

# connect

# via...

# workshops

## SUGGESTED FORMAT ...

4 - 12 PARTICIPANTS

OCCASION-BASED OR  
QUARTERLY MEETING

PARTICIPANTS FROM  
DIVERSE FIELDS AND ORGS

PARTICIPANTS OF  
DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS,  
EXPERTISE AND RANKS

OPEN INVITATION

## ABOUT THE EXCHANGE MODEL

*An opportunity for people to share ideas and receive feedback from a wide and diverse audience in a semi-formal, semi-organized and constructive manner.*

*The goal of this model is to workshop, refine and strengthen ideas (ranging from new to more mature concepts) and creates a place for new work to be developed. Constructive expert feedback from a wide and diverse audience increases the success rate for the group as a whole.*

## BEST PRACTICES

ADHERE TO THESE BEST PRACTICES AND YOU WILL  
GET THE MOST OUT OF THESE GATHERINGS

*The workshop model is meant to help develop an idea, regardless of its stage of development.*

*This model calls for a culture of open-mindedness; it requires a judgment-free space where there is a mutual understanding that all contributions come from a place of genuine interest.*

*The ultimate goal is improvement not judgment. Feedback is not meant to criticize, it is not targeted at the presenter but at the idea and is meant to broaden the conversation, identify opportunities and inform decisions around next steps.*

*It can help to first establish a communally created list of best practices. We recommend starting with a question that encourages each participant to share what they might need in order to be most successful during this session.*

## VOICES IN ACTION