

Good Governance Constitution



Fairtrade encourages democratic, participatory and transparent producer organisations to facilitate the social and economic development of their members. The following are recommendations for the implementation of basic good governance practices within producer organisations.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION: Gives a broad outline of the organisation, including its purpose, principles, location and area of work.



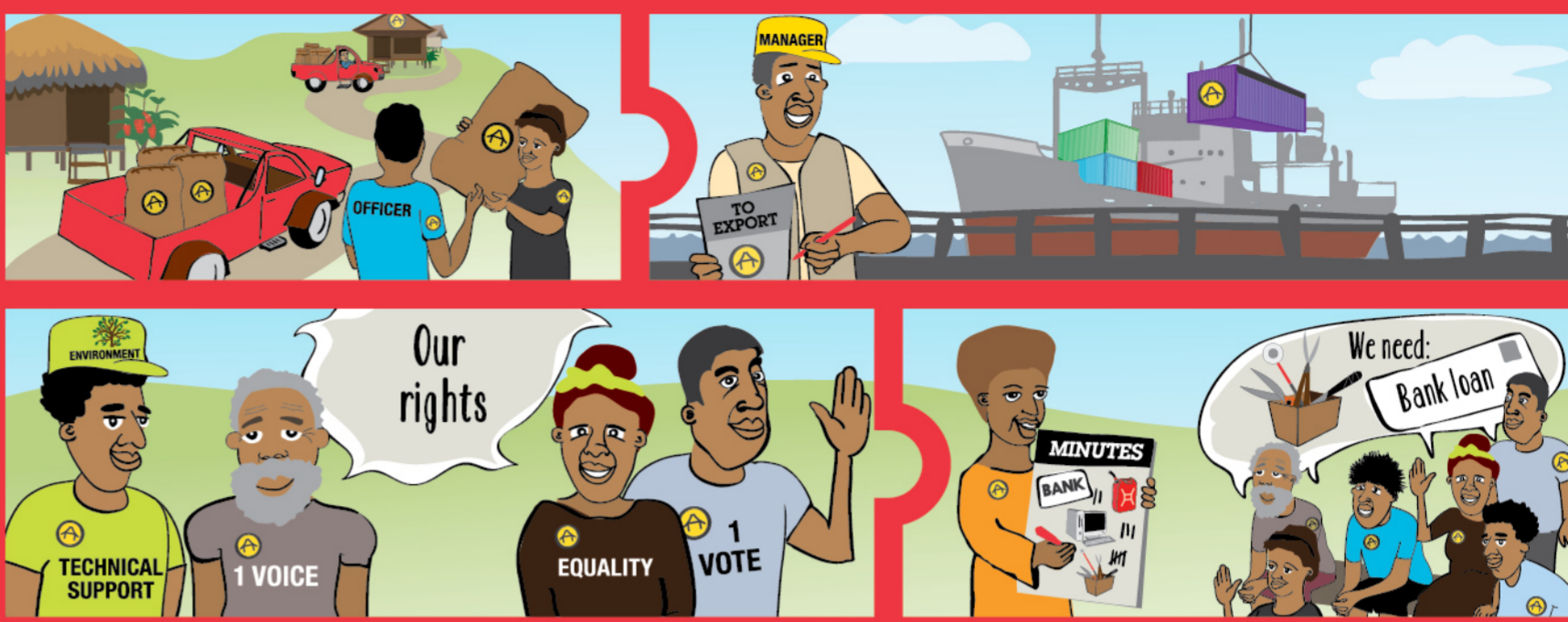
4,000 MEMBERS



3 THE MEMBERSHIP: Describes who can be a member, how to become a member, and what the rights and responsibilities of members are.



2 OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION: Describes the general activities of the organisation and its business, including services to members, which are carried out in order to fulfil the organisation's purpose.



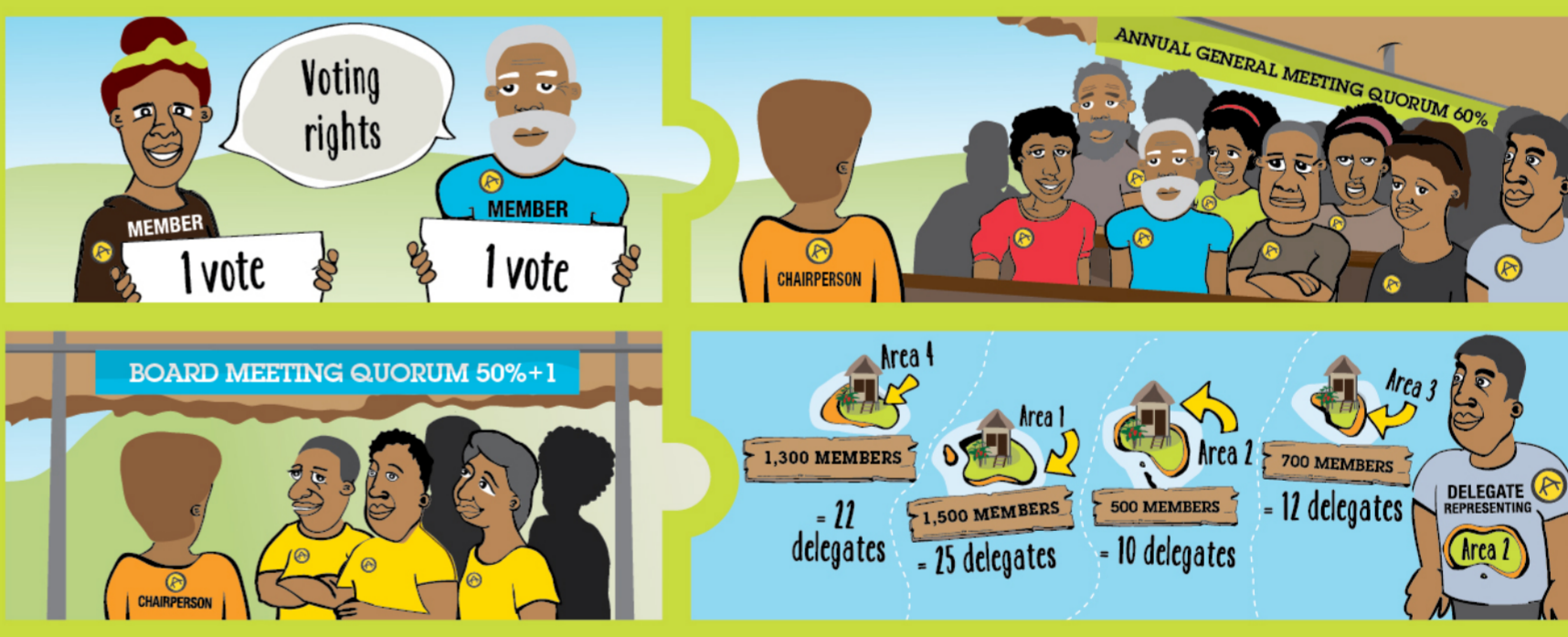
4 MEETINGS: Describes how to prepare and hold meetings, including the notice period, the expected participants, and how often the meetings should occur.



5 INCOME GENERATION AND ACCOUNTS: Describes how the organisation will make money and keep record of accounts, in order to be accountable and transparent.



7 DECISION MAKING: Describes the voting rights of the organisation's members and its governance bodies, and the requirements to validly sit, deliberate and vote.



6 GOVERNANCE BODIES: Describes who oversees and implements the organisation's activities, and how governance bodies will interact with each other.



8 DISSOLUTION AND DISPUTES: Describes the steps to solve any disputes between the members and/or governance bodies. It also describes what is required in the case that dissolution is necessary.

