

Schools2030 Global Forum

Session Learnings and Recommendations: Roundtable 11

SESSION TITLE: Designing with government stakeholders: *How might we work better together?*

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FOCUS AREAS: Collaboration, policy and advocacy

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Civil society and educational stakeholders frequently assume that it is difficult to collaborate with government to bring about change.
- At the same time, however, we know that collaboration is essential for meaningful systemic change to occur.
- Despite the challenges there are also many examples of successful collaboration with government from all around the world.
- We can learn from these successful examples to promote more fruitful collaboration elsewhere.

CONCLUSION:

Through discussion, we identified five success factors for designing and collaborating with government stakeholders:

1. **Leadership:** Collaborative efforts must have leadership that is able to stimulate and engage diverse stakeholders and find the right balance between delegation and coordination.
2. **Process:** The collaborative process must be guided by an agreed upon strategic goal and action pathway, which is tracked over time.
3. **Resources:** The collaborative process must be allocated the human and financial resources needed to succeed.
4. **Communication:** In a successful collaboration, frequent communication about successes and challenges becomes the norm, without the need for follow up.
5. **Multi-stakeholder Collaboration:** Successful collaborative relationships are based upon clearly defined roles, mutual trust, and shared accountability.

ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Gathering and sharing stories of successful collaboration with government may encourage others to pursue collaborative efforts.
- The onus to collaborate should be upon all of us. Civil society should not assume that government will always take the lead in convening.