

Facilitated Design Workshop

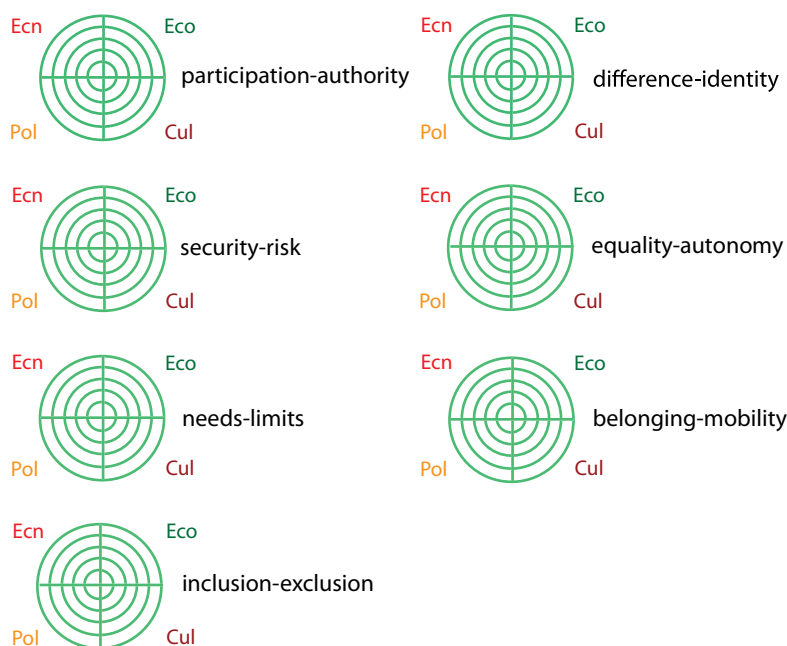
The Facilitated Workshop, is as the name suggests, facilitated by the International Secretariat. The Facilitated Design Workshop is an optional exercise offered to member cities that assists the preparatory work that informs the development of a meaningful Indicator Set.

The Indicator Set will act as the main tool for project monitoring and evaluation. It will be able to measure the city attributes that are identified as most valuable and relevant to achieving the project outcomes.

During the Facilitated Workshop, cities will be guided through a series of carefully designed questions as they relate to their project, to be able to form an in-depth understanding of the identified issue. Specifically, it explores the inherent characteristics of the issue and attempts to 'unpack' the imbedded social dichotomies at play.

Level Two

Social Themes



1 - critical 2 - compromised 3 - liveable 4 - resilient 5 - optimal

1 critical

The 'issue' is not understood / considered from the perspectives of any social theme and commands immediate attention by the city.

2 compromised

The 'issue' is compromising the desired level of sustainability. It requires immediate attention to develop and implement a planned response.

3 liveable

The 'issue' is enabling a minimal standard of living.

4 resilient

The 'issue' represents sustainability. It functions in a way that promotes reflection, negotiation and action.

5 optimal

The 'issue' represents sustainability. It functions in a way that promotes reflection, negotiation and action, and recognises what constitutes sustainability, when missing or present.

Questions

What is the depth of awareness of the relationship between this theme and the issue in relation to each domain?

How adequate have been the practical responses to negotiating the terms of this theme across each domain?

How appropriate have been the resources brought to bear upon these negotiations?

How well have the negotiations been monitored?

At the conclusion of the Facilitated Workshop, a city will benefit by receiving:

Independent Facilitation. It provides a neutral platform for decision-making.

Social Mapping. It examines existing and future needs in all four social domains.

Strategic Advice. It is specifically tailored to the societal needs and objectives of your city.

A Road Map. It assists to confirm the direction and activities of the overall Project design.

Tutorial. An overview of Indicators and how to choose the most meaningful for your city.

A city may choose to develop an Indicator Set without undertaking a Facilitated Workshop. However, the International Secretariat encourages cities to undertake this exercise as it provides a holistic view of sociality and helps 'unpack' its meaning in your city context. In other words, it helps the decision-makers understand and approach their issue from a new and meaningful perspective that will help inform future governance decisions.

It is recommended that the In Country Convenor consult the International Secretariat, who will be able to provide specific information to each member city, as they reach Design phase.