Tools Overview

Climate setting:	 welcoming words – naming issues and concerns norm development – agenda prioritization room arrangement and amenities – warm-up exercises
Relationship Building:	– getting-to-know-you activities – norm development – training in effective behaviors – role clarification – negotiating relationships – knowledge mapping – cross training – work planning – negotiating empowerment
Context Setting/ Building Buy-in:	 surveys and interviews – questionnaires – sensing scales visioning – mission statements – clarifying parameters goals & specific objectives – benefits/consequences What's in it for me? conversations
Sensing:	– questionnaires – surveys – interviews – pilot tests – sequential questioning – benchmarking – facilitative listening – risk assessment – Delphi method – environmental scans – SWOT analysis – multiple-hat thinking
Analyzing:	 assessing against pre-set performance criteria cost/benefit analysis – forcefield analysis – gap analysis cause and effect analysis – fishbone diagrams story-boarding – questioning – process mapping environmental scans – benchmarking
Idea Generating:	– brainstorming – anonymous brainstorming – questionnaires – multiple-hat thinking – wandering flip charts – focus groups – surveys
Idea Sorting:	– criteria setting – priority setting – decision grid – affinity maps – multivoting – flowcharts – scatter diagrams – matrix diagrams – run charts – pareto charts
Deciding:	 voting – compromise – multivoting – decision grid delegating to one person – identifying a compromise solution – building consensus – gradients of agreement