Public Participation in Chile: Challenges and Opportunities
Objective

To have an open dialogue with all participants on the challenges and opportunities with public participation in Indonesia and in the Asia-Pacific region.
What is a dialogue?

A technique based on the art of thinking together - listening and thinking beyond one’s position.

Purpose: to create an opportunity for learning, shared meaning, and aligned action

(Definition from the International Association for Public Participation)
# Debate vs. Discussion vs. Dialogue

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- **Discussion**: Objectives are centered on understanding the other person's viewpoint, with a focus on mutual understanding and learning.
- **Dialogue**: Objectives are about finding common understanding, with a truly interested approach and a cooperative and less combative mindset.
Time to Participate! Dialogue

• Break into three groups for facilitated dialogue.

• Please try to practice active dialogue skills that we have discussed.
Wrap up

• At some point during lunch, please take a “gallery walk” to look at the other comments

• After lunch, we’ll briefly discuss what common themes and ideas emerged from all of the discussions.
Where to Look on the Guide

Internet Resources on Public Participation

- National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD)
  - Core Principles for Public Engagement
  - 4 Streams of Dialogue and Deliberation
  - Resource Guide on Public Engagement

- Centre for Advances in Public Engagement
  - Framing for Deliberation

- Public Conversations Project
  - Fostering Dialogue Across Divides