



Opportunity Collaboration Survival Tips

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1 - The Opportunity Collaboration is a community defined by problem-solving, idea sharing and generosity of spirit. Astute leaders and dynamic thinkers with the self-confidence to admit uncertainty are plentiful. Pack your challenge or collaborative idea, but leave your institutional baggage at customs and check your ego at immigration control.

2 - The Opportunity Collaboration forms an extraordinary community of life-time allies and personal friendships. Departure day is October 20th, not earlier. Leave sooner (yes, we know, the home office can't live without you, but neither can we) and you will miss the final moments when lasting handshakes become the foundation for future collaboration.

3 - Collaboration begins with a candid explication of organizational priorities and needs, including financial needs. Entrepreneurial leaders passionate about their work will talk with equal passion about successes, failures and, yes, financial requirements. Your fellow Delegates, especially funders, are thought leaders and much more than the sum of their bank accounts. You disrespect the spirit of the Opportunity Collaboration and yourself by monetizing every conversation. Avoid performing wallet biopsies on other Delegates.

4 - Message Boards are located at the entrance to the El Canto restaurant and at the Collaboration Center on the main patio. Check them daily for schedule changes, useful information, and personal messages. No one can do it for you, but no one wants you to miss out!

5 - Just like in your home country, if you overeat three times a day, embark on a new and vigorous exercise regime and/or stay out late every night, you will probably not feel well. Collaborate yourself! Drink water and get some rest; you are in the tropics.

6 - All paid and pro bono staff members are also full Delegates. Everyone you meet is equally committed to poverty reduction and at the Opportunity Collaboration to learn

and share, so plan to handle your own personal business, quirks and quackeries. Self-reliance is the beginning of the end of poverty!

7 - The Opportunity Collaboration is jam-packed with dialogue, debate, discourse and discussion. High-energy leaders and colleagues from around the world will seek your time and attention. You are not expected to attend every seminar, every round table and every stimulating program. Take a nap, take a walk, take care of yourself.