

Wisdom Documentation Templates

Purpose

The Wisdom Documentation Templates are designed to provide facilitators with structured, customizable tools to ethically record and preserve the insights, spiritual wisdom, and outcomes from interfaith and inter-spiritual dialogues within the Religious & Spiritual Dialogue Framework. These templates ensure that sacred knowledge, narratives, and collaborative actions are documented respectfully, with consent, and in alignment with the framework's principles of inclusivity, respect, equity, collaboration, and knowledge integration, enabling future learning and sharing.

Intended Audience

- Facilitators documenting global summits, regional workshops, or local dialogue circles
- Community leaders, spiritual practitioners, and archivists preserving dialogue outcomes
- Regional Hubs and the Global Council for Religious & Spiritual Dialogue (GCRSD) managing knowledge repositories

Core Principles

This tool aligns with the framework's five core principles:

1. **Inclusivity:** Ensuring documentation reflects diverse voices, especially marginalized ones.
2. **Respect:** Honoring the sacredness and boundaries of shared wisdom and narratives.
3. **Equity:** Prioritizing contributions from underrepresented groups to address power imbalances.
4. **Collaboration:** Engaging communities in co-creating and validating documented content.
5. **Knowledge Integration:** Valuing spiritual and cultural wisdom as central to dialogue outcomes.

Templates Overview

The Wisdom Documentation Templates include:

- **Dialogue Summary Template:** Captures key insights, participants, and outcomes.
- **Narrative Capture Template:** Records personal or communal stories and spiritual teachings.
- **Action Plan Template:** Documents collaborative commitments and follow-up plans.
- **Consent and Permissions Template:** Ensures ethical use of sacred knowledge.
- **Customization Guidelines:** Adapts templates to regional and cultural contexts.

Wisdom Documentation Templates

1. Dialogue Summary Template

Purpose: Provides a high-level overview of the dialogue, including themes, participants, and key outcomes.

Template:

Dialogue Summary
 Dialogue Title: [Insert Title, e.g., West African Dialogue on Peacebuilding]
 Date: [Insert Date, e.g., May 19, 2025]
 Location: [Insert Location, e.g., Hybrid - Accra, Ghana & Virtual]
 Facilitator(s): [Insert Names]
 Participants: [Insert Number and Diversity, e.g., 50 participants, including Muslims,

Traditions Represented: [List Traditions, e.g., Islam, Christianity, Akan spirituality]

1. Objectives:

- [Insert Objective, e.g., Foster shared values for peacebuilding]
- [Insert Objective, e.g., Develop a regional ethics charter]

2. Key Themes:

- [Insert Theme, e.g., Communal harmony through ubuntu principles]
- [Insert Theme, e.g., Youth-led peace initiatives]

3. Major Insights:

- [Insert Insight, e.g., Islamic and Christian teachings on forgiveness align with]
- [Insert Insight, e.g., Youth emphasized digital platforms for peace advocacy]

4. Outcomes:

- [Insert Outcome, e.g., Drafted ethics charter for interfaith peace education]
- [Insert Outcome, e.g., Committed to youth-led community dialogues]

5. Documentation Notes:

- Consent: [Insert Details, e.g., All insights approved for public sharing by participants]
- Cultural Sensitivity: [Insert Notes, e.g., Akan rituals documented with elder consent]
- Accessibility: [Insert Notes, e.g., Summary available in Twi audio for rural participants]

Submitted by: [Facilitator Name]

Contact: [Insert Contact, e.g., spiritualdialogue@globalgovernanceframework.org]

Customization Notes:

- Include land acknowledgment in regions with Indigenous populations (e.g., "Held on Akan lands").
- Adapt themes to regional priorities (e.g., climate resilience in Pacific Islands).

2. Narrative Capture Template

Purpose: Records personal or communal stories, spiritual teachings, or sacred narratives shared during dialogues.

Template:

Narrative Capture

Dialogue Title: [Insert Title, e.g., Canadian Dialogue on Indigenous Healing]

Date: [Insert Date, e.g., May 19, 2025]

Narrator(s): [Insert Name(s) or Anonymous, e.g., Métis Elder, Anonymous Youth]

Tradition/Community: [Insert Tradition, e.g., Métis spirituality]

Context: [Insert Dialogue Segment, e.g., Truth-sharing session]

1. Narrative Summary:

- [Insert Summary, e.g., Elder shared a story of resilience through traditional Métis practices]

2. Key Teachings or Values:

- [Insert Teaching, e.g., Beadwork symbolizes interconnectedness and cultural survival]
- [Insert Teaching, e.g., Forgiveness as a communal process, not individual]

3. Cultural Significance:

- [Insert Significance, e.g., Beadwork is a sacred Métis practice, requiring elder guidance]

4. Consent and Usage:

- Consent: [Insert Details, e.g., Elder approved sharing story publicly, excluding]
- Restrictions: [Insert Restrictions, e.g., Do not reproduce beadwork designs with]
- Source: [Insert Source, e.g., Oral sharing during dialogue, recorded with consent]

5. Documentation Notes:

- Format: [Insert Format, e.g., Written summary, audio recording]
- Accessibility: [Insert Notes, e.g., Audio available in English and Cree]
- Storage: [Insert Storage, e.g., Archived in [Multimedia Resource Library](/frameworks)]

Submitted by: [Facilitator Name]

Contact: [Insert Contact, e.g., spiritualdialogue@globalgovernanceframework.org]

Customization Notes:

- Use oral or visual formats for communities with non-written traditions (e.g., audio recordings in Pacific Islands).
- Ensure trauma sensitivity for narratives of historical wounds, per the [Truth & Reconciliation Toolkit](#).

3. Action Plan Template

Purpose: Documents collaborative commitments and follow-up plans from dialogues.

Template:

Action Plan

Dialogue Title: [Insert Title, e.g., South Asian Dialogue on Water Conservation]

Date: [Insert Date, e.g., May 19, 2025]

Lead Facilitator: [Insert Name]

Participants Involved: [Insert Groups, e.g., Hindu, Muslim, Jain communities, youth]

1. Action Objectives:

- [Insert Objective, e.g., Develop interfaith water conservation campaign]
- [Insert Objective, e.g., Advocate for policy on river restoration]

2. Specific Commitments:

- [Insert Commitment, e.g., Hindu and Jain leaders to host community workshops on]
- [Insert Commitment, e.g., Youth to launch social media campaign, #SacredRivers]

3. Responsibilities:

- [Insert Role, e.g., Hindu leader: Coordinate workshops by July 2025]
- [Insert Role, e.g., Youth team: Create campaign content by June 2025]

4. Timeline:

- [Insert Milestone, e.g., Workshops launched: July 31, 2025]
- [Insert Milestone, e.g., Campaign report submitted: August 15, 2025]

5. Resources:

- [Insert Resources, e.g., Funding from Regional Hub, venue from Muslim community]
- [Insert Resources, e.g., Digital tools for youth campaign]

6. Monitoring and Reporting:

- Method: [Insert Method, e.g., Progress tracked via [Representation Metrics Dashboard]]
- Contact: [Insert Contact, e.g., Regional Hub, waterdialogue@example.org]

7. Documentation Notes:

- Consent: [Insert Details, e.g., All commitments approved for public sharing]
- Accessibility: [Insert Notes, e.g., Plan translated into Hindi and Urdu]

Submitted by: [Facilitator Name]

Contact: [Insert Contact, e.g., spiritualdialogue@globalgovernanceframework.org]

Customization Notes:

- Align actions with regional challenges (e.g., peacebuilding in conflict zones).
- Include youth or marginalized group roles to ensure equity.

4. Consent and Permissions Template

Purpose: Ensures ethical use of sacred knowledge, narratives, or outcomes with participant consent.

Template:**Consent and Permissions**

Dialogue Title: [Insert Title, e.g., Pacific Islands Dialogue on Climate Resilience]

Date: [Insert Date, e.g., May 19, 2025]

Facilitator: [Insert Name]

1. Content Description:

- [Insert Content, e.g., Polynesian navigational story shared by elder]
- [Insert Content, e.g., Draft ethics charter on climate action]

2. Participant(s) Providing Consent:

- [Insert Name(s) or Anonymous, e.g., Elder Kaimana, Anonymous Youth Group]
- Tradition/Community: [Insert Tradition, e.g., Polynesian spirituality]

3. Consent Details:

- Approved Uses: [Insert Uses, e.g., Public sharing in [Multimedia Resource Library]]
- Restrictions: [Insert Restrictions, e.g., No commercial use, no sharing of specific content]
- Duration: [Insert Duration, e.g., Consent valid until May 2026]

4. Documentation Method:

- [Insert Method, e.g., Written consent form signed by elder, verbal consent recorded]
- Storage: [Insert Storage, e.g., Secure database, per [AI Ethics Guidelines](/frameworks/ai-ethics-guidelines)]

5. Contact for Inquiries:

- [Insert Contact, e.g., Elder Kaimana via community liaison, kaimana@example.org]

6. Notes:

- Cultural Sensitivity: [Insert Notes, e.g., Navigational story shared with elder]
- Accessibility: [Insert Notes, e.g., Consent form available in Samoan audio]

Submitted by: [Facilitator Name]

Contact: [Insert Contact, e.g., spiritualdialogue@globalgovernanceframework.org]

Customization Notes:

- Use verbal consent for communities with oral traditions, ensuring recordings are secure.
- Adapt restrictions to sacred protocols (e.g., no photography of rituals).

Customization Guidelines

- **Cultural Sensitivity:**
 - Adapt documentation to local norms (e.g., oral recordings in Indigenous contexts, written summaries in formal settings).
 - Example: In an African dialogue, use audio narratives for Akan oral traditions, per elder guidance.
- **Power Dynamics:**
 - Prioritize narratives and actions from marginalized groups (e.g., Indigenous, youth, women), per the [Representation Assessment Tool](#).
 - Example: In a South Asian dialogue, center Dalit contributions in summaries.
- **Accessibility:**
 - Provide templates in accessible formats (e.g., audio, braille, translations), per the [Digital Access & Inclusion Audit](#).
 - Example: In a Central Asian dialogue, offer Kyrgyz audio summaries for nomadic communities.
- **Youth Engagement:**
 - Include youth voices in narratives and action plans, assigning them documentation roles (e.g., summarizing insights).
 - Example: In a European dialogue, engage youth to document secular humanist perspectives.
- **Remote and Rural Engagement:**
 - Use offline formats (e.g., printed templates, verbal recordings) for rural participants with limited digital access.
 - Example: In an African dialogue, distribute printed action plans via community leaders.
- **Ethical Considerations:**
 - Ensure informed consent and respect sacred boundaries, per the [Cultural Appropriation Prevention Checklist](#).
 - Example: In an Australian dialogue, secure Aboriginal elder consent for documenting Dreamtime stories.
- **Trauma Sensitivity:**
 - Handle narratives of historical wounds with care, per the [Truth & Reconciliation Toolkit](#).
 - Example: In a Latin American dialogue, anonymize Indigenous trauma narratives unless explicit consent is given.

Appendices

- **Sample Documentation Set:**

Dialogue Summary
 Dialogue Title: West African Dialogue on Peacebuilding
 Date: May 19, 2025
 Location: Hybrid – Accra, Ghana & Virtual
 Facilitator(s): Amina Mensah
 Participants: 50, including Muslims, Christians, Akan practitioners, 30% youth
 Traditions: Islam, Christianity, Akan spirituality
 Objectives: Foster peacebuilding values, draft ethics charter
 Key Themes: Ubuntu, youth advocacy
 Outcomes: Ethics charter, youth-led dialogues

Notes: Insights approved, Twi audio available

Narrative Capture

Narrator: Anonymous Akan Elder

Tradition: Akan spirituality

Narrative: Story of communal reconciliation through Aday festival

Teachings: Forgiveness as collective healing

Consent: Approved for public sharing, no ritual details

Format: Audio recording, Twi and English

Action Plan

Commitments: Interfaith peace workshops, youth social media campaign

Responsibilities: Muslim leader coordinates workshops, youth create content

Timeline: Workshops by July 2025

Resources: Regional Hub funding

Monitoring: Via [Representation Metrics Dashboard](/frameworks/tools/spiritual/rep

Consent and Permissions

Content: Akan story, ethics charter

Participant: Akan Elder, community leaders

Consent: Public sharing approved, no commercial use

Method: Verbal consent recorded

Storage: Secure [Multimedia Resource Library](/frameworks/tools/spiritual/multimed

• Facilitator Checklist:

- Assess dialogue outcomes and participant diversity for documentation.
- Engage stakeholders to co-create and validate content.
- Use templates to capture summaries, narratives, actions, and consents.
- Ensure cultural sensitivity, accessibility, and ethical consent.
- Archive in [Multimedia Resource Library](#) and report to Regional Hub.

• Resources:

- [Dialogue Facilitation Guide](#)
- [Representation Assessment Tool](#)
- [Cultural Appropriation Prevention Checklist](#)
- [Conflict De-escalation Protocols](#)
- [Regional Customization Framework](#)
- [Truth & Reconciliation Toolkit](#)
- [Sacred Space Setup Guide](#)
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