

# Instructions & Ground Rules

1. Use the "sticky note" icon on the left to post thoughts & ideas.
2. Edit your sticky notes by double-clicking (please only edit your own).
3. That's all!

Objective #1: Establish a diverse network of networks that is global, and crosses disciplines, societal sectors, and cultures (build relationships; promote co-design; exchange information; leverage long-term experiments).

How do you envision using Soil for Society Network?  
How can we develop a successful network?  
How would you measure the success of the network?

Success would be measured by how many members can build relationships with farmers who are currently NOT implementing soil health practices -and learn their why.

**Ardita's new project from EU.**

virtual meetings with a network member presenting on their work for about 20 minutes and then another 40 minutes of discussion and one on one follow up

**Interact with other groups in progress**

Discuss, communicate, and promote soil-related innovations and knowledge within this group and the larger audience.

**communicate impact of soil on water quality. connect groups.**

Initiate a platform and other means through which members communicate and share experiences.

**Sucess = generation of new networks**

**a place to learn and increase my scope of knowledge**

Success: Members will develop and deepen relationships to learn perspectives from people far outside their usual circles in order to build the foundation to co-create solutions.

**Sucess = effective knowledge sharing to all associates**

Success: two important groups that are difficult to impact/reach: farmers & policy makers. Success includes reaching & making these groups aware of the network

The success is gaged by several indicators, e.g., 1 how interconnected are the members via different platforms & means; 2 enrichment of the experience & information sharing.

measuring success could be done by surveys (3 to 5 ques), after they look at items on the website, or views if they see a video interview.

Newsletter to keep up with what everyone is doing or new work that's being done.

Successful Network: Multinational and multi-level involvement in bringing newer ideas and newer concept to this platform.

To reach out to experts for collaboration and questions outside of my scope, and to hear answers and ideas from diverse voices and perspectives

Ideally, I think the network would connect members to essential soil initiatives, have a detailed list of members and host events.

**have network meetings after these workshops. Maybe once a year.**

**Integrative knowledge co-production**

Interchanging an ideas from other experts and sharing and experiences and stories

A place where you can communicate with colleagues around common theme. Collaborate on projects across regions (geographic, climatic, etc..)

Developing a successful network is important by providing case studies, interviews and real-world experiences especially from immigrant farmers

**learn good practices**

**meet research collaborators**

As a robust resource with language-accessible items.

Objective #2: Conduct capacity building activities that provide training in skills needed for emerging professionals & underserved communities (critical and systems thinking; human-centered design and communication; hard skills (AI, GIS, data science)).

What metrics can be used to evaluate the success of these activities in building capacity?

Development of techno-social indices which will have better representation of environmental parameters. These indices can be used to evaluate the success of activities.

**Skill assessment and utilization in diverse projects**

Possibly through Human Dimensions research that uses qualitative methods to learn about stakeholder story/experience, to find quantitative data to support policy

This objective requires funding for example to exchange students and train them. Plus, training workshops on specific techniques. Maybe develop training manuals on tech applications?

Funding for capacity building workshops to learn how to effectively communicate and build trust with different stakeholders.

**Focus on long-term capacity and inclusive and diverse collaboration.**

Objective #3: Synthesize knowledge leveraged by the network and develop the communication mechanisms needed to share with local communities, practitioners, and legislatures (local communication; engage students and grassroots leaders through inspirational interactions).

What metrics can be used to evaluate the success of knowledge synthesis and communication mechanisms of the network?

Environment upgradation and economic upliftment of grassroot farmers will be ultimate measurement of success.

Farmers in the network see better yield while improving soil health and water conservation and addressing climate change. A 'win-win' for people and the planet.

For people in teaching roles - maybe having students work on final/capstone projects where they directly connect with local communities/grassroots leaders.

being in media (all forms) is effective. example of save soil journey (sadhguru)