

# Report from the Vienna Convention Trust Fund Advisory Committee

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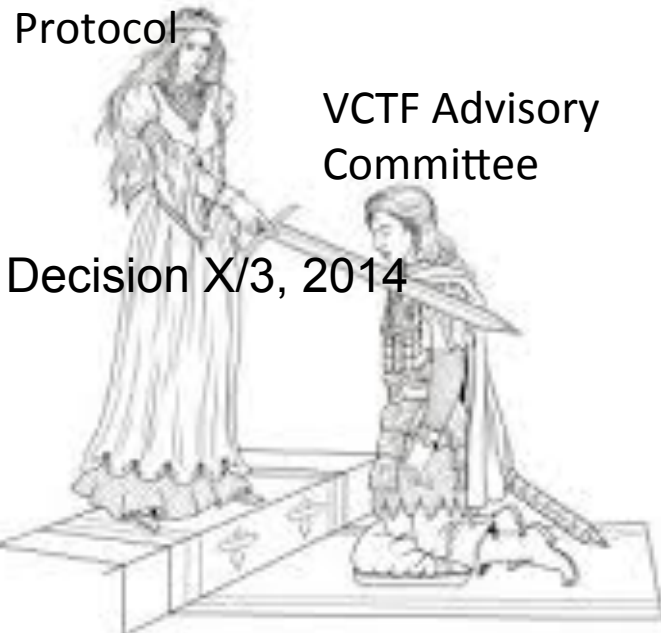
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# Authorization, Goals and Functions of Advisory Committee

Parties to the Protocol



## A little history:

- VCTF established in February 2003
- For research and systematic observations
- Capacity building in Article 5 and EIT Countries
- Connect scientific organizations, non-Article 5 Parties, and Article 5 and EIT countries
- Quality control of the individual projects
- Strive for regional balance
- Identify possibilities for complementary funding to maximize its resources

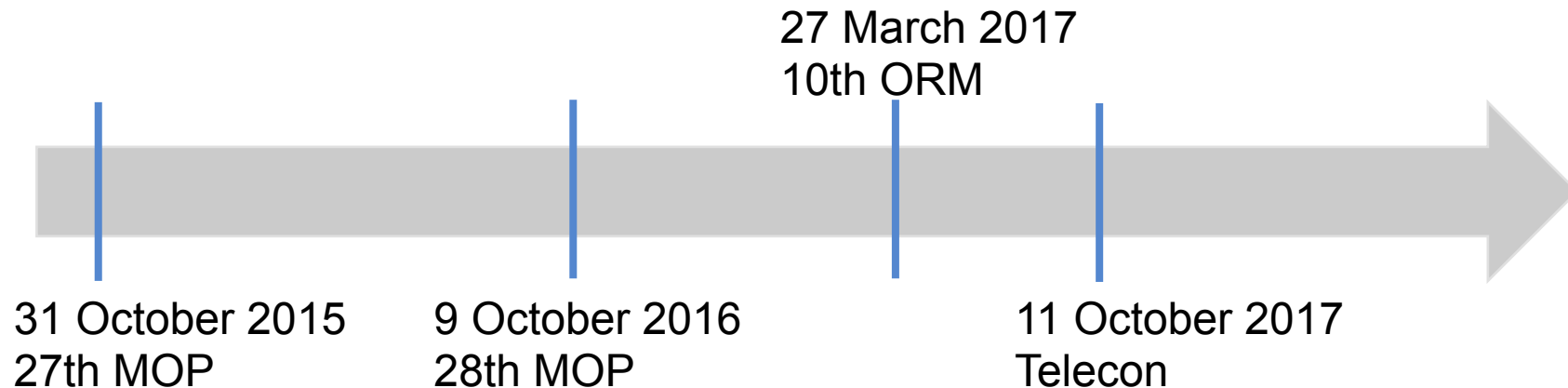
- **Revive the Trust Fund**
- **Align activities with ORM recommendations**
- **Develop a long-term strategy and a short-term action plan**
- **Align with needs identified by the scientific community**

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## Current Priority Functions of Advisory Committee:

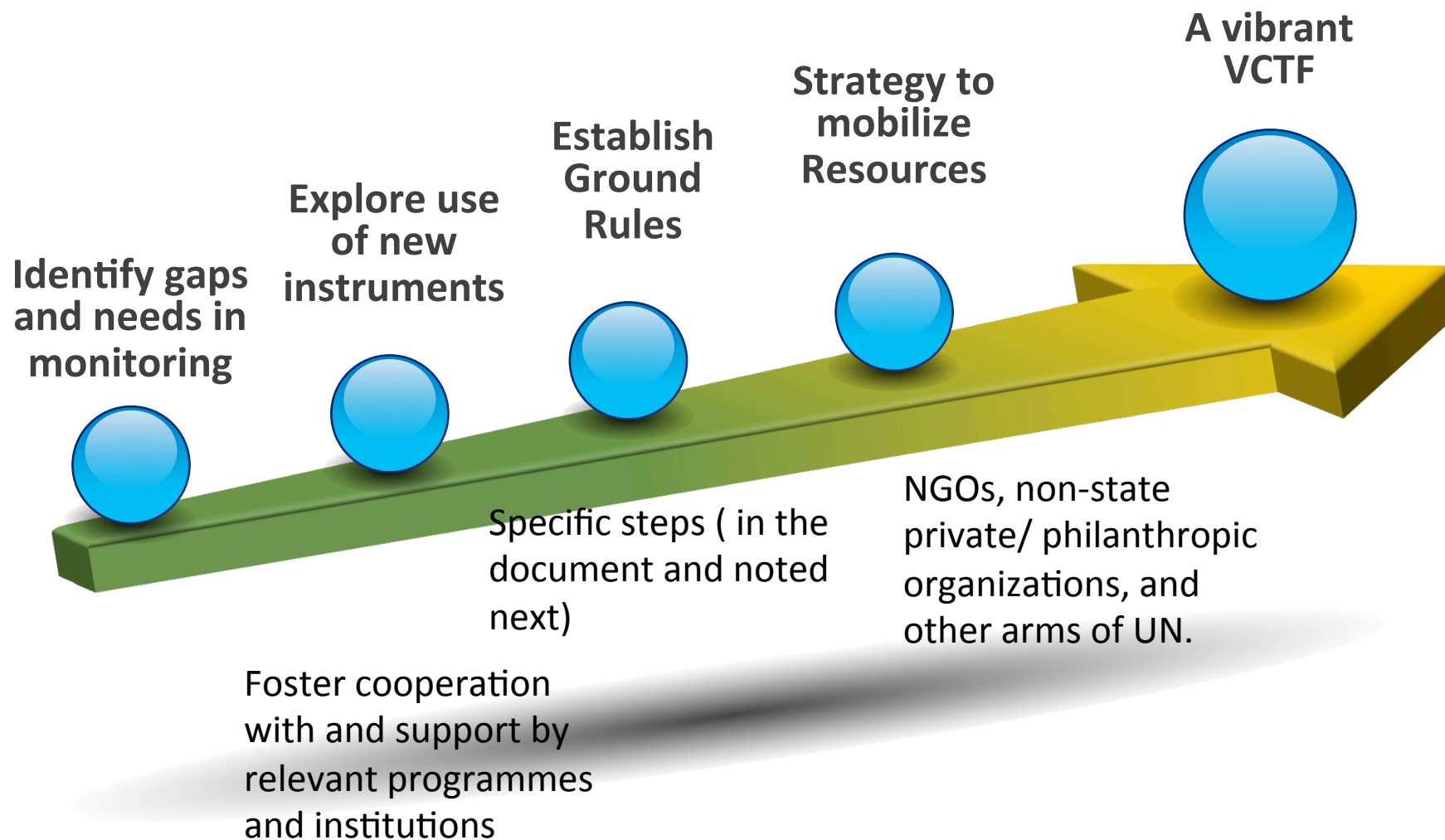
- Review proposal from Article 5 and EIT Parties and make recommendations on funding of proposals
- Evaluate progress of funded projects
- Work with ORM for identifying knowledge gaps and science/data needs that can be addressed via VCTF

# Activities to date



- Developed criteria for evaluating projects and proposals
- Reviewed and deliberated on proposals
  - ✓ A total of 8 proposals reviewed; Accomplishments evaluated, and 2 proposals funded
- Developed a long-term strategy
- Short-term Action Plan

# Long-term strategy Developed by Committee



# Short-term Action Plan

- Identify most urgent needs of the Global Ozone Observing System and which will make the best possible use of the resources available in the Trust Fund;
- Develop a comprehensive picture of accomplishments to date under VCTF- committee appointed (Goetzee, Braathen, Tully, and Ueno);
- Continue evaluation of proposals and progress -- in progress
- Evaluate ORM recommendations that can be undertaken by Advisory Committee
- Develop strategies to mobilization of resources for VCTF
- Instituted a VCTF website

# Ground rules for Trust Fund support

- Could include the following
  - Requesting proposers to submit only activities that **address gaps** identified by the Advisory Committee, based on the recommendations of the **Ozone Research Managers**;
  - Requesting proposers to **make in-kind contributions** (for example, to invest 30-40 per cent of the cost of the project) as a cost-share on the project;
  - Requiring that proposers show how their **activities would be maintained** beyond the time of utilization of Trust Fund resources (that is, to view the Trust Fund as a package only, not as long-term support);
  - Requiring proposers to **leverage** the proposed activity on existing activities within their country and region;
  - Requesting proposers, **if possible**, to show how the activity **builds on previous activities and experiences**.
- WE INVITE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE

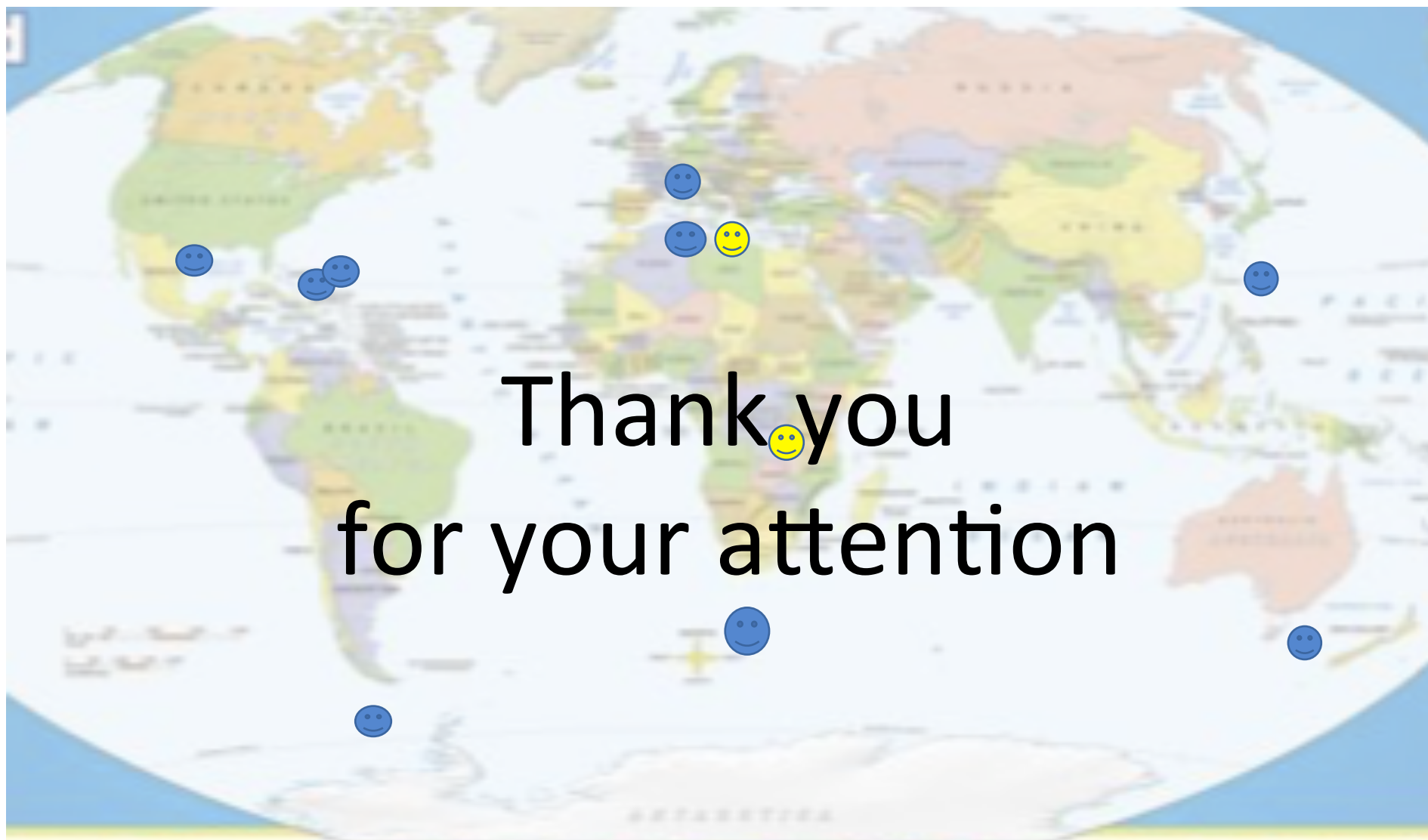
# How Parties Can Help

- Extend life of VCTF
- Contribute and enhance resources for the trust fund (including spare monitoring instrument donations/relocation)
- Enhance ability to fund a reasonable number of projects; only 2 (out of 9) proposals funded in 2017.
- Encourage agencies within non-Article 5 countries to take part in VCTF activities
- Make scientists in your Article-5 countries and CEIT aware of the VCTF and the potential for involvement in VCTF and assessment activities.



# Concluding thoughts

- VCTF is a very cost-effective approach
- The fund has been very modest (~\$350 K since its inception in 2003) - yet, there has been some key successes (inter-calibration, data from important regions, and capacity building)
- A quantum jump in resources will enable important steps during this period of accountability phase of the ozone layer depletion issues
- This quantum jump will also enable a slight expansion of the goals with further capacity building and provision of important data- with all associate benefits.
- Extension of the life of the trust funds will provide major benefits if accompanied by expansion of resources.



Thank you  
for your attention