

Name	21st Century Town Meeting®
Methodology	<p>The 21st Century Town Meeting is a trademarked process developed by the USA organization AmericaSpeak. The meeting follows a four-step process similar to other public consultations or deliberative policy forums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment & Organizer Preparation: participants should be chosen using stratified sampling to ensure demographics are representative of the population • Information & Learning: participants need to receive information and preparation material well in advance before the event (at least one week) • Town Hall Meeting (Discussion and Vote): the one-day encounter at the core of the 21st century Town Meetings. All participants come together at a set time, in-person at one or more locations. The participants are distributed on tables of 10 to 12 participants each and discuss the topics / questions prepared. Each group follows the same agenda, with a team leader taking notes on the discussion. • Reporting: the results gathered in groups are reported back to the main audience; they will be summarized in a document by the organizer and shared with all the participants. <p>One of the benefits of 21st Century Town Meetings compared to individual, small group deliberations is its ability to produce a coherent set of goals or vision among a large group of people.</p>