Breakout Sessions: Guide and Questions

There are six breakout sessions, focused on actions that should be taken by different constituencies. The breakouts are: Government Action, Industry Innovation, New Research, Policy Development, Social Change, and Technology Development.

The goal of each breakout is to strategically identify actions that can be taken as logical next steps. We have more or less clustered participants according to their professional role and experience. Based on what you’ve learned so far in the day, we’d like you to brainstorm with each other about new possible interventions and actions.

While you are welcome to focus purely on what your team could do and the topic of this breakout, you may also veer off to talk about action items that go beyond the boundaries of your particular area of expertise or sector. The breakout is intentionally designed with less structure, to leave room for people to think out loud and collectively surface the possibilities for action.

Possible Questions to Help Drive the Conversation

1. What discoveries from your workshops struck as something that requires action? Describe the problem or opportunity and propose an action.
2. How is that proposal or recommendation specific to your domain of expertise and role? How can it be relevant to other domains?
3. Based on what you’ve heard today in your workshops, what action items do you think you or your institution might want to pursue or move forward with respect to data and civil rights?
4. Beyond you or your institutions, who else might play a role and what do you wish that person (or institution) would take on?
5. Are there any imperative next steps that need to be taken but that aren’t clearly the responsibility of one person or institution?
6. What kinds of collaborations would help advance civil rights in light of new data-oriented technology development?
7. Which problems or opportunities that you’ve discussed don’t have an obvious next step?
8. Is there anything that you’d ideally like this group—this particular arrangement of people in the room—to work on together?