Global Leaders Simulation

Step: Two - Choose an issue!

Time: 1 hour

Space and materials:

- Room allowing to sit in a circle and work in small groups;
- Poster and markers;
- Laptop and projector (optional).

Description of the tool

- 1. Divide the participants into teams and let them know they will be part of a global leaders gathering on the theme of Technology.
- 2. Each group needs to select one issue/aspect of this theme, or you can assign issues to the groups (use the issues generated in the previous tools, particularly Charades). It is good if the teams receive their assignment in advance, so they have time to prepare (in this case, they can also make a digital presentation).
- 3. Explain that the main purpose of the gathering is to come up with the common decision on one issue, which is the most important within the explored theme. The groups need to persuade one another that their issue has importance and personal influence on a lot of people, so it needs to be the one to be tackled. Encourage the participants to be creative in preparing and delivering their presentations so they could impress the rest.
- 4. Each group should present their case within 5-8 minutes. You can either moderate the gathering or assign a moderator from the participants (they should not be part of any group). Questions and answers should follow each presentation as well as an overall debate. If needed, introduce rules for the debate, and the moderator should follow them strictly.
- 5. After the debates, ask the participants to vote for each of the issues. The one with the most votes would be the issue to be further researched and worked on for the rest of the process.
- 6. After the decision is taken, make sure participants have calmed down and out of their simulation mode. Debrief using exemplary questions:
- How do you feel about the activity?
- What was the quality of the presentations? Were the teams prepared? What could you do better?
- What was the quality of the debate? Were rules broken, which ones and why? How did this affect the overall process?
- Is everybody satisfied with the results? What compromises were made?
- What is the point of deciding on only one issue and not work on all of them?

Additional remarks

Exploring the theme of technology, you can be more specific and put the participants in the situation of 'Google Board of Directors'. The Board of Directors should decide which global issues connected to Technology should get the attention of the company, further researched and addressed. In all cases, make sure the issues the groups work on (potentially) affect them in their everyday life.