



DESIGN CRITERIA FOR INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY

The purpose of this activity is to check that your actions meet all relevant design criteria for innovative solutions. Thinking this through will save you a lot of time and resources in the implementation stage.

RESOURCES NEEDED

Required skills: Moderate facilitation skills, knowledge of implementation, project design

Time: 2 hrs

Materials: the list of proposed actions, design criteria

HOW TO DO IT

List the actions that you have come up with in the table below. For each action, go through the list of design criteria and check that they are all met. If some of the criteria are not met, discuss why and if you still should move on with this action.

TIPS

The actions do not need to meet all the criteria fully, but they should meet the majority of the criteria reasonably well.

Design criteria for actions

Action 1

Action 2

Action 3

Action 4

Action 5

Action 6

Target leverage points

Target deeper rather than shallower leverage points

Influence dynamics at multiple scales

Change makers known and opportunity context conducive

Be feasible and effective

Maintain or increase the system option space

Minimize unintended consequences

Robust across multiple possible futures
