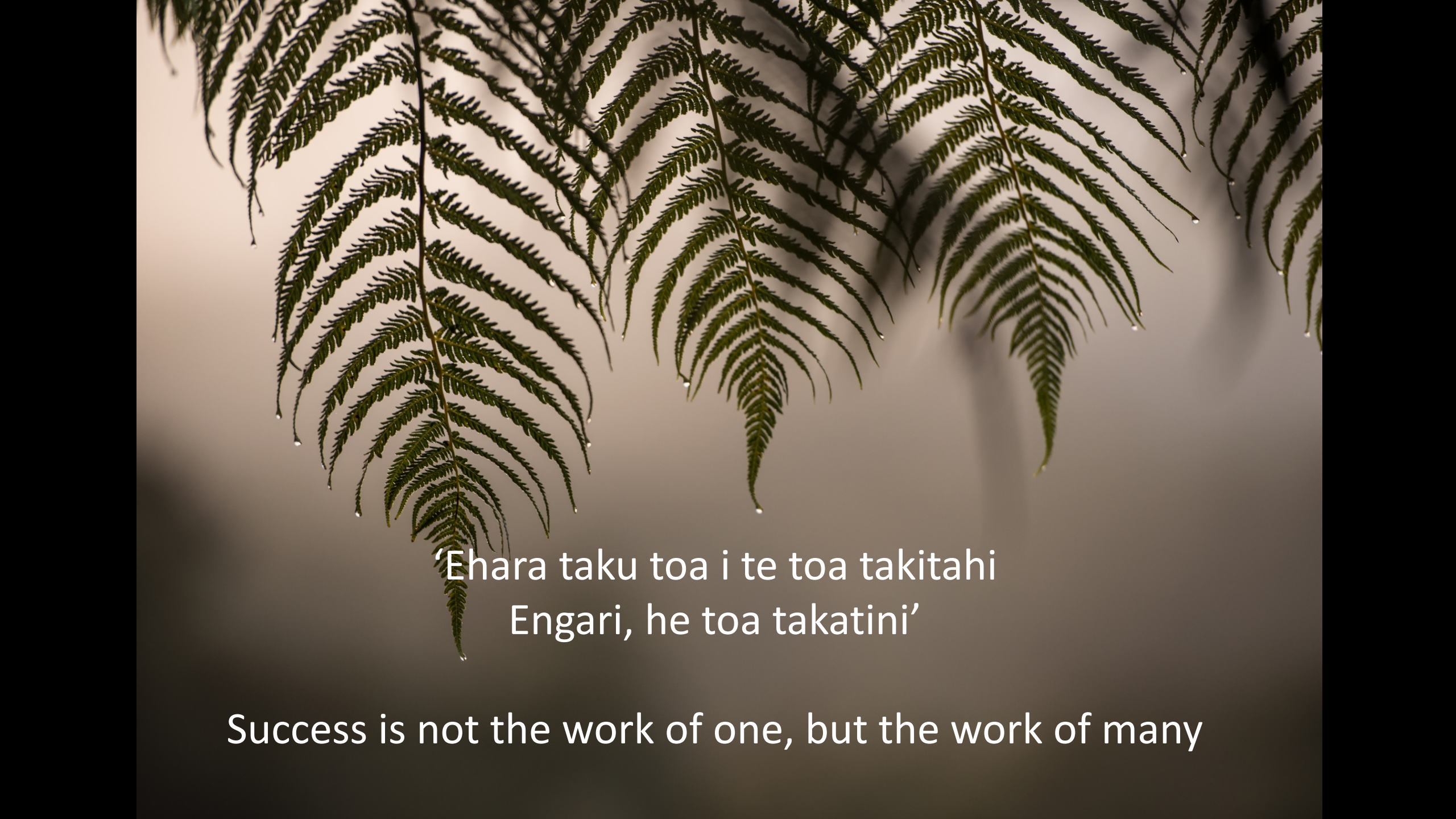
- Chairs (Troika + WG Chairs) to meet regularly e.g. monthly:
 - Set high level objectives
 - Review work programme
 - Give direction for Letters & Reports
- Executive Director to meet regularly with Lead Staffers
- PAG could be asked to review effectiveness of the system over time

Summary: 2021 ABAC Governance Structure



Recommendations

- Members to provide feedback to ABAC NZ
to Stephen@jacobi.co.nz please
- ABAC NZ to continue to develop these
recommendations for presentation at ABAC IV



‘Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi
Engari, he toa takatini’

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many