



World Café Breakout Session

Through history, conversation has been a primary process for making sense of our world, discovering what we value, sharing knowledge and imaging our future.¹ The World Café is methodology for creating a network of conversations around questions that matter. At the IWGBDS workshop, all participants will join in a World Café dialogue in the afternoon of Day 1. The goal of the session is to capture the thoughts and ideas of each participant on a series of 6 topics/questions.

Proposed questions:

1. What do I value most about data sharing / what possibilities do I hope will be part of its future?
2. Regarding biological data sharing, what surprises have you found? What challenges? What's exciting?
3. What types of biological data sharing among the 4 quadrants are working well in your opinion? Why? What enables this?
4. What types of biological data sharing among the 4 quadrants are not working well in your opinion? Why? What are the barriers?
5. What's missing from the biological data sharing conversation? What topics have we missed?
6. If you could instantaneously have one thing happen, be created, or realized to solve your biological data sharing needs, what would it be? Why?

Logistics:

- 6 café table stations will be set up, each equipped with paper table covering, markers, a copy of 1 of the 7 questions, a moderator, and a notetaker.
- 1 question will be discussed at each café table station.
- There will be 6 rounds of 15 minutes of discussion time for each question.
- Participants will rotate through the café table stations on a preassigned rotation (on nametag).
- 3 minutes will be given between rounds for participants to move to the next table assignment in their rotation
- Discussion points/ideas captured on paper will be built upon by successive groups.
- Each station will have a moderator and a notetaker to provide guidance and continuity.
- The moderator and notetaker will collaborate to summarize the highlights of the discussion at their table in a World Café wrap-up session.



¹ Juanita Brown with David Isaacs, "The World Café: Living Knowledge through Conversations that Matter", *The Systems Thinker*, Pegasus Communications, 13, 5, Jun/Jul 2001.