



KM4Dev Forum Participants' Responses

As a closing activity, Open Space facilitator Peter Malvicini asked participants to continue the statement: *"One thing that struck me from the KM4DEV Forum is that..."* Listed below are some of the responses that were given to this thought-provoking statement.

1. To help the people in the center of knowledge
2. KM in many organizations is an underground economy. It has to be made more visible, make oneself more known
3. Diversity of people; not everyone is a knowledge management expert. There is diversity of people and approaches
4. There are many levels of knowledge and there are many ways of dealing with knowledge; there are no easy answers
5. Need for more collaboration, more networking; there are parties willing to engage in collaboration and networking
6. Passion of the people involved in KM
7. A lot of talent and a lot of energy. Question what do we do after this? Combine synergizing energy?
8. Still a lot of unknowns about KM; encouraging to see each other help going about doing KM
9. Many KM practitioners from NGOs
10. So many people care and may have same interests, have to articulate and share and gather people who may be able to help and create a community of knowledge
11. Met friends I worked with long before; made me realize that KM has been here a long for a long time but has not been named such previously
12. Methodologies used were innovative and creative; very good job to the team
13. Communication will play a very important and equivocal role in KM and has to start soon
14. Development for knowledge not just knowledge for development
15. KM is a tool that knows no cultural boundaries
16. No cookie cutter solution for KM
17. A lot of work to do; have more to do to realize key actions in sectors
18. Challenges are big; more than 50% are still hungry; but we connected through this Forum
19. There is a big network of KM practitioners to get help from to improve KM work in our organizations; had something to share in this network
20. No one showed up for my session on KM and gender which if you think about, is very disturbing because the gender component is very important
21. Dr. Menkhoff was the only one who talked about the knowledge trap, but it wasn't talked about at the macro level, for SMEs, public-private groups
22. Learning and collaboration among us; the output of this meeting
23. Group is more energized towards end of the forum rather than at the beginning means the experience was very stimulating; hope we can stay in touch
24. Ability to empower others in our organization
25. KM is dynamic, work in progress; perhaps a follow-up workshop can be conducted

26. There is not one way or definition to KM; there is so much diversity in each agency on how it manages its knowledge; it is culture specific; provided with tools to try new things; it is a challenge to make it successful
27. Wish for future KM events is to include a discussion on SMEs and gender
28. Openness of colleagues; better understanding of Km; think can implement in office
29. Diversity of handwriting skills
30. KM is fun
31. Beyond jargon of KM lies a caring and sharing effort
32. In this forum is a critical mass of knowledge workers
33. KM is also a way of life and can be related to the theory of relativity
34. Good inputs; new methodologies; some suggestions for follow up meeting on KM in Holland in June
35. People needed to get together, listen to success stories and gaps
36. We have not so far produced the first generation of participants with the depth and experience of KM
37. Applying the theory of relativity to KM is so cool; could we have a set of mathematical formula for KM?
38. How current KM is
39. See how many people in development deal with KM; bring a lot of knowledge back to classroom; find the OST technology attractive; also want to experiment with storytelling
40. Lots of interaction; struck by methods used