



Opening Remarks & Meeting Agenda Overview

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Introduction and Agenda

- Thank you
- Ground rules
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- Agenda
- Future agenda process

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- Thank you to all our presenters, session leaders, discussants, note takers and contributors to the many papers and presentations
- Thank you to all of you for your preparation, taking time to spend the week with us, and for your active participation throughout the coming week



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Ground rules

- Participate Actively**

Everyone is encouraged to engage in discussions, ask questions, and contribute ideas.

- Respect Others**

Listen attentively, avoid interrupting, and respect differing opinions. Constructive feedback is welcome.

- Stay on Topic**

Keep comments and questions relevant to the session or agenda item being discussed.

- Time Management**

Stick to allotted time for presentations and discussions to ensure the agenda stays on track.

- Confidentiality**

Respect any confidentiality agreements or sensitive information shared during the conference.

- Use Inclusive Language**

Avoid jargon, acronyms, or language that may exclude or confuse others.

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- No Disruptive Behavior**

Silence phones, avoid side conversations, and refrain from any behavior that could distract others.

- Represent Your Organization Professionally**

Share insights and practices that reflect your organization's standards and values.

- Follow the Code of Conduct**

Abide by any formal code of conduct set by the conference organizers.

- Feedback is Welcome**

Provide feedback to organizers to help improve future events.

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Introduction of meeting participants

- We will now go around the room and ask each of you to introduce yourselves:
 - Your name
 - Organization
 - Current role
- How long you have been a member of the VG (welcome to all of our new members!)
- The most important thing you want to get out of this year's meeting

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Agenda

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

A full agenda
14 cross cutting sessions
4 industry sessions

Wednesday is a shorter day and casual clothing is advised

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Future Agenda

Industries

Cross cutting
topics

Alternative
data sources

New methods
and practices

- Start thinking about what your country might be able to contribute next year.
- Please provide your suggestions to Marcus until Thursday.
- We will share that feedback and gather more input this Friday.
- Friday morning, the preliminary agenda for next year's meeting will be announced and work for next year will be assigned.

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