PAUSE AND PONDER

Structure: Making Connections

Before the Session

1. Create a slide with the Pause and Ponder question on it.

During the Session

2. Show the content related to the Pause and Ponder question. To provide the participants with a viewing focus, the facilitator may want to present the Pause and Ponder question slide before the participants view the module section.
3. Individual Task – Ask each participant to write down some notes related to the Pause and Ponder question and be prepared to share their ideas with the rest of the group. Give individuals 3 to 5 minutes to complete this task. The facilitator could ask participants to turn off their video while composing their notes and to turn it back on when they are ready to share.
4. The facilitator can begin the whole-group discussion by asking one person to share her/his response to the Pause and Ponder question.
5. The facilitator can then ask participants whose responses are connected to the idea presented by the opening response to click on the Clap reaction button at the bottom of the Zoom screen. Select three or four people to explain how their responses are connected to the first response.
6. The facilitator can move the discussion to a new idea by asking a person to share a response that may not be connected to the first response. Once the new idea has been presented, the facilitator can follow the procedure outlined in #5 to get additional input about that response.
7. The procedure outlined in #6 could be repeated, depending on the time available and the depth of the Pause and Ponder question.
8. At the end of the discussion, the facilitator should provide a brief synthesis (1 to 2 minutes) of the key ideas related to the Pause and Ponder question—referencing the content that had been viewed.