



Creating an inclusive and safe meeting



Is your meeting safe and inclusive? Here's what you need to check when planning a meeting.

Checklist

- Ensure everyone can participate fully - design the process in a way that it considers people have different learning styles - alternating interactive session with more contents sharing sessions can work well.
- Ensure the technology that you choose is accessible to all - keep participants' bandwidth limitations in mind in your design and try to always provide alternative options for participation, eg calling in. Consider if your sessions require a license or can be open license.
- Encourage diversity of thought and speaking up - Don't always pick the quickest response. Instead of picking the first person to say "I have an answer," look for opportunities to support less-heard voices.
- Provide an opportunity for people to opt in / out – ensure your language is invitational, eg. rather than saying now everyone must stand up, you can say: I invite everyone to stand up.
- Set people up for success – don't ask questions that can inflict shame, e.g. rather than asking who doesn't understand this, ask what haven't I explained clearly?
- Offer technical support – consider a tech tutorial at the start of a meeting, and spend enough time explaining during your meeting how people can make use of the tech options, when working with varied experience. Check in with participants.
- Be mindful of time zones when planning a meeting – don't just offer sessions that work for some but are awkward for others.

Climate relevance

Climate-related meetings are often attended by people from all over the world with different backgrounds. It's important to make sure everyone is involved and safe during your meeting.

