



Frontiers of Innovation Celebrating 20 Years of Innovation in Government

Note for Participants

Diversity is at the heart of the Global Network. Such diversity contributes to a dynamic, creative learning and working environment where people from all political, religious, ethnic, and social backgrounds convene to learn from each other in the spirit of academic freedom. We are practitioners, scholars, and advocates from many different countries united in the belief that knowledge is created through a two-way exchange of ideas and experiences.

The effectiveness of the Frontiers of Innovation conference will depend upon collegial interactions among participants, speakers, and presenters. This will require a good deal of care to ensure that our conduct with each other is respectful, particularly because we will be working with a number of cultural norms. As inappropriate conduct can arise from a lack of understanding of norms, we offer general guidelines to participants to clarify both standards and the obligations to meet them.

It is a common American practice in an academic setting, where people are learning together and from each other, for participants to address each other, presenters, and staff by their first or given names; this is not intended to be disrespectful or discourteous.

All members of this community of knowledge are entitled to respect. All individuals are expected in their communication to demonstrate respect for each person's worth, dignity, and capacity to contribute.

If each of us makes an honest effort to ensure that we treat others with professional respect and dignity, all of us will enjoy the maximum possible benefit from working and learning together.

We look forward to sharing a productive learning experience with you in the coming days.

Small Group Discussion: Structure, Purpose, and Instructions

(Please read this prior to the beginning of the first panel.)

Structure

Small Group Discussions will conclude each of the five panel presentations. Tables of 10 participants will discuss and respond to questions that are provided (see next page and following). These Small Group Discussions are scheduled to last 45 minutes.

Purposes of the Discussion

The primary aim of the Small Group Discussion is to link the personal experiences of participants with information presented in panels, especially as they relate to topics in government innovation.

The results from the Small Group Discussions will be instrumental in identifying and selecting topics for activities and publications of the Global Innovators Network. Also, the results will be made available to attendees to use for their own organizations. Finally, the Small Group Discussion responses will be consolidated and synthesized for publication on the innovations.harvard.edu portal.

Instructions: Two Steps

1. Choose a Facilitator.

Select a Facilitator for your table. The Facilitator's duty is to help the Small Group arrive at three key resonating ideas and three key promising approaches, as discussed in Question Number One and Question Number Two (see next page). There is a third question, but this is simply a ranking question. Please note, however, that the ranking question is specific to each panel's topic, whereas questions one and two remain the same for all five panels.

2. Respond to Questions and Submit Results form.

The Facilitator is responsible for writing down the answers to Questions One and Two and tallying the responses to the ranking question on the form called Results. This form will be picked up immediately following the conclusion of the Small Group Discussion.

Questions for Panel One

Innovations in Governance: Ethics and Accountability in the Public Sector

1. What are the ideas from the panel that resonate most in your small group discussion? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

2. What other promising approaches in this area deserve attention? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. Ranking Question

In your country, how seriously do governments take important anti-corruption initiatives?

- 5. Most seriously
- 4. Very seriously
- 3. Seriously
- 2. Not very seriously
- 1. Not applicable

Questions for Panel Two

Innovations in Participation: Citizen Engagement in Deliberative Democracy

1. What are the ideas from the panel that resonate most in your small group discussion? (Please list no more than three.)

a.

b.

c.

2. What other promising approaches in this area deserve attention? (Please list no more than three.)

a.

b.

c.

3. Ranking Question

How effectively do your country's local governments currently engage citizens?

5. Very effectively
4. Effectively
3. Moderately effectively
2. Minimally effectively
1. Not effectively at all.

Questions for Panel Three

Innovations in Global Health: New Approaches to Neglected Diseases

1. What are the ideas from the panel that resonate most in your small group discussion? (Please list no more than three.)

a.

b.

c.

2. What other promising approaches in this area deserve attention? (Please list no more than three.)

a.

b.

c.

3. Ranking Question

Below we list several barriers to successful innovation in global public health. Which of these is the most problematic barrier in your own field of work? (Put differently, removing which of these deficits would most improve the innovation process in your field?)

Lack of end-user influence over innovation (R&D) priorities.

Lack of motivation for investment in basic research and discovery.

Lack of resources to enable uptake of existing innovations by users.

Lack of ability to bridge the "valley of death" between initial discovery and large-scale deployment.

Lack of integrative capacity to treat problem-driven innovation as a system.

Questions for Panel Four

Innovations in Emergency Management: Making Governments Flexible and Responsive

1. What are the ideas from the panel that resonate most in your small group discussion? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

2. What other promising approaches in this area deserve attention? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. Ranking Question:

Do you think your local government, backed up by higher levels of government, is adequately prepared to deal with catastrophic events?

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Not sure
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree

Questions for Panel Five

The Future of Innovation: 21st Century Models of Governance

1. What are the ideas from the panel that resonate most in your small group discussion? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

2. What other promising approaches in this area deserve attention? (Please list no more than three.)

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. Ranking Question:

Is your government adapting its structures to foster innovation?

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Not sure
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree