V3 of BRIDGE is in development!

The BRIDGE Partners and their representatives are working on refining and developing BRIDGE with a view to launching components of BRIDGE Version 3 (V3). We know the BRIDGE community will be excited we are undertaking this modernisation, simplification, inclusion of hyperlinked resources and general update. We also know you will appreciate what a massive task this is and that it will take some time. All Partner organisations are committed to contributing to these developments through consultancies or through committing in-house resources. However, resource constraint is very real and V3 will therefore be released in stages.

The V2 Implementation Manual states: “Facilitators are key players in BRIDGE – the success of BRIDGE relies on the quality of its facilitators…” V3 will remain reliant on the engagement, enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of BRIDGE facilitators to unlock the future of V3 BRIDGE.

The impetus for V3 has come from both the BRIDGE community requesting and contributing to change and recommendations made in the Evaluation completed in 2014. Since their November 2014 Partners Meeting in Canberra, Australia, and subsequent surveys and consultations with sections of the BRIDGE community, careful consideration has been given to the future of BRIDGE. The quest to find the most appropriate new directions for BRIDGE, within our resource constraints, has led to a great deal of work so far; some of which will be released in the following months.

V3 BRIDGE aims to meet changing need in electoral environments; update BRIDGE language and activities to reflect inclusive and diverse societies; and renew BRIDGE resources to include advances in technology and linked activities. The ACE Knowledge Network, IDEA, IFES and UNDP publications remain key content reservoirs for V3 BRIDGE.

The Partners have a vision of a modernised, pared down, simplified, user-friendly V3 BRIDGE with a focus on supporting Workshop and Accrediting Facilitators to further understand their critical role in the effectiveness of V3 BRIDGE. Achieving this vision will rely heavily on the adaptability, support and contributions of the BRIDGE community.

A key stage in the development of V3 has been a forensic analysis of the content and import of each of the modules as they currently exist. Along with the survey many of you contributed to about the current use of modules, this analysis has led to a drive to reorder the content and lessen the number of active modules resulting in a restructure of content and intent. Hand in hand with this work is a modification of the Train the Facilitator Module to emphasise customisation skills more strongly; to strengthen the selection criteria for entry and assessment and to reconsider the facilitator category structure.

Thank you to all those who have assisted thus far, and to others for their patience while this work is finalised and made ready for release. Watch this space for exciting instal-
Reports from Workshops

The BRIDGE Office loves receiving emails and reports advising us of the outcomes of Workshops delivered throughout the world. When we receive them it gives us an opportunity to showcase them on the Website for not only the BRIDGE Community to view but anyone else who has an interest in Elections and is viewing the website. Once you have completed a Workshop please remember to send in your reports and photos to ensure that the whole BRIDGE community gets the opportunity to see the great work that our Facilitators do for the countries they are working in. Remember to include photos where possible.

Email reports to: projectoffice@bridge-project.org.au

BRIDGE Profile

Gordon Marshall-Accrediting Facilitator

What is your name?
Gordon Marshall

What organisation do you work for?
Australian Electoral Commission

What is your nationality?
Australian

What is your facilitator category and when were you accredited?
Accrediting Facilitator – Accredited following a TTF in Phuentsholing, Bhutan in 2012

Can you tell us about your experience in facilitating BRIDGE?

My experiences have been wide and varied but all so interesting and fulfilling. I have attended BRIDGE as a participant in Australia and then been lucky enough to be accredited as a Facilitator in East Timor and an Accrediting facilitator in Bhutan. I have also facilitated BRIDGE workshops in Papua New Guinea. All of these experiences have been challenging but very rewarding and the common theme has been the enjoyment and learnings of participants.

What do you like most about being a BRIDGE facilitator?

As a BRIDGE facilitator I enjoy the adult learning interactive style of BRIDGE and the opportunity to use the modules to facilitate and lead the participant sessions. I enjoy the preparation work and designing a workshop to meet the needs of the participants and the flexibility to change as we go along. I am really looking forward to the V3 BRIDGE updated modules being released and this next exciting stage of BRIDGE.

I also enjoy learning from the participants especially about the different electoral challenges in each country or agency. My BRIDGE journey has been one of the greatest parts of my working career.

What the challenges are of being a BRIDGE facilitator?

The challenges can also be the benefits but include working with different participant languages, meeting the expectations of participants and keeping the sessions within the identified timelines.

What advice would you have for any new BRIDGE facilitators?

One of the key pieces of advice I would give new BRIDGE facilitators is to be prepared, that is, ensure you do the preparatory work required to facilitate each BRIDGE module. The more time and work you do in the lead up to a module the better placed you are to respond to the needs of participants and give you more confidence about your facilitation skills. Additionally be engaged and flexible and always remember the workshop is for the participants and not about you achieving your personal goals.
Check out the Events Calendar on the website for workshops coming up
http://www.bridge-project.org/events/events-calendar.html
Facilitator Accreditations

The BRIDGE partners and the BRIDGE Office would like to congratulate the following people that have become BRIDGE Semi-Accredited, Workshop and Accrediting Facilitators.

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