



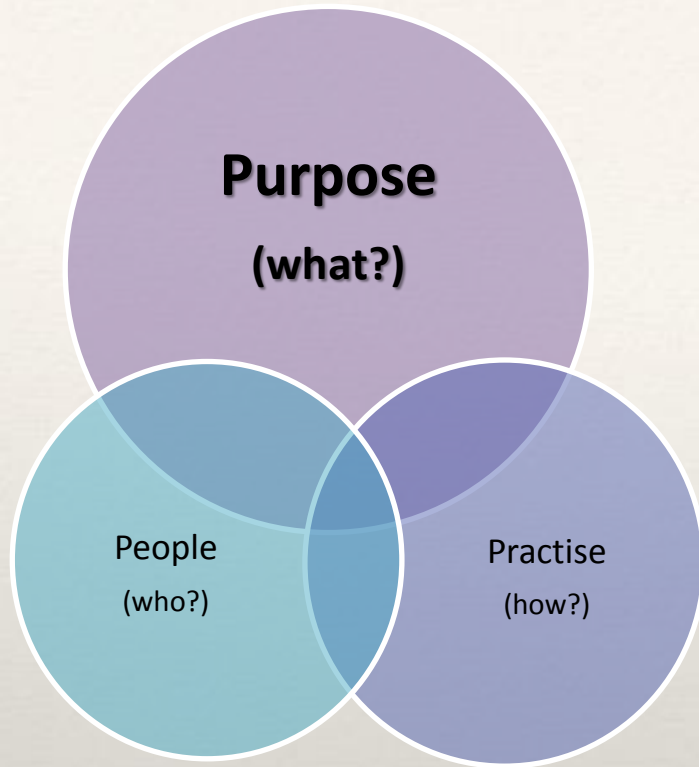
Network Overview & Meeting Objectives

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Background

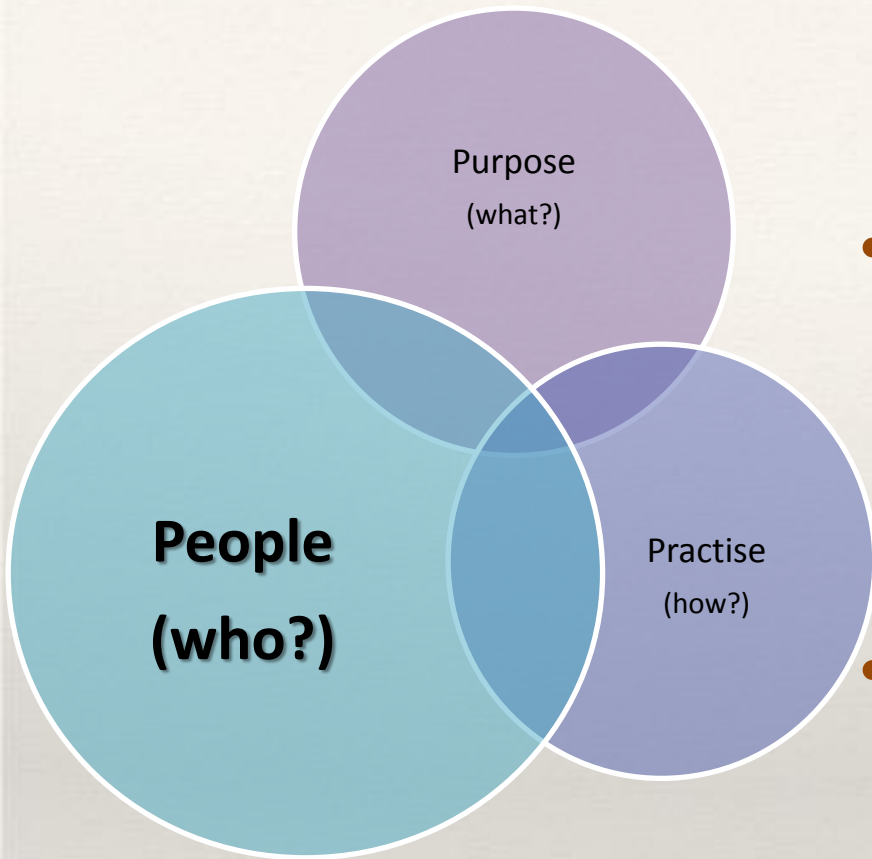
- Established at Inception workshop, Sept 2013, in Jhb, RSA attended by 9 SADC MS
- In response to SADC TFCA Programme Component 4
 - Establishment of Data and Knowledge Management Systems
 - Information exchange, learning and innovation network which facilitates the gathering, processing and dissemination of TFCA related information



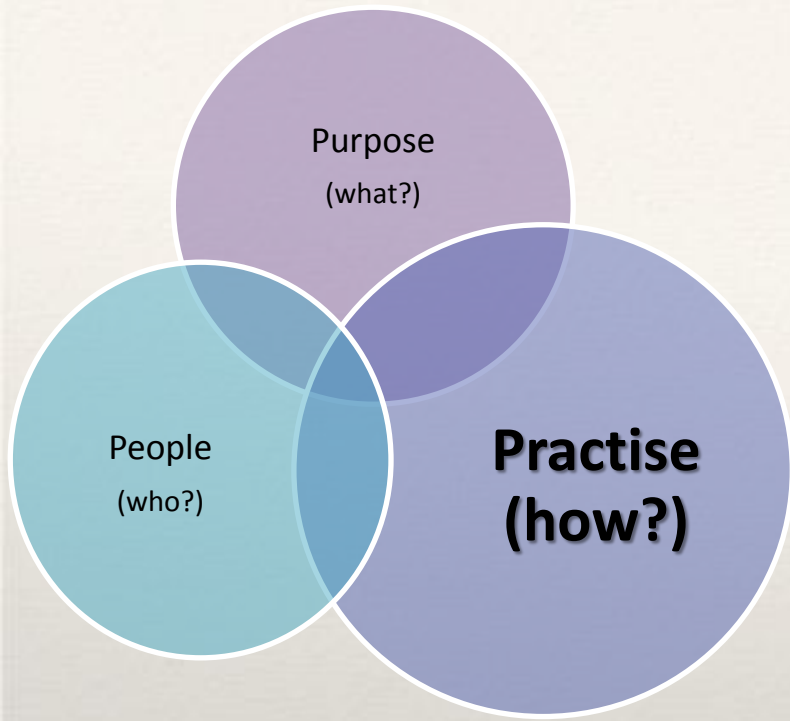


To overcome TFCA challenges through shared learning, knowledge management and collaboration





- Open to all stakeholder groups
- Guided & led by a Steering Committee (SC) comprising TFCA Focal Points from all SADC MS + SADC Secretariat
- Chairing of SC will change as per SADC Troika
- Members: renew their membership every 2 years – otherwise auto-lapse



1. Information exchange:

- Sharing experiences within and across TFCAs
- Conducting field visits to enhance understanding of local contexts

2. Joint learning and knowledge management:

- Developing a portal as a platform for joint learning, information exchange and knowledge management
- Developing a regional repository of TFCA related information
- Innovation and idea testing through joint experimentation and documentation
- Knowledge product development
- Enabling peer review and feedback

3. Resource mobilisation

4. Strengthening collaboration and relationships:

- Conducting face to face meetings
- Developing linkages with TFCA stakeholder groups
- Facilitating empowerment at the level of the TFCA

Main Characteristics:

- Over 250 members as registered through the online portal www.tfcaportal.org
- Representation from all SADC MS except Madagascar & Mauritius
- Almost 50% of members from government/parastatal institutions (lead agencies for TFCA development)
- Other representation – NGOs, ICPs, Academia, private sector (including consultants)

Activities

- Face to face meetings
- Development of online communication platform for network members and a public website—
www.tfcportal.org
- In country trainings on use of the portal – South Africa, Namibia with attendance by Mozambique, Swaziland & Zambia
- Capacity building for portal administrators & online facilitators – TFCA International Coordinators & others
- Online moderated discussion with technical experts

Activities contd...

- Participation in IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney
- Contribution & participation in guideline development
 - Establishment & Development of TFCAs
 - Tourism Concession Guidelines
- Establishment of 4 Communities of Practice:
 - M&E; Data Management; Tourism; Training & Capacity Building
- SADC TFCA Network Symposium 2016 on collaborative management models for conservation areas
- Presence at CITES COP in Johannesburg, South Africa – October 2016

Objectives of Network Meeting

22-24 March 2017

1. Update on activities – recently completed & ongoing
 - Integrated portal
 - Presence at CITES COP 17
 - Communities of Practice
 - Upcoming conference
2. Create an understanding of SADC TFCA Training Needs & Training Offers
3. Agree on key elements comprising the SADC TFCA Monitoring & Evaluation Framework
4. Participation in the mid-term review of the GIZ/SADC Transboundary Protection & Use of Natural Resources Programme
5. Consider modalities related to the SADC TFCA Financing Facility (closed session – government representatives)