

Evaluating Megatons to Megawatts: Managing Cooperation

Working Seminar Process

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Preamble

The 2026 CNDSI Working Seminar is the second of three events dedicated to evaluating the M2M program. The group is intentionally intergenerational and interdisciplinary. Some participants are protagonists and experts with deep knowledge of the entire process, while others are younger researchers who are less familiar with the history and are now helping to define the goals and methodologies of the evaluation. We expect and encourage a wide range of comments and questions.

Presentations

Rather than relying on brief soundbites or surface-level public exchanges, the seminar format uses guided facilitation to support in-depth presentations (30–40 minutes or longer) and to ensure active participation from everyone involved.

Random Roster

At the beginning of the seminar, all participants except the speakers will be placed in a randomly ordered list that the facilitators will use to invite questions and comments. Any participant may decline or pass on the invitation to speak.

Two-Finger Comments

In keeping with academic tradition, participants may interrupt, add a comment, ask a question, or offer a clarification during any presentation by raising two fingers, signaling that their intervention is directly related to the point currently under discussion.

Note-Taking

There will be no remote access or video recording. However, the Working Seminar is intended to contribute cumulatively to the three-year project, and note-taking is therefore essential. Audio recording will be used solely to support the preparation and accuracy of notes.

Digital Communication

It is understood that attendees have many commitments and may need to read and respond to messages of various kinds, including phone calls. Participants are encouraged to step outside the room at any time to attend to their digital communication needs.

Open Feedback

Each participant is invited to share any concerns, suggestions, or observations with the group, and especially with the conveners.