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### setting the stage

10 min

#### INTRODUCTION

- Why the challenge matters (share connections and data if possible) and the goal of the session
- Preparing to get a deeper understanding of stakeholder needs and motivations
- Take a learner's mindset. Focus on wondering about your stakeholders' experiences

5 min

#### WHO'S AT THE TABLE

- Everyone introduces themselves in the group
- Pick a time keeper in the group if you don't have a dedicated facilitator

10 min

#### **ALIGNING EXPECTATIONS**

- 5 min indivisual reflection of experiences & expectations
- 1 min per person: sharing insights



## perspective taking

20 min

#### **BRAINWRITING 30 STAKEHOLDERS**

 Individually reflect on stakeholders: usual suspects, extreme users, down the chain, and in the ecosystem



#### 25 min

#### MAPPING SUPPORTING STAKEHOLDERS

- 5 min familiarizing with the framework
- 10 min placing stakeholders in the framework
- 5 min reviewing engagement strategies





#### - 5-10 min break -

## scoping a needfinding interview

10 min

#### **DECIDING ON A TARGET STAKEHOLDER**

- 5 min reflecting on stakeholder accessibility and potential
- 5 min choosing and describing one stakeholder group



10 min

#### **DEFINING PURPOSE AND GOALS**

- Defining purpose and goals
- 5 min deciding the purpose of the needfinding interview
- 5 min formulating 2 or 3 questions to be answered



## preparing a needfinding interview

20 min

#### PREPARE AN INTERVIEW GUIDE

- 3 min writing an introduction
- 5 min coming up with warm-up questions
- 10 min defining substantive questions
- 2 min designing a pleasant closing

10 min

#### WRAP-UP

- How and with whom will you share the interview guides
- How will you stay in touch

**BONUS: PILOTING INTERVIEW GUIDE** 

