

Co-producing Gender Knowledge using Experts' E-Discussions

— Stories of success from **eldis** communities —

6 unique events:



Range from 3 to 15 days in duration



Participants are identified & selected for diversity



Multi-timezone flow of contributions



A safe & welcoming space is created by moderators



Group sizes vary from roughly 30 to 60 people



Participants contribute via both web & email



Each post is automatically emailed to the group



Rapid user support services are on-hand

225 participants:



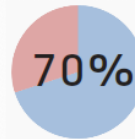
Representation from the Global South

92%



8%

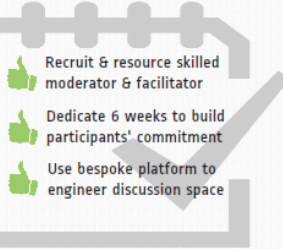
Balance of female & male participants



Proportion of participants who contribute

What we've learned:

Preparation is critical ...for strong participation:



Total number of posts: **515**
 Average posts per event: **86**
 Average words per post: **397**
 Most contributions in a single day: **24 posts**

Participants' views*:

“ thanks to the sponsors for holding this discussion, which is desperately needed. ”

“ I am knocked out (again) by the depth, diversity and range of all our efforts ”

“ thanks for these fascinating and thought provoking discussions! ”

“ It makes me feel like my brain is growing! ”

“ The discussion is getting much deeper and more complex and stimulating for sure ”

“ ...it's really inspiring and thought provoking ”

“ The discussion is so rich that it is impossible to hold all of the ideas in my head ”

*quotes are from 'Beyond Gender Mainstreaming'

Example outputs:



Gender & Food Security 'Insights' brief



Gender & Climate Change Cutting Edge Pack



Gender & Development Journal special edition*



Gender & Social Movements Cutting Edge Pack*
 *Forthcoming

Topics:

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