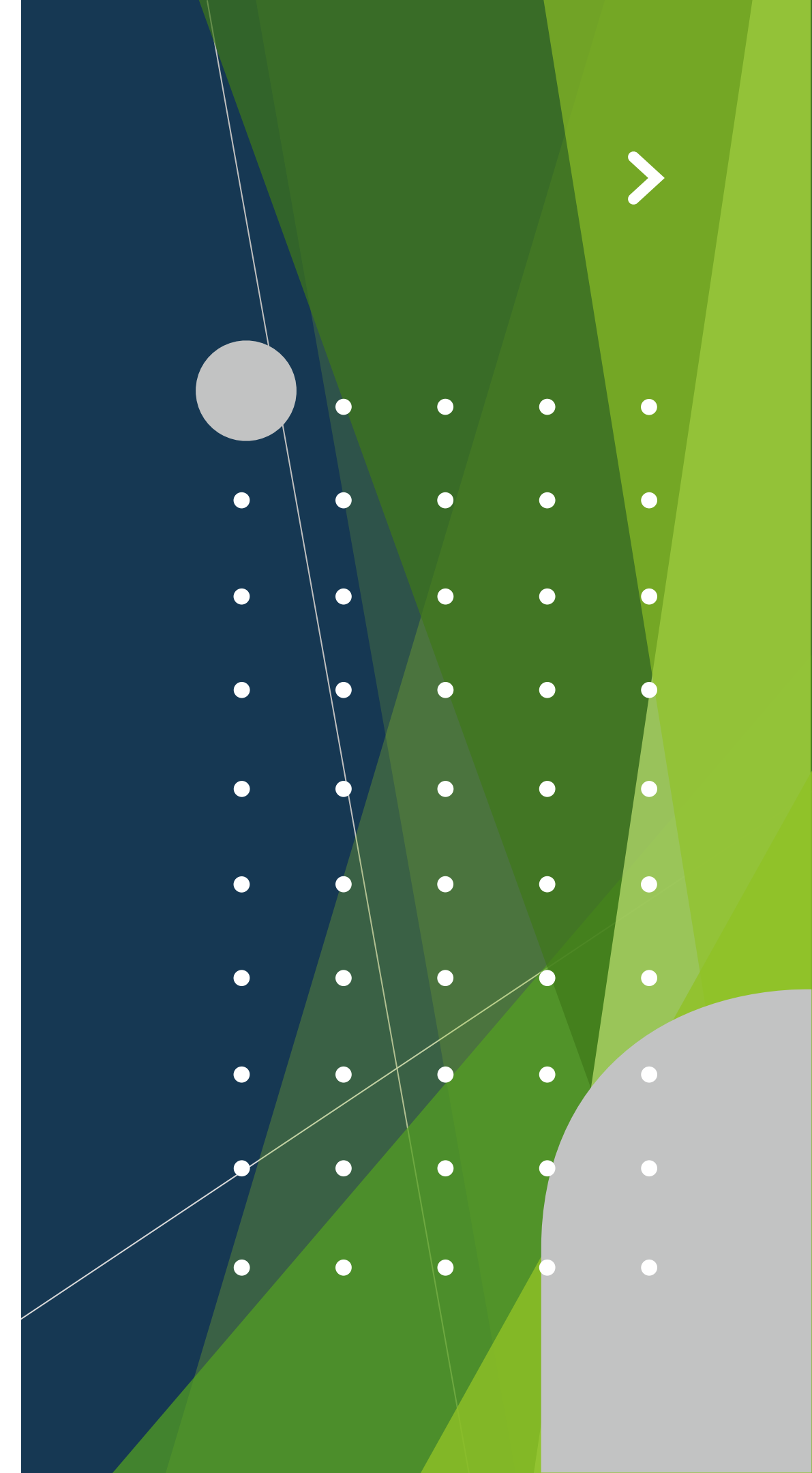


Reserve Accounts & Utility Rates

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Introduction



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Overview of ARUC

- Brief history and establishment
- Mission and goals

Reserve Accounts

Purpose and Benefits

- Financial stability and emergency preparedness
- Funding for Fuel, Critical Spare Parts and Emergencies

Building and Managing Reserve Accounts

- Setting reserve requirements
- Strategies for maintaining adequate reserves





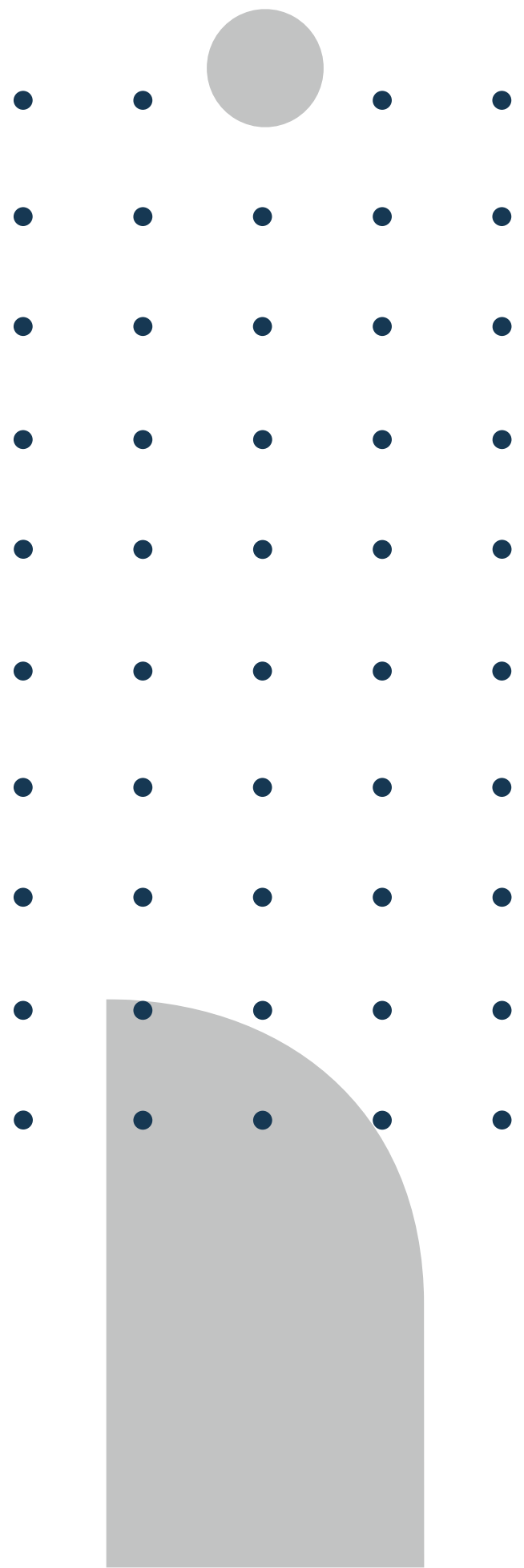
Utility Rates

Role in Sustainable Operations

- Generating revenue to cover operational costs
- Ensuring self-supporting utility systems

Setting User Fees

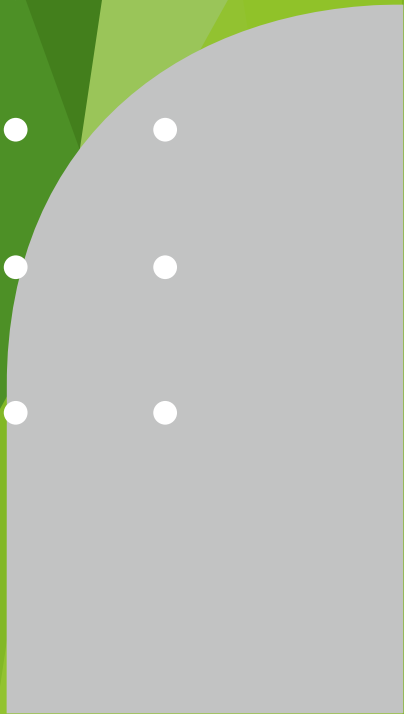
- Community involvement in rate-setting
- Factors influencing fee determination



Financial Management and Accountability



- Transparent Financial Practices
 - Regular financial reporting and audits
 - Community oversight and involvement
 - ARUC Advisory Committee
- Budgeting and Planning
 - Developing sustainable budgets
 - Long-term financial planning



Challenges and Solutions

Common Issues in Rural Utility Management



- Addressing financial constraints and operational challenges

Innovative Solutions



- Best practices and successful strategies from ARUC communities

Future Directions and Goals

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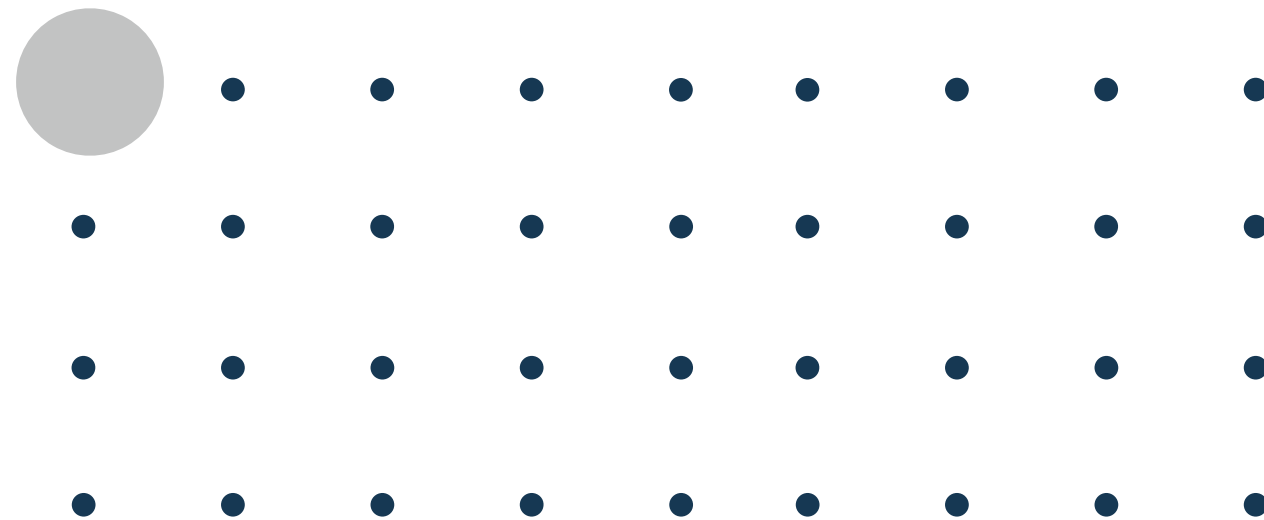
Expand ARUC's Reach

- Plans for including more communities
- Enhancing services and support

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Long-term Sustainability

- Strategies for maintaining and improving financial stability
- Vision for the future of rural utility management



Questions?



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