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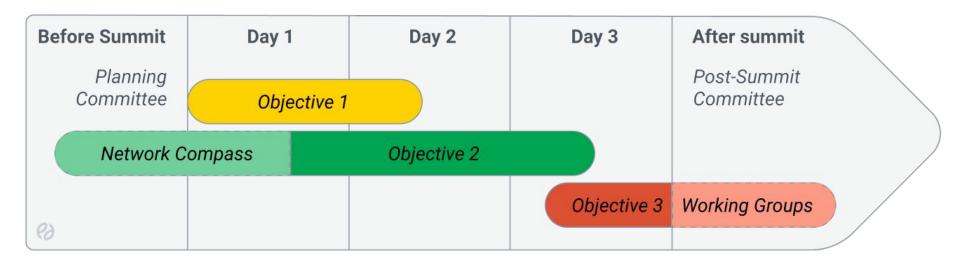


Future Earth 2020 Summit Planning Committee



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Summit Structure



- **Objective 1.** Share an <u>update of Future Earth in light of its mid-term review</u> (past successes and challenges, evolving vision, mandate, structure and responsibilities) and critically examine the proposed next steps, their implementation, and the role of each Future Earth entity in this process;
- **Objective 2.** Develop a <u>value proposition on how to improve the relationship</u> between the Future Earth Secretariat, advisory, and governing structures and the Future Earth community based on an understanding of how the different community segments function;
- **Objective 3.** Initiate the <u>development of proposals of cross-cutting products</u>, including the why, what, and the how, as well as better ways to engage with existing activities and international science-policy initiatives.

Summit agenda

Day 1 - Future Earth Update

Introduction with basic rules of engagement followed by plenary update followed by Q&A curated through a submission platform and chat. Parallel sessions were held to "digest" the updates followed by a report back in plenary. Introduction of the next day's activity.

Day 2 - Towards a shared understanding of the community's diversity

Plenary and then breakout groups aimed at creating a common understanding with all stakeholders. This was helped through the preparation and discussion around a framework developed by Flurina Schneider with questions aligned with specific objectives.

Day 3 - Taking stock and initiating steps forwards

Taking stock of Days 1&2 followed by Parallel sessions aiming at initiating a set of Working Groups (continued after the Summit). Closing remarks and vision for going forward.

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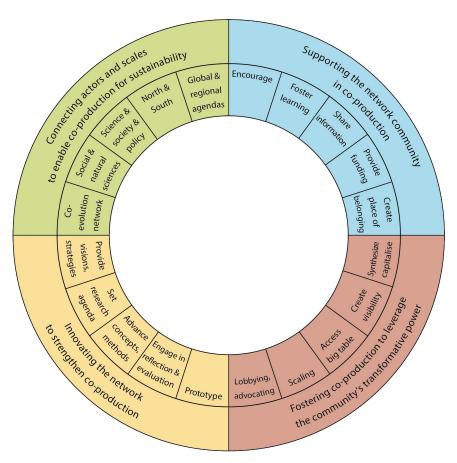
Summit agenda: Behind the scenes

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13:25	E.g. Session 3.2	Title Description in easy to understand bullet points Duration for each point + Q&A Q&A discussion platform: e.g. Online platform to input discussion topics (upvoting); Moderation by backend team to provide live questions to presenter(s) Expected outcome: e.g. shared understanding of X With transition/relevance to next session	Presentation(s) + Q&A	Decide on & location		Names, titles, affiliations		

Day 2 - Flurina Schneider's framework

Using the framework as a first step towards gaining understanding of the community's diverse ways of functioning

- Pre-Summit survey for entities' self reflection
- In-Summit activity designed to share these results and identify points of convergence and complementarity between entities to serve FE mandate



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Day 3 parallel sessions

Some sessions were prepared in advance, and there was space for some to be proposed during the Summit.

Examples:

- Engagement with Early Career Researchers
- Engagement with international science policy interfaces
- The Pathways initiative as a potential bottom-up entry point into FE: lessons learned and way forward (possibly prepared with Ariane de Bremond)
- COVID-19, Belmont Forum CRAs

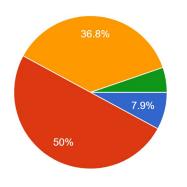
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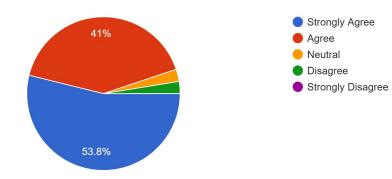
Key Stats

Meeting virtually was not the norm before the pandemic despite the benefits (less time out, no travel costs, and increased inclusivity). Based on... any downsides of not seeing people face-to-face? 38 responses



- Nope. Nothing can beat meeting inperson.
- I could go either way. This was a great experience, but I do like in-person meetings better.
- Absolutely! I got just as much, if not more, out of meeting virtually.
- I don't really travel to meetings. I only attended this one because it was virtual.

The process and facilitation felt relevant and effective in relation to the Summit's objectives. 39 responses



Lessons learned

- Before the event
 - Lot's of preparation needed from (co-)organizers and participants.
 - Design, content, format, stakeholders, communication, technology...
 - Information and capacity building sessions help prepare your team and participants.
 - Specific objectives are important for the entire event and essential for every session.

During

- More inclusive!!
- Experienced external facilitators are helpful.
- Keep It Short and Simple. Only one person can speak at a time.
- o **Breaks** recommending people to step away from their screens.
- Planning Committee members were eager to take part and lead discussions
- Informal chatting spaces for people to connect.

Challenges

- English speakers dominated.
- Timezone disadvantages.
- Privacy concerns (consent for recording etc.).