

Steps in Consensus

1. Preparation Phase

- Commitment to consensus working agreements
- Guidelines or work plan

2. Education & Information (50%)

- Develop common base of information
- Joint fact finding (agreement on facts and information)
- Agreement on the decisions/problems to be solved together
- Identify the issues

3. Understanding and Criteria (50% cont.)

- Concerns, needs, interests, goals
- Become criteria

4. Option Development

- Staff recommendations
- Other options or combinations of options

5. Evaluation of Options

- Do they meet the criteria?
- What best satisfies the interests of stakeholders

6. Integrated Agreement

- Mix & match options
- Decisions/agreements on all issues/problems