

Online Facilitation Skills: Leading Virtual Teams productively

The world is changing. COVID 19 has challenged us to move many of our meetings to the virtual platform. With technology rapidly developing, facilitators have a unique opportunity to contribute significantly to people's virtual experience, making meetings more inclusive, more effective and more fun!

Would you like to:

- Continue to function effectively during COVID 19 and beyond?
- Design and deliver interactive, engaging online events?
- Support people to exchange experiences and knowledge productively whilst paying attention to issues of diversity, inclusion and power?

The ability to lead and facilitate virtual meetings has become a fact of life for many employees and managers today. With many organizations spread across multiple geographical locations, there is need to be able to establish rapid contact with each other and run efficient working processes with staff who are spread around the world, without surrendering quality.

Most organizations have invested heavily in cost-effective virtual meeting systems. The question is, are we maximizing on these resources?

Course Objectives

Participants will acquire strategies, tools and skills for effective online facilitation through:

- Foster connection and engagement with everybody in the "meeting".
- Strategies and structures that work beautifully in the virtual space to engage complexity, co-create, and leverage the virtual space to work for you.
- Designing the whole experience around a core purpose
- Preparation, re-budgeting time and creating your virtual facilitator "kit" of templates and documents.
- The tech moves and scripting to make the magic happen (survey and poll set up, templates, choosing tools, giving instructions, managing expectations).



Eligible Participants

This course is most suitable for men and women whose work is to support groups to learn, grow, and change together. It is for team leaders, professional facilitators, trainers, coaches, or project managers leading teams that are spread out geographically. Men and women working for national, regional, and international organizations of agricultural research and development, including their donors and partners, are eligible. Staff members from the CGIAR Centers and Research Programs are encouraged to apply.

Learning Style

Each cohort will be limited to twenty participants to ensure high levels of interaction and personal attention. Participants experience practical, hands-on learning.

Dates: August 25 – September 17, 2020

Delivery

The course is divided into eight sessions, held online twice a week (every Tuesday and Thursday) from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm EAT. Each session lasts for two hours.

Tuition fee

US \$800 per person.

Payment

Tuition payment is required in advance. Upon receiving your confirmation of sponsorship and completed registration form, AWARD will invoice your organization.

Facilitators

The four-week long course will be facilitated by AWARD training team in collaboration with Maggie Chumbley of Leads Group Better Consulting Company.

Contact

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About AWARD

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) is working toward inclusive, agriculture-driven prosperity for the African continent by strengthening the production and dissemination of more gender-responsive agricultural research and innovation. We invest in African scientists, research institutions, and agribusinesses so that they can deliver agricultural innovations that better respond to the needs and priorities of a diversity of women and men across Africa's agricultural value chains.

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