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Principles for Engagement

The purpose of these 'principles' is to clarify expectations related to (1) the use of information and ideas submitted to The Lab by proponents, members and external experts and which is provided for the purpose of developing selected ideas and instrument pilots, and (2) the future use of instruments developed by The Lab's analytical providers in conjunction with Lab members, proponents and external experts. Information includes all information provided to The Lab whether conveyed through written comments, in soft or hard copy documents, or verbally at meetings.

The work of The Lab and participation in it is based on the following understanding:

- The Lab is a **non-proprietary, knowledge sharing initiative**. By submitting information and ideas to The Lab, proponents, members and external experts agree that the ideas, information, and associated analysis may be used freely, developed, published, and modified by The Lab and by third parties.
- Information and ideas submitted to the Lab are **not** commercially confidential or commercially sensitive.
- The Lab will **publish information on its website, about instrument analysis and decisions taken, transparently and in a timely way**. In particular:
 - A current list of Lab members will be maintained.
 - Agendas and summaries of Lab Meetings and all decisions will be made available.
 - The results of Lab analysis will be published upon completion of phase 2 (in depth analysis of 7 instruments) and phase 3 (detailed analysis of 3-4 instruments).
- All Lab members, Working Group members, and analytical providers, will serve in **expert, objective capacities**. The Lab analysis will be objective and neutral between instruments.
- It is not incumbent on analytical providers to accept all or any views shared as part of ongoing analysis. Decisions taken by the Project Management Group¹, Lab Principals and their Advisors regarding Lab processes, including Voting procedures to progress instruments to more advanced analytical phases, are final.
- These principles for engagement will be made available on The Lab website.

¹ The Project Management Group represents countries who provide funding for and oversee the work of the analytical provider and secretariat in the initial first year of The Lab's operation, and is currently composed of the UK, Germany and the U.S.