Checking for the Basics

Linden (2002) reminds those thinking about collaborations to check for the basics (p. 90):

Have you:

* Discussed the parties' interests and goals regarding the collaborative?
* Agreed that there is a compelling, shared interest that the parties want to pursue, now?
* Felt comfortable asking questions and discussing doubts and concerns?
* God people at the table to who can speak for all of the stakeholder organizations?
* Considered forming a smaller core group to take on certain leadership and management tasks?
* Spent time in the early phases getting to know one another?
* Periodically asked if the process is clear, and if the parties are comfortable with it?
* Established a few simple ground rules?
* Identified and supported those who will function as champions for the effort?