



Roundtable discussion Guidelines

Roundtable discussions entail an exploratory collective discussion on a specific theoretical or empirical issue, hot topic or controversial claim from multiple perspectives. This session type is ideally suited for inviting representatives of stakeholders, policymakers, associations, research institutes, or companies to allow a diverse collective of viewpoints.

- Since this session type may involve delicate topics and can be confrontational, it is recommended to anticipate possible friction and how it may be addressed fruitfully.
- Note that discussants from different backgrounds may bring their own implicit power dynamics to the table, which may require careful navigation to create an equitable space.
- We encourage paying particular attention to the start of the session, which should establish a suitable atmosphere that facilitates mutual respect, careful listening and constructive dialogue.
- A whiteboard or other sketching material can be provided upon request for discussions that are more likely to take the form of brainstorming, networking, or planning collective initiatives.
- Roundtable discussions are timed as 60 or 90 minute events.