

# Foundations of Collaborative Action

**L4 Pre-Consultation Collaborative Action  
Workshop (1 of 3)**



**We welcome you today as  
Ambassadors, Brothers and  
Sisters, and Co-laborers in  
Christ our Lord.**

# Let Us Pray

- For God's Kingdom
- For God's will in Heaven and Earth
- For a spirit of unity and love
- For a spirit of collaboration that moves us into collaborative action!





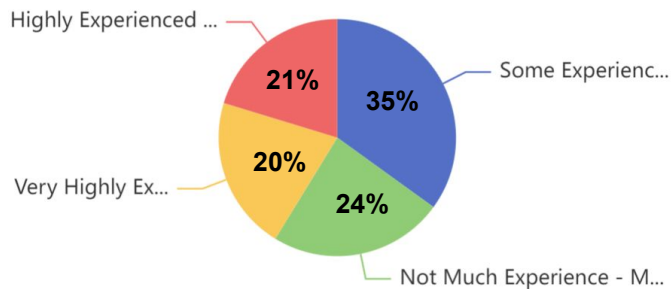
# It Takes a Team!

- **Facilitator** - Michael Kaspar
- **Co-Facilitator** - Daniel Dow
- **Moderator** – Geo Delarmente
- **Zoom Tech Support** – Geo Delarmente
- **Chat Support** - Matt Owens
- **Interpreters** – Cheri Chan, Dwarika Shrestha, Mathai Soren

# Who's Registered?



## Collaboration Experience:



144 Leaders

33 countries

Diverse experience levels

Many languages including:

English, Simplified Chinese, Nepali,



# Zoom Tips – Interpretation

## 1 RENAME YOURSELF

- a. Hover mouse over your video
- b. Right-click mouse
- c. Select “**rename**” from menu
- d. Use “**Language – Name**” format
  - English (**EN**)
  - Hindi (**HI**)
  - Nepali (**NP**)
  - Simplified Chinese (**SC**)

Workshop is offered in English, Hindi, Nepali, and Simplified Chinese

## 2 SELECT LANGUAGE CHANNEL

- a. Click “**Interpretation**” button
- b. Select language channel (Simplified Chinese, Nepali, Hindi etc.)



# Workshop Journey

- 1 When God's People Work Together
- 2 What is Collaborative Action
- 3 Ready to collaborate?
- 4 Collaboration Strategies
- 5 Benefits, Barriers, and Overcoming Our Fears
- 6 Three Factors that Make or Break Collaboration



# When God's People Work Together





**What happens when God's  
people work together? Why is it  
so important to God and what  
impact does it have?**



# ACTIVITY BREAKOUT – 20 minutes

## **Prepare: (Total 1 min)**

- Copy and open the activity link from Zoom Chat
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## **Introductions: (Total 6 min)**

- Invite each person to introduce themselves.
- Share your name, country, ministry, and what brought you here today

## **Answer the questions: (Total 18 min)**

- Read the scriptures
- Discuss the questions



# Welcome Back! Chat Burst

What **difference** does knowing these verses and seeing God's heart for collaboration make?



# What is Collaborative Action?

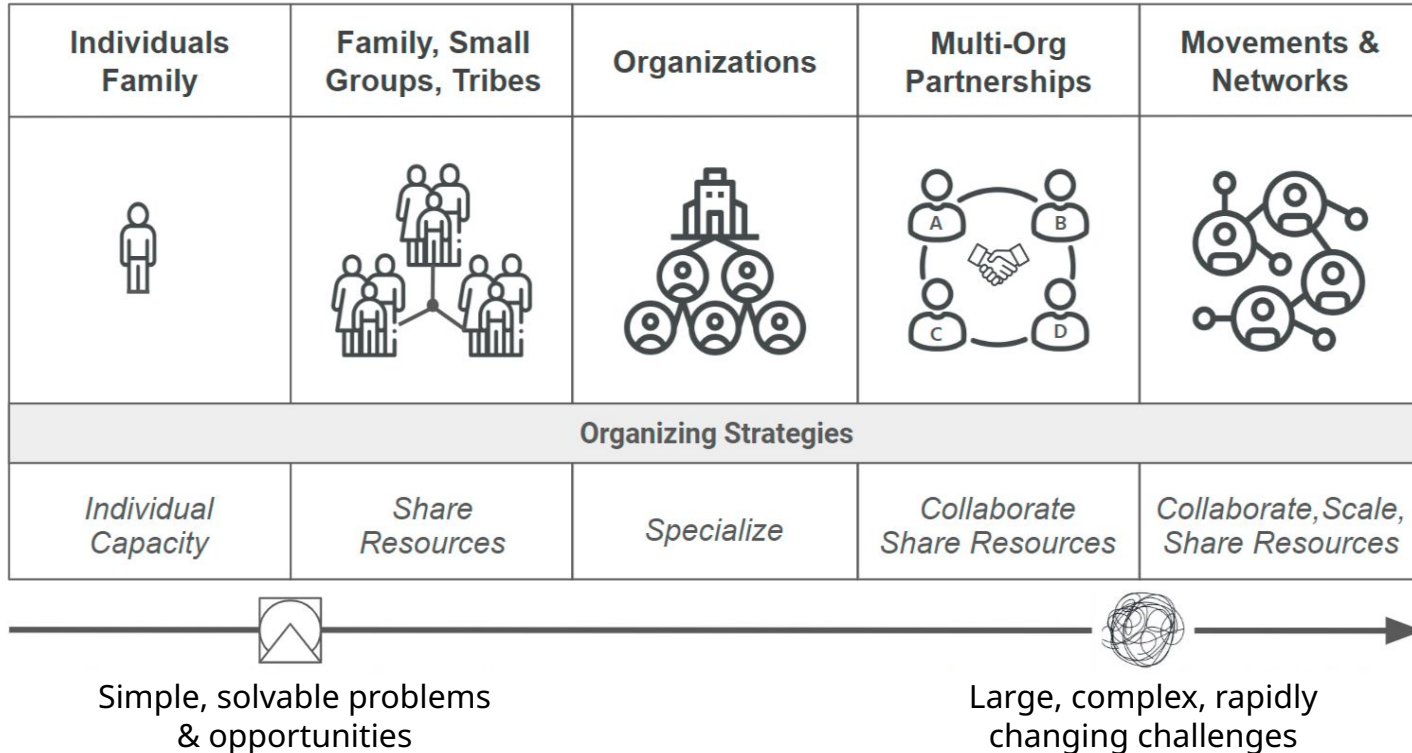


# What is Collaboration?

**Collaboration** means to “**coordinate, organize, or co-labor** in such a way that our combined efforts produce more than our individual contributions.”

- Root meaning of “**collaboration**” is to “**co-labor**”.
- In I Corinthians 3:9 the term for **co-labor** is “**synergoi**”, from which we get the word “**synergy**”.
- **Synergy** occurs when **the collective results are greater** than the **sum of the individual efforts**.
- **Collaborating or “Co-laboring” together creates synergy.**

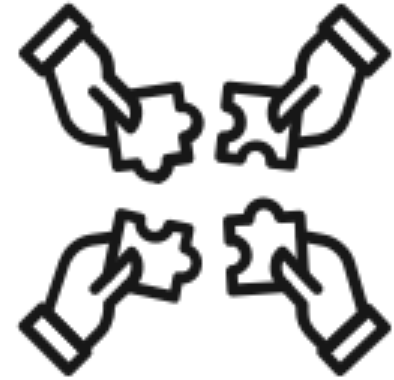
# Collaboration allows us to scale our efforts and resources to the size and complexity of the challenge





# What is Collaborative Action?

The **process of connecting and organizing the diverse parts of the Body of Christ** so it can **work together to fulfill the Great Commission** by accomplishing those things that no one part of the Body of Christ can do by itself.





# Are You Ready to Collaborate?

1. Is there a clear need or reason to collaborate?
2. Is there an interest in collaborating?
3. Is there agreement on the problem and strategy for addressing it?
4. Is there a history of working together on projects?
5. Is there a spirit of generous collaboration or bitter competition?
6. Is there an openness and willingness to trust one another?

**IF NOT, YOUR FIRST STEP IS TO ASK QUESTIONS, LISTEN, AND BUILD TRUST**





# Counting the Cost

Collaboration sounds good! We all agree that we should collaborate, yet we often don't. Why? **Collaboration is not free.** It takes commitment, energy, resources, and time to collaborate.

**Tip:** Be generous and collaborative, but wisely count the cost and don't collaborate just to collaborate. Choose when and how you collaborate. Collaborate with intention and purpose. Like the faithful master's servants invest the collaborative talents you are given wisely!



**5 Min Break**



# Collaborative Strategies

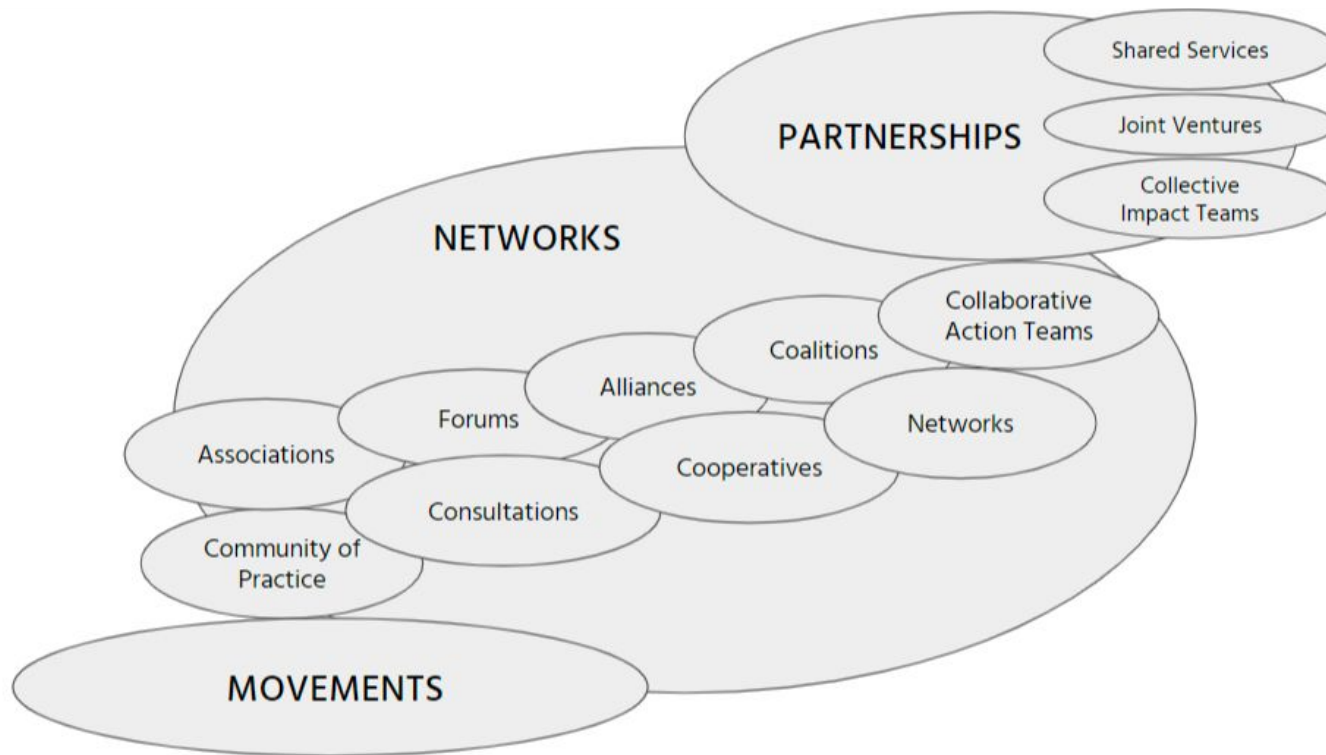


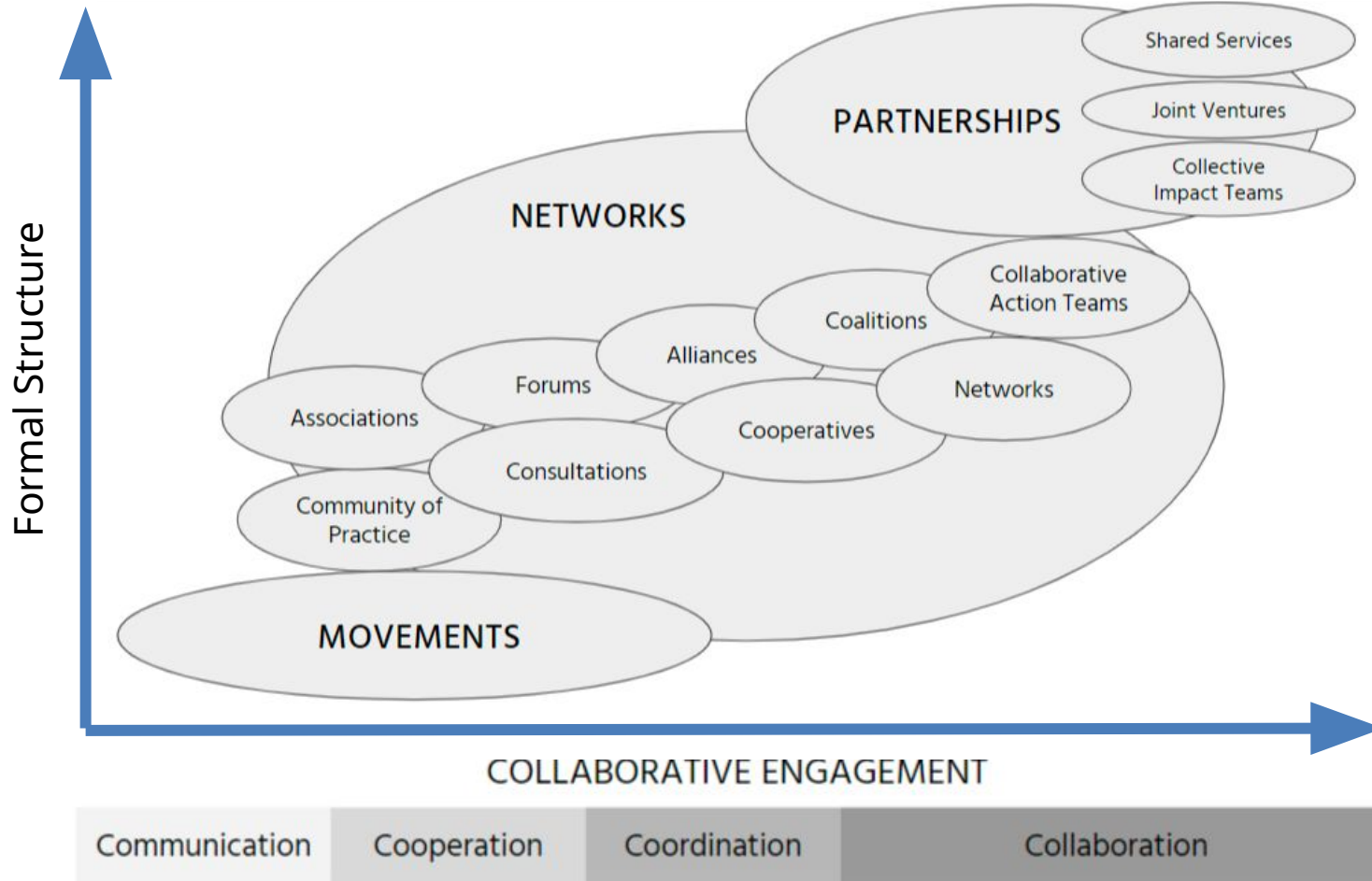
# Four Strategic Questions

**As a collaborative, you will need to have good answers to four questions throughout the life cycle of your effort.**

1. What does God want done?
2. Why is collaboration essential?
3. What might be accomplished if we worked together?
4. Is there interest in working together?

# Collaborative Strategies





# Movements



A **movement** is ...

- Loosely affiliated individuals or organizations (Low Structure)
- with shared **interests and passion**
- who informally **connect** and **communicate**, and
- Sometimes **coordinate** on activities of mutual interest

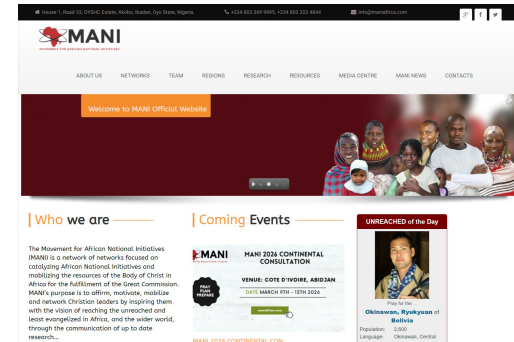
In missions, a common type of movements are Church Planting Movements (CPM) and Discipleship-Making Movements (DMM). These are indigenously-led, Gospel-planting, obedience-based discipleship processes that result in multiple generations of new churches and disciples.



# Mission Networks

A mission network is ...

- a **group** of individuals or organizations
- with a **common interest**
- who **connect, communicate, and collaborate** together for **mutual benefit**
- toward a **shared vision that is beyond the capacity of any individual partner**







# Partnerships

A mission partnership is ...

- a **group** of individuals or organizations
- with a **common interest**
- who **regularly communicate** and **collaborate** together
- to accomplish a **shared vision and goal** that is beyond the **capacity of any individual partner**

Partnerships function like a network, but with **additional structure** (agreements, goals, processes, projects) and **greater collaborative intensity** (more frequent communications, planning meetings, on-going projects). They are about organizing for action. Some networks end up becoming partnerships or starting partnerships around specific goals or projects.



# Collaborative Action Teams

**Collaborative Action Teams (CATS)** are diverse groups of people who share a common interest in seeing a gap in the Great Commission closed by 2050 through Ministry collaboration.





# Poll: Your Collaborative Context

## **Q1: What is your collaborative context?**

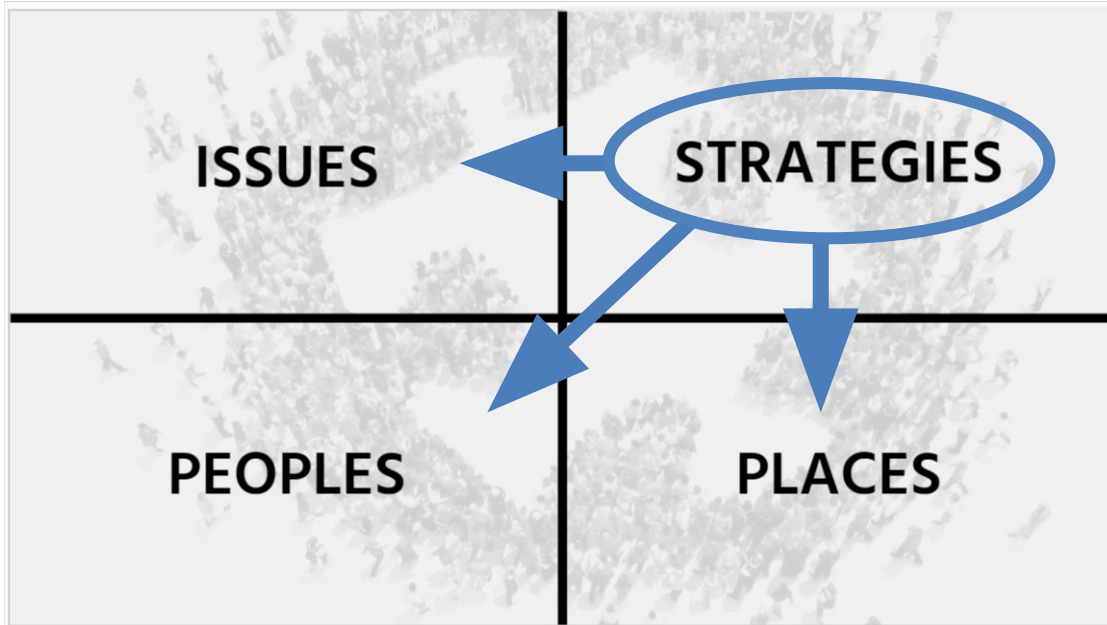
1. Within a church, denomination, or ministry
2. Within a small collaborative group (2 – 3 orgs)
3. Within a movement (DMM etc)
4. Within a network or partnership
5. Within a global or regional network of networks

## **Q2: What is your level of collaborative engagement?**

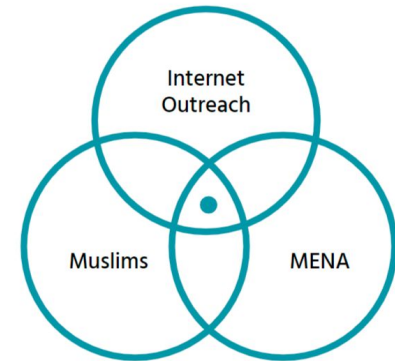
1. Communication
2. Cooperation
3. Coordination
4. Collaboration



# Ministry Collaboration Landscape



Most ministry collaborations combine a ministry strategy with a focus on a people, place, or issue.





# Benefits & Barriers



# **Chat Burst:**

## **What are the benefits of collaboration?**



# Benefits of Collaboration

1. Discover others who share a **common vision**
2. Maximize **resources**
3. Reduce **duplication** of effort
4. Engage full range of **spiritual gifts & skills**
5. Facilitate **trust-building, reconciliation, and unity**
6. Share **risk**



# Benefits of Collaboration

7. Access to **new ideas and information**
8. Demonstrate the **credibility** of the Gospel (by our love)
9. Release the **power** of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 133)
10. Provide **community, encouragement and hope**
11. Sustain **progress** when working on difficult challenges
12. Achieve **greater impact** than what can be accomplished alone





**Satan loves to breakup  
collaboration and unity. Barriers  
to collaboration abound, but can  
also be managed!**



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## **Answer the following questions together**

1. What barriers to collaboration have you experienced and seen?
2. What are the concerns or fears behind these barriers and behaviors?
3. How can we work together to overcome these fears?



# Welcome Back! Chat Burst

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# 3 Factors that Can Make or Break a Collaboration

1. Time
2. Trust
3. Task



# Review & Closing



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# Chat Burst

What is one thing you are taking away from today that will strengthen your ability to collaborate with others?



# Resources

- Register and participate in one of the **upcoming collaboration workshops** scheduled for June 2024 and August 2024. Watch for announcements in the “Journey to Lausanne” email newsletters.
- Watch for a **series of collaborative articles, books, and videos** on collaboration that we will be posting in the “Collaborative Action” track over the next five months.



# Closing Prayer

Please join us in prayer for people to have the head, hands, and heart of collaboration and for God's blessings when his people work together for His purposes.

