

Checklist 13: Set a Framework

In the list below, you can keep track of what you have already mastered and what you still want to learn:

Preparing a Meeting:

- □ Clearly define the meeting's purpose and be realistic about the time available.
- □ Skillfully approach topics with an effective process design, incorporating elements like plenary discussions, subgroups, and decision-making processes.
- □ Send out invitations well in advance, setting the tone and expectations (pre-cooking the framing).
- □ Align with the highest-ranking attendees on potential challenges and strategies.
- □ Collect relevant facts and consider the broader context before the meeting begins.

During the Meeting:

- □ Prioritize establishing rapport at the beginning of the meeting.
- Develop strategies to handle late arrivals effectively.
- □ Complete the setup of your meeting framework before diving into the discussion.
- □ Use all necessary elements of the framework.
- □ Employ global language to clearly set and maintain the frame.
- □ Firmly establish the meeting framework using factual support, a yes-set, and logical sequencing.
- □ Skillfully steer the discussion back to the framework when deviations occur.

Process Steering with Limited Formal Power:

- □ Step in to correct or redefine the framework if it is inadequately set by the meeting leader.
- □ Continuously bring attention to the meeting's purpose, procedures, and process during the discussion.
- Use embedded commands to keep the meeting progressing smoothly.
- □ Effectively use tools like a flipchart to aid discussion and visualization.
- □ Regularly summarize discussions to confirm understanding and agreement, reinforcing the meeting's framework.