

IMPORTANT NOTES ON CONDUCTING FIELD HEARINGS

Protecting the Privacy of Participants

By law and for ethical reasons, it is essential to protect the privacy of the community people who participated in the Field Hearings. There are several things that must be done for this.

* Do not record their names on any interview sheets. If they want to have follow-up contact, write their names and contact information in a separate place.

* Do not take photos or video recordings of any person without first asking for (and receiving) their permission.

* In small communities (under 500 people), do not give any details about the age, gender, ethnicity, or occupation of any person in the report, as these could later be used to identify that person. Remember, everyone knows everyone in small communities!

Numbers of Participants in a Field Hearing

One Field Hearing consists of one of the following, conducted within one community:

- a) at least 25 or more individual interviews
- b) at least 2 focus group discussions, each one with 7 to 15 participants
- c) at least one public meeting in which at least 25 individuals actively participate by speaking

Are the Field Hearings “Research”? Can I publish the results in a journal?

The 2022 *Goal 10 Consultation* as convened by Initiative for Equality (IfE) is not a research project. It is a consultation of our network members, designed to bring the voices of marginalized communities into the global dialogue on how to achieve Goal 10, and to build a network of groups and communities interested in more equitable societies.

If you are an academic researcher and wish to conduct Field Hearings as part of your research, that is your decision. IfE and other partners will not be involved in the research aspect. You have the right to modify the Questionnaire and Field Hearings protocol as you see fit, and the right to publish your own research results. However, you may not publish the results of other groups, or of the overall Field Hearings Project. If you decide to conduct Field Hearings in the form of research, it is essential that you follow the laws in your country regarding research on human subjects. IfE will not participate in the research and bears no responsibility if you decide to do this. Thank you for understanding.

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Thank you very much for your participation, which has made it possible to gather the voices of these communities and make them heard!