# ENTRECOMP:
# 1.4 Valuing Ideas

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*Duration: 6 hours*

# Project Consortium

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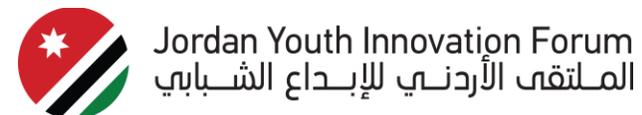
# Project Details

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# 1.4 Valuing Ideas

## Training Aim

The workshop aims to empower participants with advanced knowledge and skills in idea valuation. By the end, participants will adeptly analyze, assign value, and make informed decisions across diverse contexts. Focused on ethical awareness and advanced tools, the workshop prepares participants for success in evaluating, integrating, and advancing ideas confidently.

# 1.4 Valuing Ideas
# Learning Outcomes

In terms of **knowledge**:

✓ *Describe and discern the multifaceted value of ideas across social, cultural, and economic domains.*

In terms of **skills**:

✓ *Develop creative and critical thinking to optimize idea value.*
✓ *Apply critical analysis to assess the multifaceted value of ideas and demonstrate ethical awareness in valuation.*

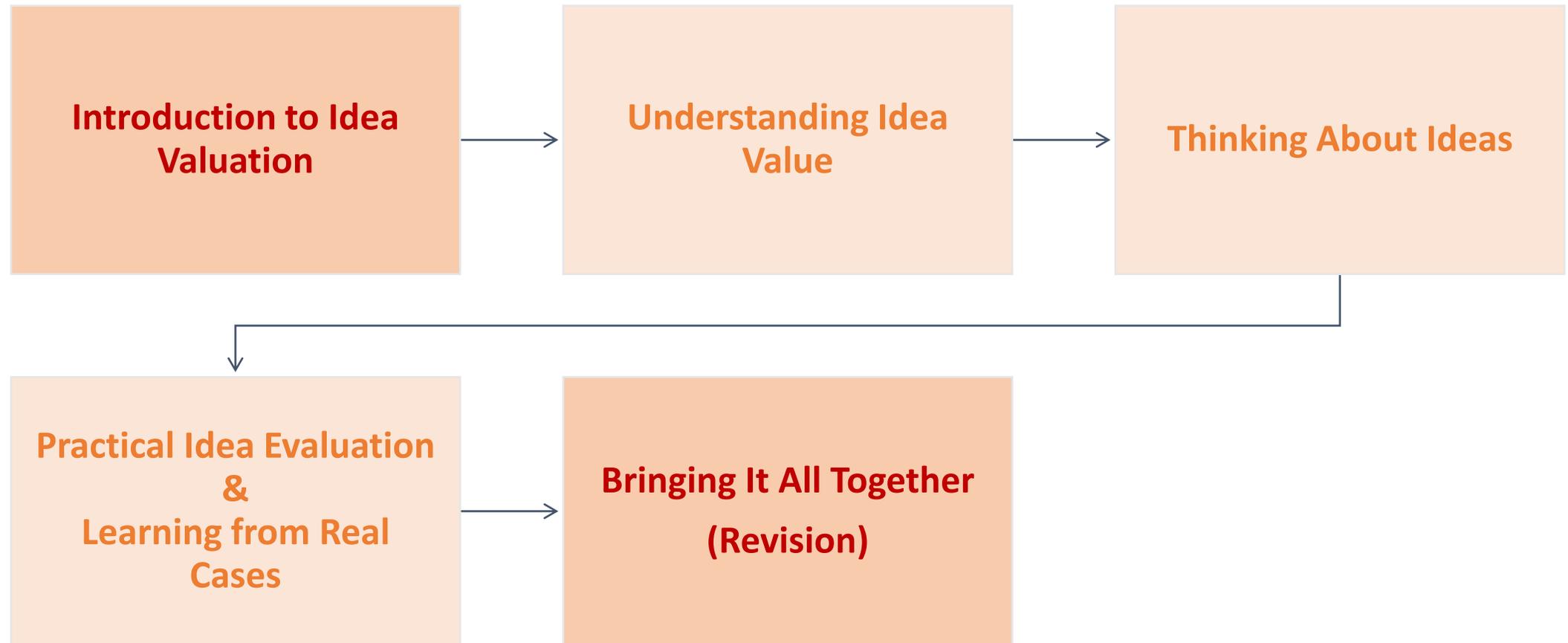In terms of **competences**:

✓ *Cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset for innovative leveraging.*

What ENTRECOMP competence is our training about?

# Training Rules

Participation

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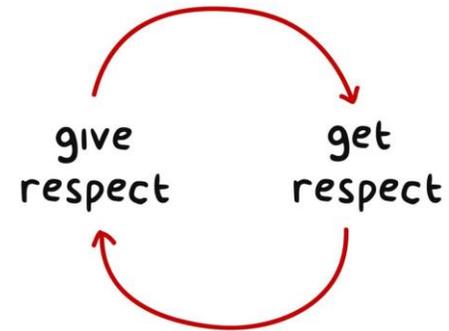
YOUR OPINION MATTERS

**Virtual Scavenger Hunt**

Instructions:

- Choose a list of items or objects.

- Find and show one of the items from the list.

- Take turns showing chosen items to the group and briefly explaining why you chose it.

- Discussion about the items and their significance.
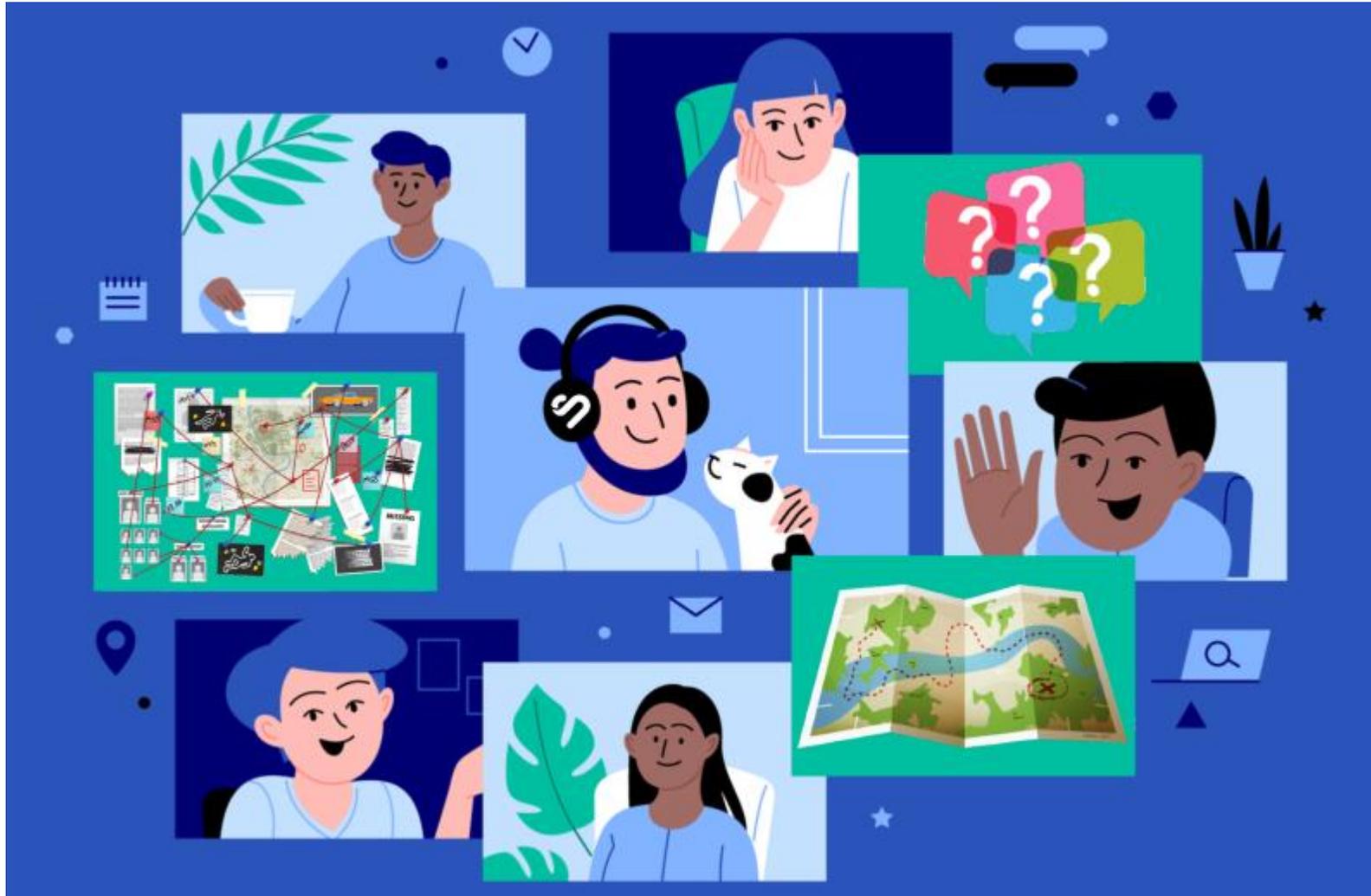
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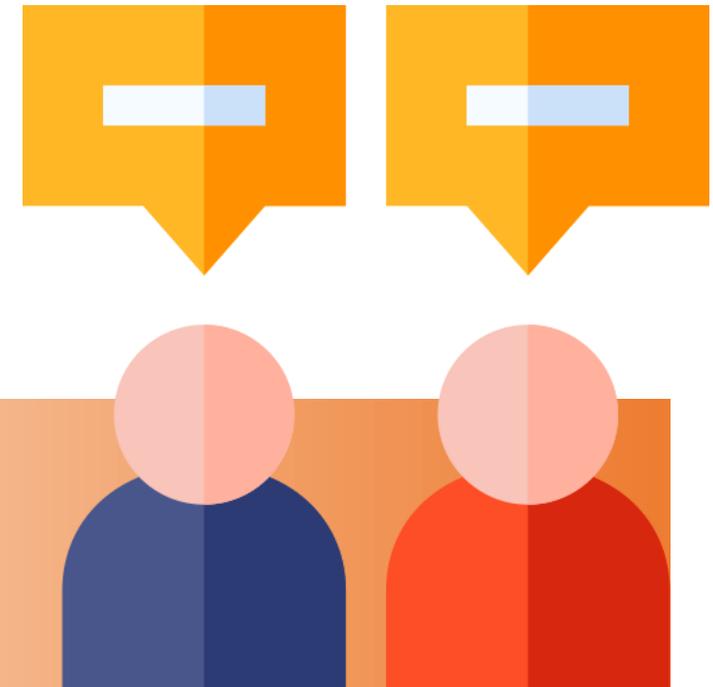
# Introductions
*Let's get to know each other!*

*"An idea is salvation by imagination".*

*Frank Lloyd Wright*

# Introduction to Idea Valuation

# Understanding the Importance of Valuing Ideas

*In today's rapidly changing world, ideas are the lifeblood of progress and innovation. But how do we determine the true value of an idea? Join us as we embark on a journey of discovery, unraveling the essence of idea valuation and exploring the fundamental principles that underpin its evaluation. From creativity and uniqueness to feasibility and market demand, we'll delve deep into the intricacies of valuing ideas and gain valuable insights along the way.*

In this workshop, we'll dive into the fundamentals of idea valuation, critical thinking, and cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset. Our primary objective is to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and competences to assess and optimize ideas effectively across diverse domains, make informed, ethically sound decisions, and embrace innovation. Let's get started on this exciting journey!

# Definition of Idea Valuation:

Idea valuation is the systematic process of assessing and determining the worth of ideas or concepts. It involves a comprehensive analysis of the potential impact, feasibility, and value of an idea in various contexts.

# Significance:

Idea valuation plays a pivotal role in guiding decision-making processes, especially in business, innovation, and problem-solving.

It helps individuals, organizations, and entrepreneurs make informed choices about which ideas to pursue, refine, or discard.

By evaluating ideas across social, cultural, and economic domains, it enables us to identify opportunities, mitigate risks, and optimize the utilization of resources.

Idea valuation is a fundamental component of innovation, as it helps identify innovative solutions, maximize returns, and create a competitive edge.

In today's fast-paced and dynamic world, the ability to assess and enhance the value of ideas is a valuable skill for driving success and making a positive impact.



## IDEA EVALUATION PROCESS
Idea Evaluation Process with Assessment & Improvement

Assessment and Improvement

Idea — Idea Mgmt. — Developments of Project — Projection and Exploitation — Market Introduction — Innovation Results

# **Exploring The Basics of Idea Valuation**

Share expectations, thoughts, and questions about the workshop.

# 1. Understanding Idea Value

*Different Aspects of Idea Value*
*Comparing Ideas in Simple Terms*
*Recognizing Why Ideas Matter*
*Ethical Considerations and Dilemmas*

# Different Aspects of Idea Value

- **Business and Economics:** This aspect involves assessing ideas based on their financial potential. It considers factors like market demand, revenue prospects, cost-effectiveness, and profitability. The focus is on recognizing how ideas with strong business potential can lead to financial success and sustainable growth.

- **Society:** In this context, the emphasis is on how ideas impact the broader community. It explores how ideas can benefit society, address societal needs, promote positive change, or address pressing issues. Socially valuable ideas can lead to improvements in the quality of life, inclusivity, and community well-being.

- **Culture**: Cultural aspects revolve around how well an idea aligns with cultural norms, values, and traditions. It centers on the idea that ideas respecting and aligning with cultural values are more likely to be accepted and embraced within specific cultural contexts.
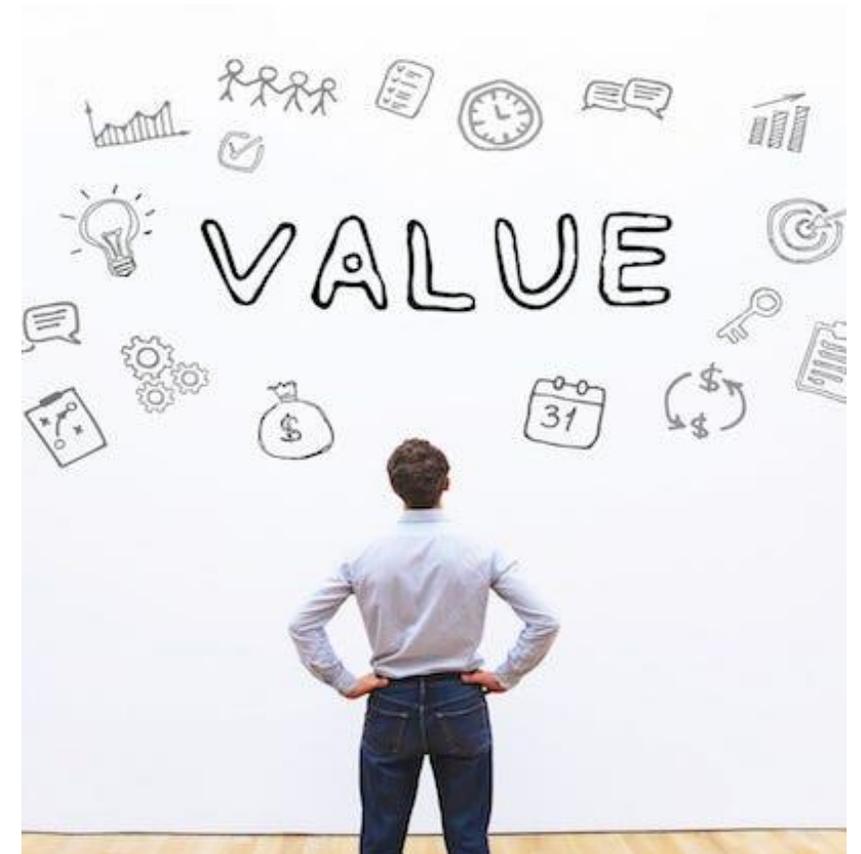
# Different Aspects of Idea Value

- **Individual Lives:** This aspect focuses on the profound impact of ideas on individual lives. It considers how ideas can enhance personal well-being, health, convenience, or happiness. It delves into how individual lives are enriched through innovative ideas that address personal needs and preferences.

- **Multifaceted Nature:** Idea valuation is a multi-dimensional process that takes into account various dimensions simultaneously. An idea can possess economic potential while also positively affecting society and aligning with cultural values. Understanding this complexity is essential in assessing ideas comprehensively.

- **Relevance in Different Contexts:** Idea valuation is not limited to a specific context. Instead, it applies across diverse domains, from entrepreneurial ventures to social initiatives, artistic creations to scientific innovations. The ability to evaluate ideas is a versatile skill applicable in various personal and professional situations.
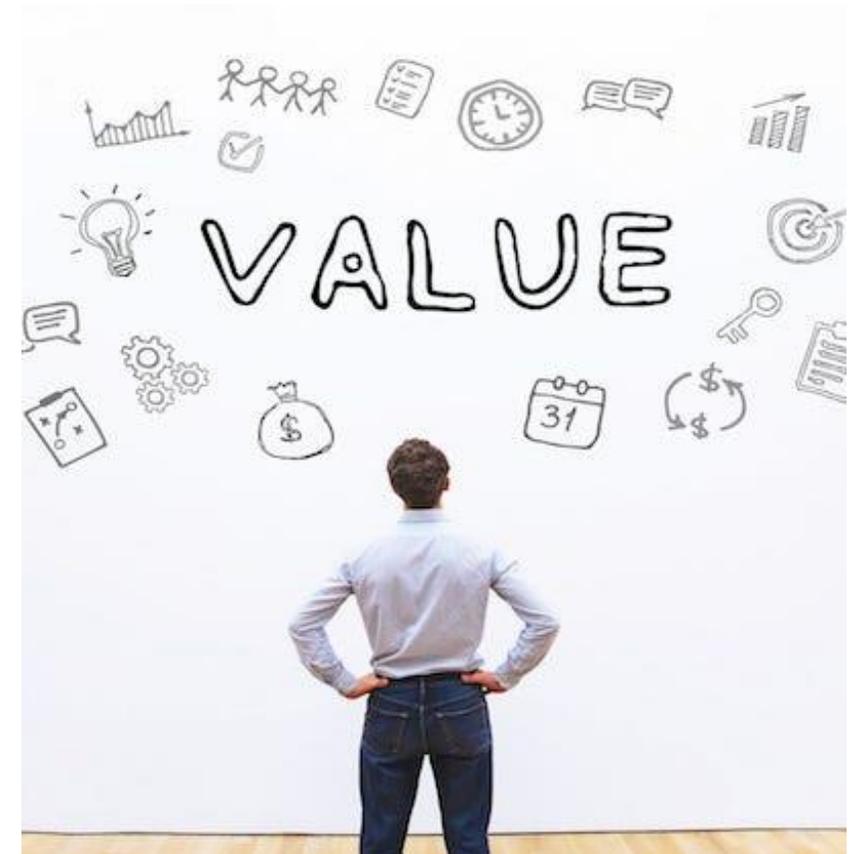
# Activity 1: Idea Comparison Matrix

**Objective:** work in groups to evaluate and compare simplified ideas using a structured matrix.

# Comparing Ideas in Simple Terms

- **Simplification:** Idea valuation can sometimes appear complex, especially to beginners. Simplify your ideas making them more approachable and understandable.

- **Basic Components**: Identify and analyze the basic building blocks of an idea. This could include elements like the problem the idea addresses, the solution it offers, the target audience or market, the resources required, and the expected outcomes. By deconstructing ideas into these essential components, participants gain a clear, structured framework for evaluation.

- **Comparative Analysis:** Compare and contrast different ideas side by side. This comparative analysis is a valuable tool for understanding the relative strengths and weaknesses of ideas. It allows participants to objectively evaluate the practicality, feasibility, and potential impact of each idea.

- **Approachability:** Make idea valuation more approachable for beginners. By simplifying the process, grasping the fundamental principles of evaluating ideas without feeling overwhelmed by complexity.

- **Understanding:** Promote a deeper understanding of what makes an idea valuable. Recognize the key elements that contribute to an idea's worth, and how these components interact with one another. This understanding serves as the foundation for more in-depth idea assessment.

# Recognizing Why Ideas Matter

- **Significance of Ideas:** Explore why ideas are not just abstract concepts but powerful drivers of progress, innovation, and change. Ideas are the seeds from which solutions, inventions, and improvements grow. They spark creativity, problem-solving, and a vision for a better future.

- **Transformative Power:** Ideas have the potential to transform the world. Discover how many of the innovations and advancements we take for granted today began as simple ideas. From technological breakthroughs to social reforms, ideas have played a pivotal role in shaping society and improving our lives.

- **Driving Progress:** Ideas are the driving force behind progress. By discussing real-world examples, see how ideas have led to scientific discoveries, technological revolutions, and social movements.

- **Innovation and Change:** Ideas give birth to innovation and change. Evaluation and nurturing of ideas can lead to groundbreaking innovations in business, science, arts, and many other fields.

- **Evaluating and Nurturing Ideas:** The significance of ideas serves as motivation to take idea valuation seriously. It underscores the importance of evaluating and nurturing ideas rather than dismissing them.

- **Motivation:** Recognizing the significance of ideas can be a powerful motivator for participants. It inspires them to approach the idea valuation process with enthusiasm and dedication, knowing that their assessments can lead to transformative outcomes.

# Activity 2: Case Study Analysis

Objective: Work in pairs to analyze a simple case study highlighting the impact of an idea.

# Ethical Considerations and Dilemmas

**Definition of Ethical Considerations:**

Ethical considerations in idea valuation refer to the conscious evaluation of ideas based on moral principles and standards. It involves examining the potential impacts of ideas on various stakeholders and ensuring that the valuation process aligns with ethical norms.

**Importance of Integrating Ethical Principles:**

Emphasize the crucial role of ethical principles in guiding decision-making during idea valuation. Highlight that ethical considerations contribute to the overall societal, cultural, and economic impact of ideas.

# Ethical Considerations and Dilemmas

**Definition of Ethical Dilemmas in Idea Valuation:**

Ethical dilemmas in idea valuation involve situations where conflicting ethical principles or values create challenges in decision-making. It's the tension between competing moral considerations.

# Ethical Considerations and Dilemmas

## Case Scenario: The Innovation Dilemma

- *Background:* Your company is on the brink of a major innovation breakthrough in the tech industry. The R&D team has developed a groundbreaking product that has the potential to revolutionize the market. However, during the final testing phase, a significant ethical dilemma emerges.

- *Ethical Dilemma:* The innovative product, if released as planned, could potentially compromise user privacy. The data collected by the product for its advanced features might unintentionally infringe on user privacy rights. Balancing the revolutionary potential of the product with the ethical implications becomes a critical challenge.

- *Important Notes:*

- The product has the potential to generate substantial revenue for the company and contribute significantly to technological advancement.

- The privacy concerns are not immediately apparent but become evident upon closer inspection of the data collection mechanisms.

- The leadership team is divided on the decision, with some advocating for immediate product release and others emphasizing the need for additional privacy safeguards.

*You should consider both short-term gains and long-term consequences in their analyses.*

# 2. Thinking About Ideas

*How to Think Creatively*
*Using Critical Thinking for Ideas*
*What's an Entrepreneurial Mindset?*

# How to Think Creatively

**Techniques for Brainstorming and Idea Generation:**

**Brainstorming:**

- Definition: Brainstorming is a structured group or individual creativity technique used to generate a large number of ideas or solutions to a specific problem or challenge. It encourages participants to think freely and creatively, without criticism or judgment, to produce a wide range of ideas.

- How to Use It: Participants in a brainstorming session typically share their ideas or thoughts related to a specific topic or problem. The emphasis is on quantity rather than quality at this stage. Once all ideas are collected, they can be reviewed, refined, and prioritized.

**Mind Mapping:**

- Definition: Mind mapping is a visual technique that helps individuals represent their thoughts, ideas, and information in a structured and organized manner. It involves creating a visual map with a central concept or idea at the center and branching out into related subtopics or concepts, forming a tree-like structure.

- How to Use It: To employ mind mapping, one starts with a central idea or concept and connects related ideas or subtopics using lines or branches. This method allows for the exploration of associations and connections between various elements, making it a useful tool for creative thinking and problem-solving.

# How to Think Creatively

**Techniques for Brainstorming and Idea Generation:**

**Role Reversal:**

- Definition: Role reversal is a creative thinking technique that involves temporarily assuming the perspective and characteristics of someone or something else. By adopting a different role or viewpoint, individuals can gain fresh insights and generate innovative ideas.

- How to Use It: In role reversal, participants step into the shoes of another person, object, or even an abstract concept. They think, act, and express themselves as if they were that entity. This technique can lead to new perspectives and solutions by challenging the conventional viewpoint and encouraging a different way of thinking.

# Activity 1: Brainstorming "Improving Workplace Collaboration"

# Using Critical Thinking for Ideas

**Developing Criteria for Effective Idea Assessment:**

**1 - Criteria Identification:**

- Definition: Criteria identification is the process of defining specific standards or guidelines that are used to assess and evaluate ideas, solutions, or concepts. These criteria serve as benchmarks to determine the quality, feasibility, or success of the subject being evaluated.

- Explanation: Participants will learn to identify and create relevant criteria that are appropriate for the evaluation context. This means setting clear parameters and expectations for what makes an idea effective or valuable in a given situation.

**2 - Customization:**

- Definition: Customization refers to the adaptation and tailoring of criteria to suit the unique characteristics and requirements of each individual idea. It involves adjusting the evaluation standards to match the specific context, goals, and attributes of the idea under consideration.

- Explanation: In the context of idea evaluation, participants will understand that not all ideas can or should be assessed using the same criteria. Customization ensures that the criteria are flexible and responsive to the particular features of each idea, promoting a more accurate and fair evaluation.

**3 - Balancing Objectivity and Subjectivity:**

- Definition: Balancing objectivity and subjectivity involves finding an equilibrium between criteria that are measurable and objective (based on facts and data) and those that rely on personal opinions or preferences (subjective judgments).

- Explanation: Participants will learn the importance of maintaining a balance between objective criteria, which are quantifiable and based on concrete evidence, and subjective criteria, which may involve personal values, experiences, or judgments. Achieving this balance is vital for fair and well-rounded idea evaluation.
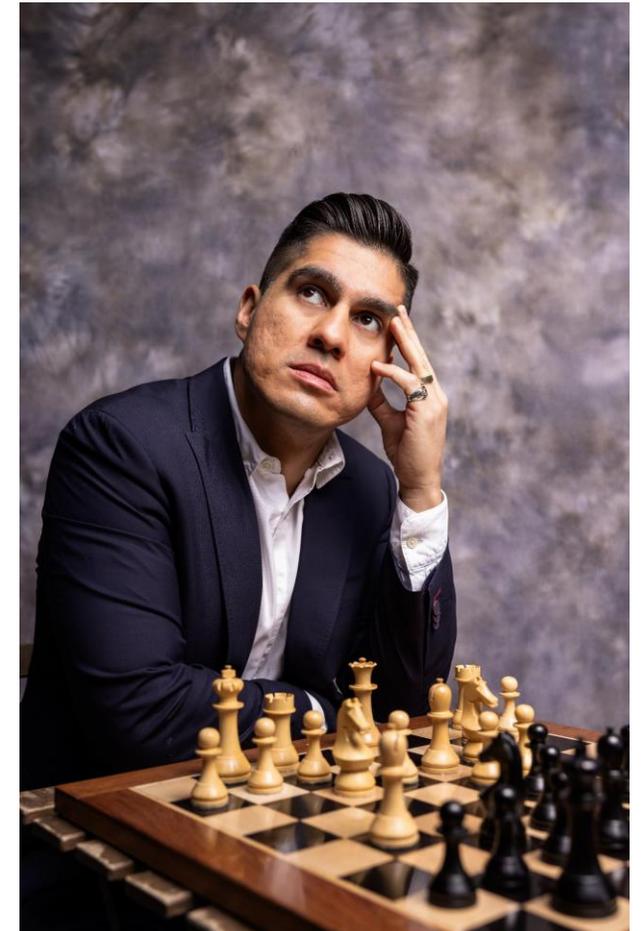
# Using Critical Thinking for Ideas

**4 - Analytical Thinking:**

- Definition: Analytical thinking is the cognitive process of breaking down complex ideas or issues into their constituent parts and systematically examining each component. It involves the methodical analysis and evaluation of information to make informed and logical decisions.

- Explanation: In the context of idea evaluation, participants will be introduced to analytical thinking as a tool for dissecting ideas into manageable elements, allowing for a thorough examination of their strengths and weaknesses.

**5 - Logical Reasoning:**

- Definition: Logical reasoning involves the application of rational and coherent thought processes to assess the coherence, consistency, and validity of ideas, arguments, or statements. It encompasses making sense of relationships, patterns, and connections.

- Explanation: Participants will understand how logical reasoning is employed in evaluating ideas to ensure that they are internally consistent and logically sound. This involves identifying and rectifying any inconsistencies or flaws in the idea's structure.

**6 - Identifying Weak Points:**

- Definition: Identifying weak points refers to the process of recognizing or pinpointing areas of vulnerability, shortcomings, or deficiencies within an idea, argument, or solution. It involves the critical examination of potential weaknesses.

- Explanation: Participants will learn strategies for identifying and addressing the weaknesses or limitations in ideas. This may include uncovering flaws in the logic, uncovering potential risks, or recognizing areas where improvement or refinement is needed to enhance the idea's overall quality.
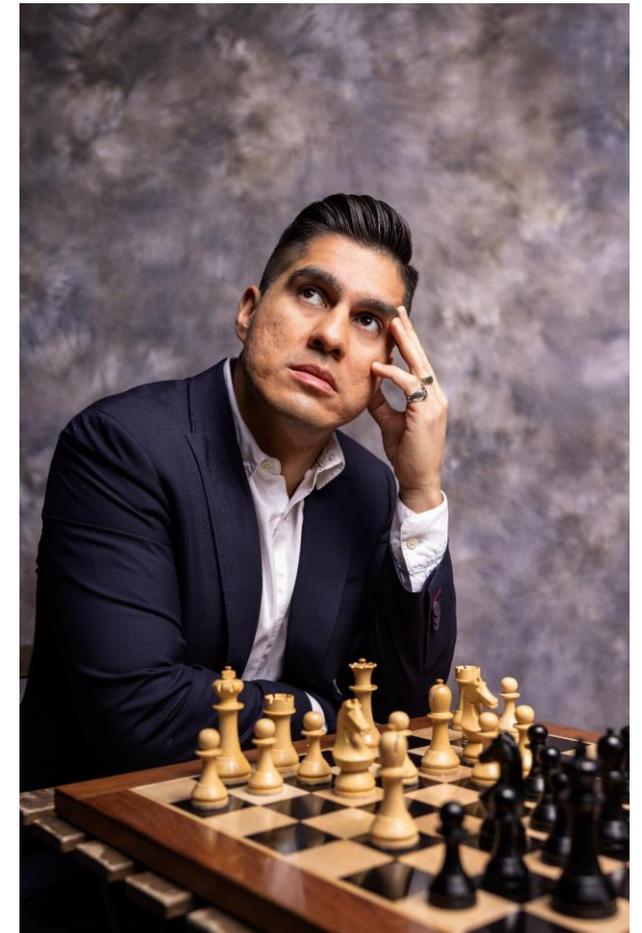
# What's an Entrepreneurial Mindset?

## Risk-Taking and Embracing Uncertainty:

### Calculated Risk:

- Definition: Calculated risk refers to the process of making decisions that involve an element of uncertainty while carefully assessing and considering potential outcomes. It involves weighing the potential rewards against the associated risks and taking action based on a rational evaluation.

- Explanation: Within the context of an entrepreneurial mindset, calculated risk encourages individuals to make informed choices when confronted with uncertainty. It entails conducting a thorough risk analysis, identifying potential pitfalls, and assessing the likelihood of success before taking action.

### Embracing Uncertainty:

- Definition: Embracing uncertainty involves accepting the existence of unknown variables and unpredictable factors in decision-making and actions. It is a mindset that allows individuals to navigate situations with confidence despite not having all the answers or guarantees.

- Explanation: In the entrepreneurial context, embracing uncertainty means acknowledging that entrepreneurship inherently involves ambiguity, unforeseen challenges, and risks. Entrepreneurs who embrace uncertainty are more adaptable and less discouraged by the unpredictability of business ventures.
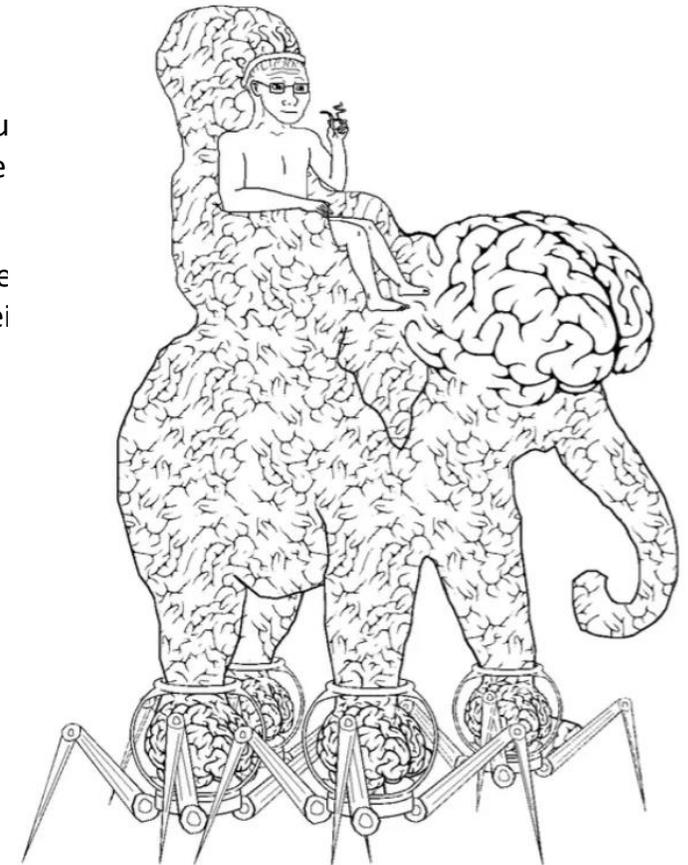
# What's an Entrepreneurial Mindset?

## Identifying Opportunities and Taking Initiative:

**Opportunity Recognition:**

- **Definition:** Opportunity recognition is the ability to identify and spot potential openings or advantageous situations that may lead to positive outcomes. It involves perceiving circumstances where others might se challenges or obstacles.

- **Explanation:** Entrepreneurs with a keen sense of opportunity recognition can identify gaps in the market, unme needs, or areas where innovation can thrive. This skill enables them to pinpoint areas where thei entrepreneurial efforts can make a difference.

**Taking Initiative:**

- **Definition**: Taking initiative refers to the proactive and self-driven behavior of initiating actions and seizing opportunities without waiting for explicit instructions or external motivation. It involves a readiness to act independently to accomplish goals.

- **Explanation:** Entrepreneurs who take initiative are self-starters. They don't merely identify opportunities; they act upon them, applying their ideas and energy to bring about change or seize the identified opportunities. Taking initiative is a fundamental trait of entrepreneurial individuals.

# What's an Entrepreneurial Mindset?

## Learning from Failures and Setbacks:

**Resilience:**

- Definition: Resilience is the capacity to bounce back from adversity, adapt to challenges, and recover from setbacks. It involves the ability to maintain psychological well-being and continue working toward goals despite facing failures or obstacles.

- Explanation: Resilience is essential for entrepreneurs because they often encounter setbacks, disappointments, and failures along their entrepreneurial journey. Resilient individuals are better equipped to cope with these challenges, learn from them, and persist in their pursuits.

**Adapting and Improving:**

- Definition: Adapting and improving entails the ability to respond to changing circumstances by making necessary adjustments and enhancing one's approach, strategies, or solutions. It involves a commitment to ongoing learning and development.

- Explanation: Entrepreneurs who embrace the entrepreneurial mindset of adapting and improving are continuously seeking ways to enhance their products, services, or processes based on feedback and experience. They view failures as opportunities to grow and refine their entrepreneurial endeavors.

# "Fixed" Vs "Growth" Mindsets

**Fixed Mindset:**

- Risk-averse, avoids challenges

- Views failure as a reflection of abilities

- Resistant to change and innovation

- Defensive in the face of feedback

**Growth Mindset:**

- Embraces challenges as opportunities

- Sees failure as a stepping stone to success

- Adaptable and open to innovation

- Values feedback for continuous improvement

**Impact on Entrepreneurship:**

- Fixed mindset may hinder risk-taking and innovation

- Growth mindset fosters resilience, adaptability, and a continuous learning mindset

- Choosing a growth mindset enhances entrepreneurial success.
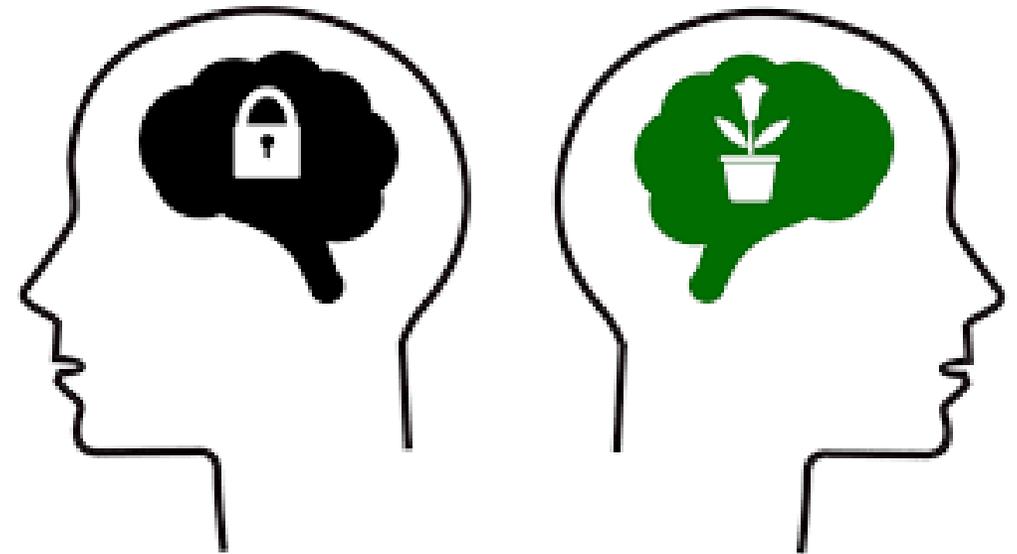
# Activity 2: Reverse Storytelling

# Topic 3. Practical Idea Evaluation/ Learning from Real Cases

*Real-Life Examples: How It's Done*
*Talking About Ideas Together*
*Trying Out Your Own Evaluations*

# Real-Life Examples: How It's Done

**Case Studies:** Explore case studies of actual idea evaluation processes in organizations, startups, or innovation projects. These case studies offer insights into the methods, criteria, and decision-making involved.

**Real-World Insight:** Observe case studies that showcase how idea evaluation unfolds in real-world settings. These may include examples from various industries, such as tech startups, established corporations, or nonprofit organizations.

**Detailed Examination:** Delve into the case studies to understand the specific methods and criteria used by these organizations for evaluating ideas. Gain insights into the decision-making processes and the challenges faced.
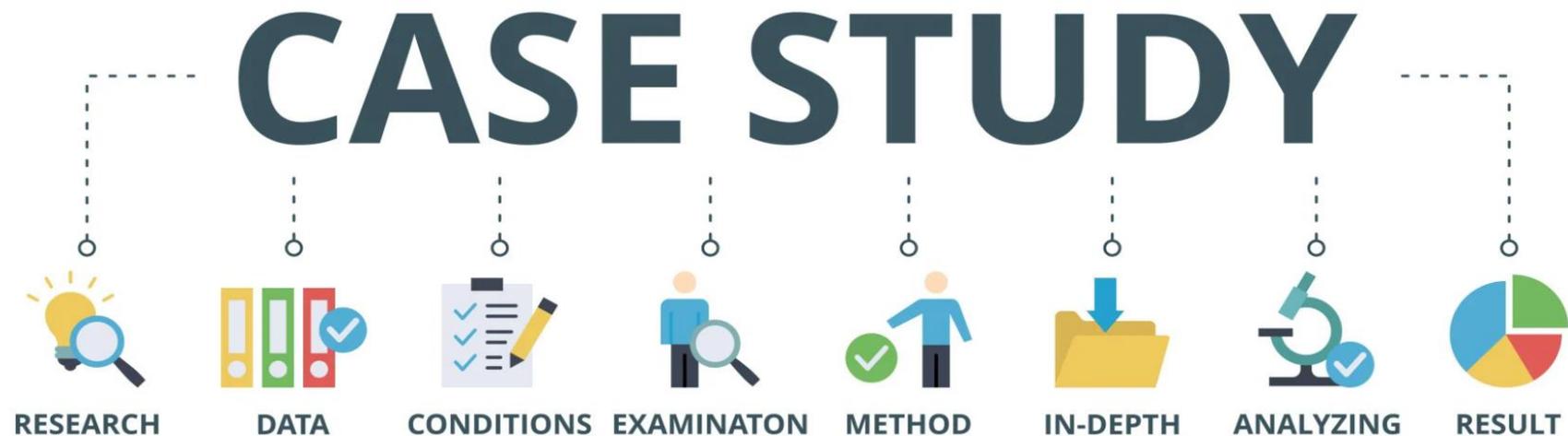
# Talking About Ideas Together

Engage in collaborative discussions about the case studies and real-life examples presented. This interactive dialogue encourages the exchange of perspectives, diverse insights, and lessons learned from the showcased idea valuation processes. Group discussions promote a deeper understanding of the complexities and nuances involved in evaluating ideas.

# Revision

# 4. Bringing It All Together

*Summing Up What You Know*
*Expert's Input*
*Interactive Discussion*
*Sharing Your Thoughts and Closing*

# Summing Up What You Know

**Recap of Key Learnings:**

Let's start by revisiting the central ideas we've explored:

- The multifaceted nature of idea valuation, emphasizing its impact on society, culture, and the economy.

- The crucial role of critical thinking in rigorously assessing ideas and their potential.

- The entrepreneurial mindset, including risk-taking, adaptability, and seizing opportunities.

- The Importance of thorough analysis of idea in all its aspects and learning from failure.

As we recap these, consider which of these concepts resonated most with you.
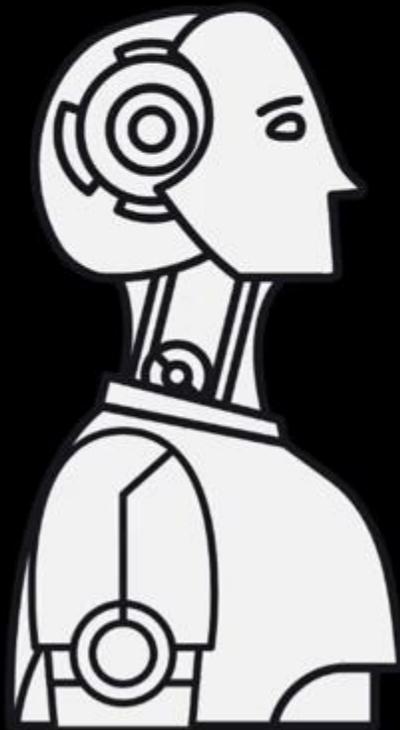
# Expert's Input

Watch the videos.

# Interactive Discussion

Now, it's your turn. We invite each of you to share your reflections, insights, and "aha" moments from our workshop.

- *What concepts or aspects of idea valuation, critical thinking, or the entrepreneurial mindset stood out to you?*

- *Did you have any "aha" moments – those moments of sudden clarity or fresh perspective during our discussions?*

If you have any questions or areas you'd like to explore further, please don't hesitate to ask.

- ✓ Explain why understanding the significance of evaluating ideas is crucial in various contexts.

- ✓ What is the role of an entrepreneurial mindset in idea valuation and why is it essential?

- ✓ Define idea valuation and its importance. How does it relate to innovation and progress?

- ✓ How can evaluating ideas across social, cultural, and economic domains impact decision-making and problem-solving?

- ✓ What are the different aspects that contribute to the value of an idea? How can you apply these aspects in idea valuation?

- ✓ How does simplifying idea comparison help in the idea valuation process? Provide an example.

- ✓ Why is it important to recognize the transformative power of ideas in innovation and entrepreneurship?

- ✓ How can creative thinking techniques such as brainstorming enhance the generation of innovative ideas?

- ✓ What is the role of critical thinking in the evaluation of ideas? Provide examples of critical thinking in action.

- ✓ How do real-life examples illustrate the practical application of idea valuation in different contexts?

- ✓ What role does collaborative discussion play in practical idea evaluation and how does it enhance decision-making?

- ✓ What is the purpose of a group reflection at the end of the workshop and how does it consolidate key learnings?

- ✓ How can interaction with experts in idea valuation enhance participants' understanding of the topic?

# Do you have any questions?
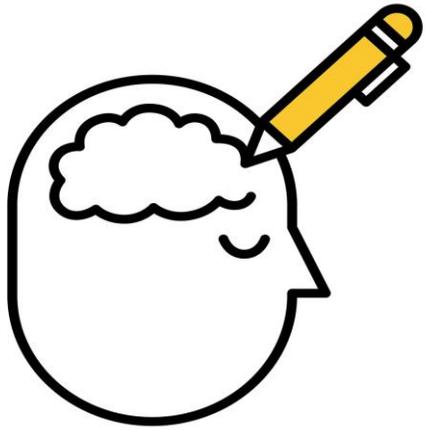
What will you keep from today's training?

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**Evaluation**

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- MIT Sloan School of Management Case Study: "Critical Thinking in Idea Valuation - A Real-world Application."

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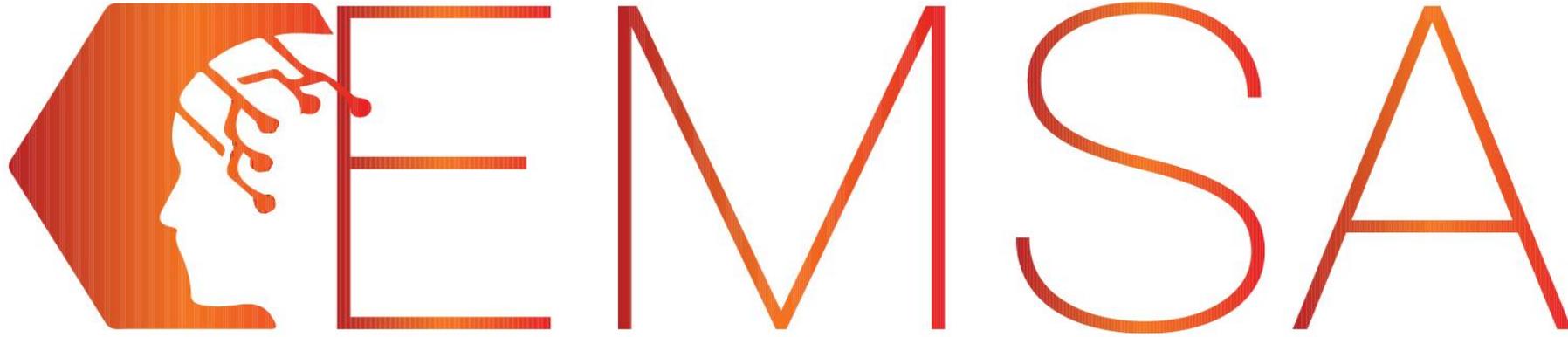
Entrepreneurial Mindset and Key Skills for All

Thank you!

# Activity Instructions

**Slide 17: Exploring Workshop Expectations -** <span style="color:red">MT1.4.1</span>

- Divide the participants into small groups (3-5 participants per group).

- Provide each group with a list of discussion prompts. These prompts can include:

- Share your name, a brief background, and one thing you hope to gain from this workshop.

- Discuss which of the workshop objectives resonates with you the most and why.

- Reflect on the statement, "Today, we'll explore the basics of idea valuation, critical thinking, and cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset." How do you interpret this statement, and what interests you most about these topics?

- Give the groups a designated amount of time (e.g., 15-20 minutes) to engage in the discussion.

- After the discussion, invite each group to share a summary of their conversations with the larger group. This can be done through a designated spokesperson or by asking each group to present their key takeaways.

- As participants share their thoughts and expectations, encourage open dialogue, and offer brief insights or comments to further engage the group.

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# Activity Instructions

**Slide 21: Idea Comparison Matrix -** <span style="color:red">MT1.4.2</span>

- Divide participants into small groups.

- Provide each group with a set of simplified ideas (2-3 ideas per group).

- Ask each group to create a matrix with criteria for evaluation (e.g., feasibility, social impact, cultural alignment, individual benefit).

- Have the groups score and rank each idea based on the established criteria.

- Encourage discussion within the groups to reach a consensus on the valuation of each idea.

- Have each group present their matrix, findings, and rationale for their evaluations.

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# Activity Instructions

**Slide 24: Case Study Analysis -** MT1.4.3

- Pair up participants or assign pairs.

- Provide each pair with a simple case study that illustrates the journey of an idea from concept to impact (e.g., a case study of a successful startup, a social project, or an innovative product).

- Instruct each pair to read and analyze the case study.

- Ask them to discuss the following aspects: the origin of the idea, the challenges faced, the innovation involved, the impact on society or the market, and any ethical considerations.

- Each pair will present a brief summary of the case study and share their insights with the larger group.

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# Activity Instructions

**Slide 31: Brainstorming "Improving Workplace Collaboration" -** <span style="color:red">MT1.4.4</span>

- Divide participants into small groups (3-5 members per group).

- Present the topic: "How can we improve workplace collaboration within our organization?"

- Set a time limit (e.g., 15 minutes) for each group to brainstorm ideas.

- Encourage participants to generate as many ideas as possible without critiquing them during this initial phase.

- After the brainstorming session, each group will share their ideas with the larger group.

- As a facilitator, guide a discussion to evaluate and refine the ideas based on the criteria learned earlier, such as feasibility, impact, and innovation.

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# Activity Instructions

**Slide 38: Reverse Storytelling -** MT1.4.5

- Ask participants to form pairs.

- Each pair will select a common object (e.g., a bicycle, a coffee mug, a smartphone) or a simple concept (e.g., time, communication) as their starting point.

- Instruct one participant in each pair to create a story about how that object or concept was invented or came into existence. The catch is that the story should be entirely fictional, humorous, and imaginative.

- The other participant's task is to listen to the story and, as the story progresses, try to reverse engineer the actual purpose or origin of the object or concept.

- After both participants have a turn, they will discuss the exercise and share insights into how creative thinking and a playful approach can lead to innovative ideas.

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# Activity Instructions

**Slide 42: Case Studies - MT1.4.6**

The aim of this section is to transition from theoretical concepts to practical application. Gain a deeper understanding of how idea evaluation works in real-world settings, learn from best practices, and practice evaluation skills. The group discussions provide an opportunity for collaborative learning and peer feedback, enhancing participants' ability to assess ideas effectively.

To reinforce the learning, participants will engage in practical scenarios where they evaluate sample ideas using the techniques and criteria discussed. This hands-on element involves:

- **Practical Scenarios:** Participants will be presented with hypothetical or simplified scenarios and ideas to evaluate. They'll apply the evaluation techniques and criteria they've learned.

- **Group Discussions:** After individual evaluations, participants will come together in groups to discuss their assessments. This fosters peer learning and the exchange of diverse viewpoints.

- **Feedback:** The facilitator can provide feedback and guidance to participants based on their evaluations, helping them refine their skills.

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