

NCAI Policy Research Center: “Crafting a Collective Vision for the Future of Indian Country”

Instructions:

1. After the activity is introduced, the people at each table should very briefly introduce themselves by giving their name and tribal affiliation. Introductions should last less than two minutes. Each table will then discuss the first question: **“In thirty years, what do we want our tribal communities to look like?”** Group members should all contribute to the discussion. Participants should jot down main ideas from the discussion on the green sheets of paper in the manila envelop at the tables.
2. After 20 minutes, participants will be asked to form a new group. One member of each group will stay at their first table; the remaining four people will go to tables with people they have not sat with yet.
3. At a new table, participants should briefly introduce themselves by giving their name and tribal affiliation. Introductions should last less than two minutes. The groups should spend 10 minutes summarizing the ideas that their table had in common about the first question. Each table will then address the second question: **“What authorities, flexibility, and resources will our tribal governments need to create the future we want for our communities?”** Group members should all contribute to the discussion. Participants should jot down main ideas from the discussion on the yellow sheets of paper in the manila envelop at the tables.
4. After 20 minutes, participants will be asked to form a new group. One member of each group will stay at their first table; the remaining four people will go to tables with people they have not sat with yet.
5. At a new table, participants should briefly introduce themselves by giving their name and tribal affiliation. Introductions should last less than two minutes. The group should spend 15 minutes summarizing the ideas that their table had in common about the first and second questions. Each table will then address the third question: **“What actions and conversations are most critical in moving toward this vision?”** Group members should all contribute to the discussion. Participants should jot down main ideas from the discussion on the blue sheets of paper in the manila envelop at the tables.
6. After the third question has been discussed in the small groups for 20 minutes, the facilitators will guide participants through a 50-minute debriefing process during which volunteers at the various tables are given a chance to share some of the main ideas that their group(s) had in common.
7. After the debriefing, the facilitators will close the activity. Participants are asked to deposit their notes on the sheets of colored paper in boxes in the back of the room. They are also welcome to contribute any additional thoughts they may have by talking to the graphic recorder (on the side of the room) about adding other ideas to her illustration and/or jotting down ideas on index cards and depositing them in a box in the back of the room.
8. For participants who feel the need to continue this conversation, there will be a talking circle in a corner of General Assembly to have discussion for an additional hour.