Innovator lightning talks

Deep dives into the local system from the viewpoint of the innovators and their areas of expertise while participants actively listen for, produce and consolidate forces at work within the system.

**Description**

This exercise allows the team to create what Google calls a “shared brain”, as each innovator provides a contextualized understanding of the problem area from the vantage point of their area of expertise. During the presentations, participants will generate lists of enablers and inhibitors identified during the presentations.

**Suggested time**  
4 hrs participant prep; 2 hrs presentation

**Level of difficulty**  
Moderate

**Materials needed**  
PPT

**Steps**

1. Intro to Lightning Talks
2. Preparing your lightning talk
3. Note enablers and inhibitors
4. Finish with Affinity Mapping

Check how we used this in WFP-X:

- Mural Link: https://app.mural.co/t/wfpx20daressalaam8404/m/wfpx20daressalaam8404/1596587249061/da747b40c25d3d335b1956223904876c1c20bd8
- PPT Template: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T_tMb_zh4u7YpqB4wb8XvoYxVfKTL15o?usp=sharing
- Forces at Work and Affinity Mapping Exercise: https://app.mural.co/t/wfpx20daressalaam8404/m/wfpx20daressalaam8404/1596587432139/b9a39d9266fcf2726ee902712e12c4aa06f65584
Prepare your lightning talk presentation

Your task in this step
Prepare a 10 min presentation to share insights about your Field in the context of DSM Food Security.

What are lighting talks?
A way to rapidly and compellingly share information from several presenters
No more than 5-10 min
Focus on most important information
Highly visual

Who will give them and for what purpose?
You!
To leverage your expertise
To create a 'shared brain'
To add insights into the Huge Problem

Check full document
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S4oezDE1ZOVgzcrHxbWTuJLYbyfhD1b8v/view
Warm up

Your task in this step
Reflect as a group around the following framing questions:

Questions

1. Why is your sector relevant within this system in question today?

2. How does your sector interact with the system? If it produces something, how much and of what quality?

3. What are the main challenges in improving your sector in context of the system at large?

4. What existing opportunities can be leveraged in your sector for the benefit of the system at large?

5. What advances need to be made in your sector to reach the preferred state for the system at large?

Suggested time
30 minutes

Fill the tool task sheet

Note enablers and inhibitors

Intro to Lightning Talks

Preparing your lightning talk

Finish with Affinity Mapping
Identify forces at work

**Your task in this step**

1. Grab a blank piece of paper and fold it in half down the middle. Label one side "enablers" and the other side "inhibitors".
2. Jot down all the enabling or inhibiting forces you hear while listening to the lightning talks with a pen and paper.
3. After each talk you will have 2 minutes to transfer the forces to MURAL board. 1 force per sticky note.

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<th>Enablers</th>
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<td><strong>WFP Innovation Accelerator</strong></td>
<td>Enabling forces are forces that are driving the Dar es Salaam food system towards the radically healthy state of the preferred 2030 future.</td>
<td>Inhibiting forces are forces that are driving the Dar es Salaam food system towards the problematic unhealthy state of the probable 2030 future.</td>
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Affinity map

Your task in this step

1. Review the affinity map with the participants. Identify whether any forces fit the core themes.
2. Move the post-its into the corresponding box or create new themes. Each theme is made up of inhibitors and enablers which must be kept separate.
3. Repeat until all the post-its have been moved to the theme boxes and then create a statement for each theme.

Insert theme:

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Suggested time

60 minutes