

## **Facilitating Dialogue**

*As you work together intentionally practice some of the following facilitation questions or phrases.*

### **1. ELABORATION (or information seeking)**

Could you go into that a little further?

Could you give us more background for your idea?

What would be the next logical step if your ideas were correct?

Where did you first get that idea?

### **2. CLARIFICATION**

Do I understand you to mean that . . . ?

Are you implying that . . . ?

Please give us an example that will illustrate your point of view?

To explain your position to someone from another culture, what would you say?

### **3. COMPARISON OR CONTRAST**

How would you contrast (compare) your idea to the one given by . . .

In what ways would \_\_\_\_\_ be different if we implemented your idea?

### **4. JUSTIFICATION OR EVALUATION**

What assumptions are you using to create that response?

What other alternatives did you consider?

If we do what you suggest, what will happen to \_\_\_\_\_ or what actions will have to follow?

What purpose does this serve?

Why is this idea so important to you?