

Sustainability Workshop: Organizational Capacity



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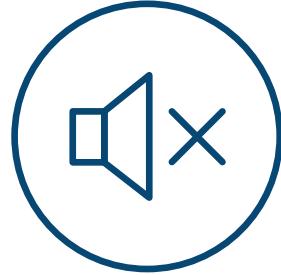
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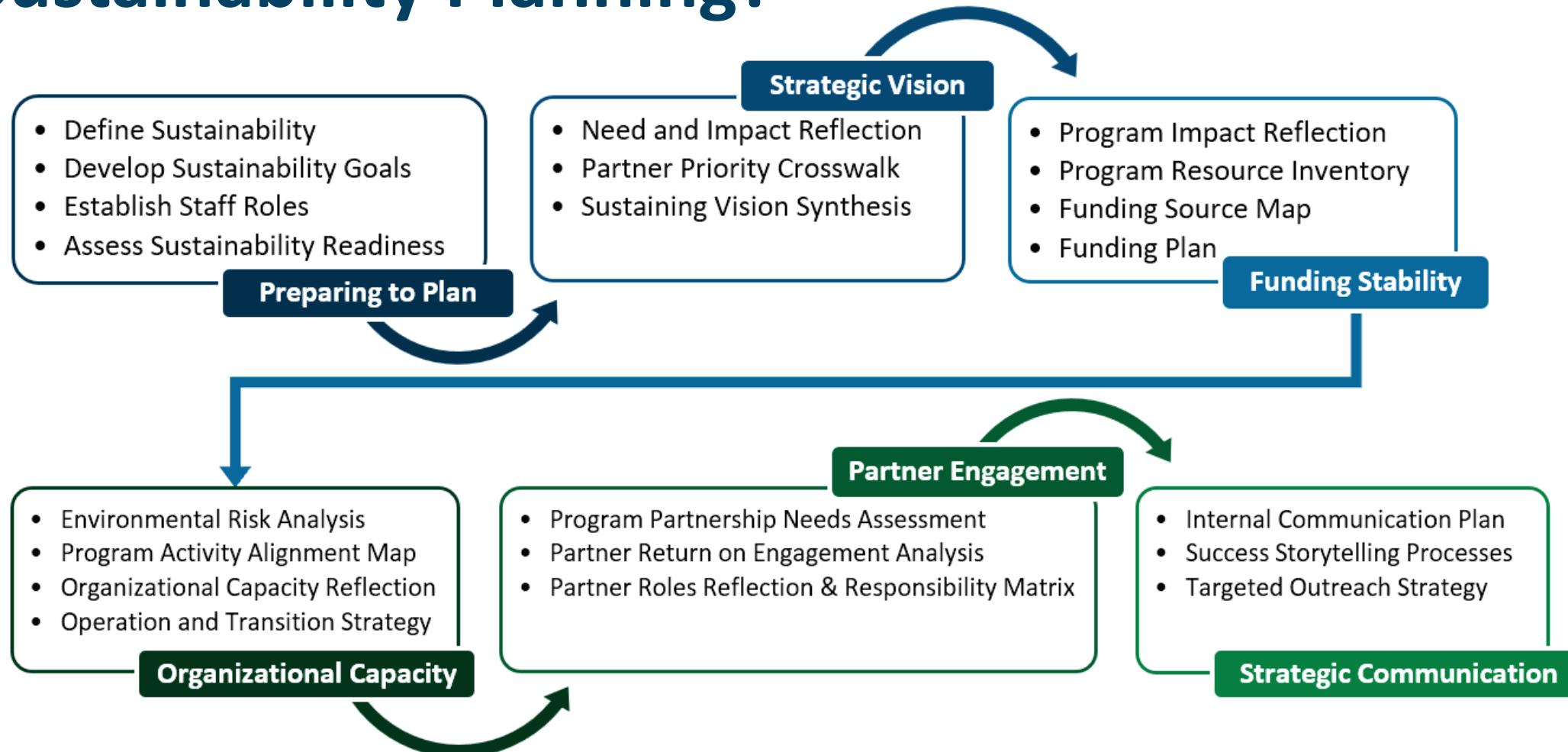
Agenda

- Define organizational capacity
- Overview of key organizational capacity strategies
- Share relevant tools and resources
- Peer-sharing and discussion

What is Organizational Capacity?

- Organizational capacity covers a broad range of resources (partnerships, funding, staffing, infrastructure, resources, etc.) required to carry out your state's current and future functions.
- There are different stages of developing or assessing organizational capacity, that may relate to current or future states of a program.
- Assessing the sustainability aspect of organizational capacity requires considering long-term program success and viability beyond the current structure of funding, priorities, etc.

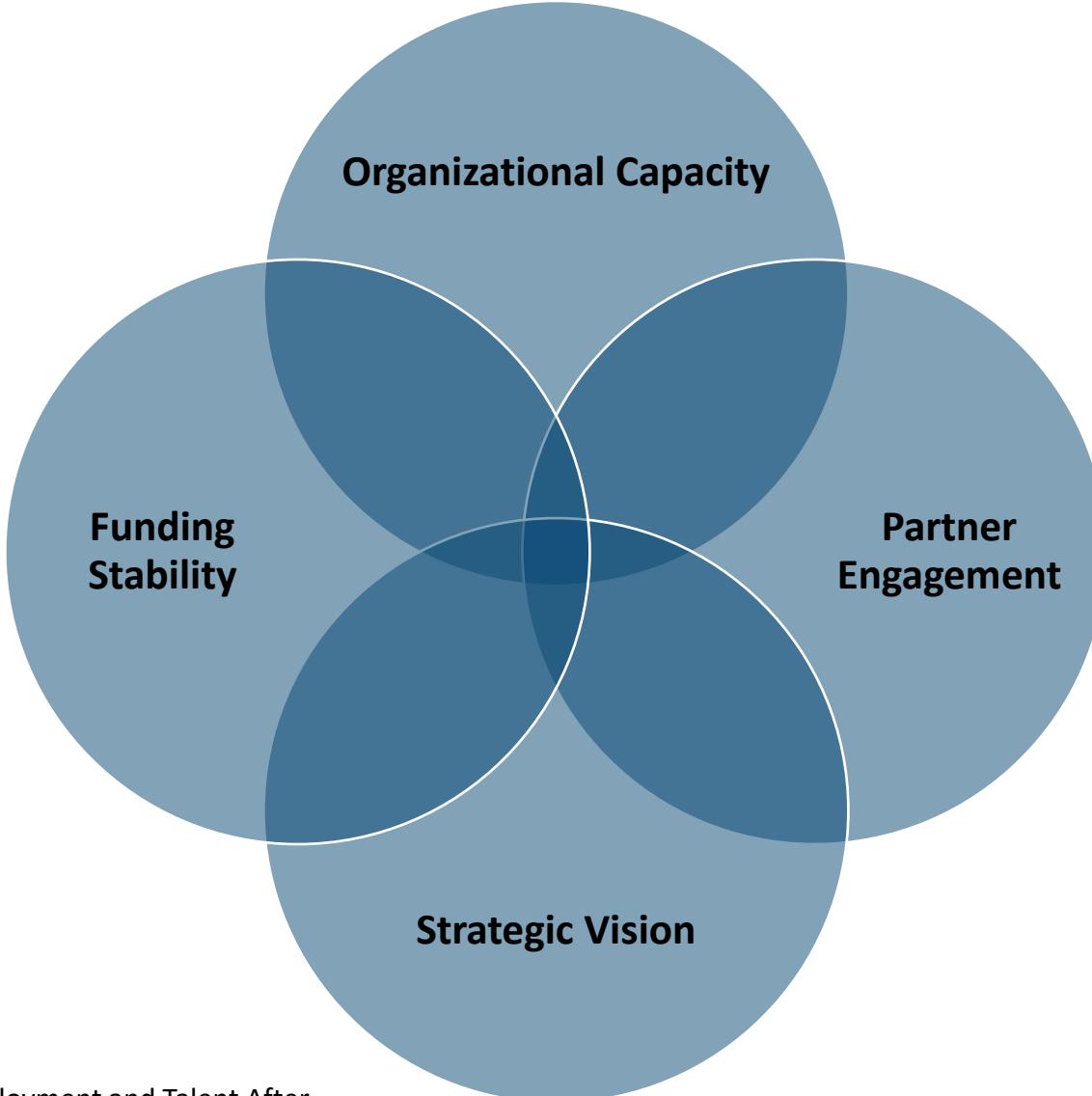
Where Does Organizational Capacity Fit Into Sustainability Planning?



Why Does it Matter?



It's Part of a Larger System of Sustainability



Organizational Capacity for Sustainability: Strategies to Consider

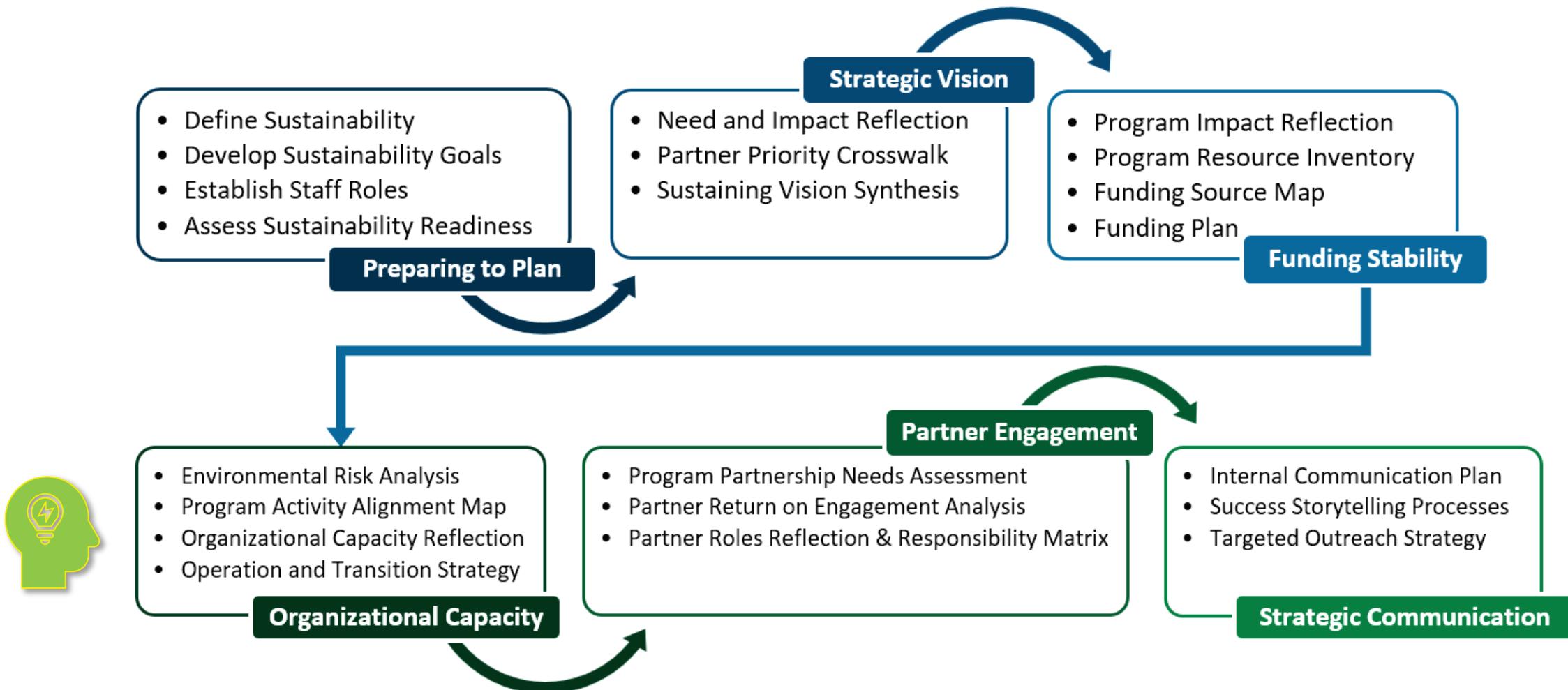
- Assessing potential changes by considering strengths and risks
- Evaluate program activities
- Align key roles and responsibilities
 - Is there alignment between program staffing needs and personnel/partnership support?
 - Where are the gaps? Where are the anticipated gaps?
- Looking ahead when assessing organizational capacity
 - How robust is organizational capacity based on anticipated changes?



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Using the Sustainability Readiness Toolkit:



Assessing Readiness to Tackle Organizational Capacity

	Readiness level		
	Exploratory <i>We have not yet started or are just starting to explore.</i>	In Development <i>We are currently in the process of developing.</i>	Prepared <i>Yes, we are fully prepared in this area.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have assessed both the risks and opportunities (e.g., political, economic, social) that may affect program sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have evaluated staff and partner roles to identify duplication of effort.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have evaluated our strengths and limitations in consideration of anticipated changes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have identified transition needs and skill gaps across key staff roles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Environmental Risk Analysis

Potential change	Likelihood of change (certain, likely, possible, unlikely, rare)	Impact severity potential (minor, marginal, critical, significant)	Impact risks	Impact opportunities
<i>Example: State workforce transition to new agency</i>	<i>Likely</i>	<i>Critical</i>	<i>Staff role reorganization, delays in fiscal processing</i>	<i>New partnership access to additional state programs and funding streams</i>

Program Activity Alignment

Program goal	Program functional area	Program activity	Staff responsible
<i>Example: Reduce return-to-work barriers by making support services available</i>	<i>Local workforce board One-Stop system partners and community-based organizations</i>	<i>Referrals made for partner services through the local One-Stop Career Center</i>	<i>Local job center case manager or partner program</i>

Organizational Capacity Reflection

Original program	Notes for sustained program
<p>Coordination: <i>What has worked well regarding the management and coordination of the program?</i> <i>What could be improved?</i></p>	
<p>Management: <i>What management functions will be required to sustain prioritized activities? What is the best strategy for managing those functions?</i></p>	
<p>Staffing structure: <i>What expertise is needed to continue the activities we have prioritized to sustain?</i></p>	

Relevant Tools and Resources

- Beyond Implementation: Planning for Sustainability: A Brief From Your RETAIN Technical Assistance Provider
- Sustainability Readiness Toolkit
- Operational Planning and Implementation Guidance Checklist (OPIG)
- RETAIN Resource: Root Cause Analysis Process Handout and Worksheet
- RETAIN Resource: Continuous Quality Improvement Strategies

What's Next?

- **Partner Engagement**
 - Wednesday, September 11 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET
- **Strategic Communication**
 - Wednesday, September 18 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Questions? Please email us at RETAINA@air.org