

Tamlar 2.0

A simulation exercise for regional mountain range governance

FACILITATOR GUIDE

You are a Programme Manager of the Tamlar Connection Secretariat and will help facilitate the simulation exercise.

Before the exercise, please familiarize yourself with the objectives, roles, rules, and procedures outlined in the Participant Guide. This Facilitator Guide provides an overview of your responsibilities and guidance on how to support participants effectively throughout the simulation exercise and debriefing.

1 // Your role in the preparatory round among participants with the same role

As the facilitator, your job is to guide participants with the same role to get familiar with the role within 30 minutes. The following guiding questions may support you:

- What are your main interests and negotiation goals?
- How does your role interact with or depend on other stakeholders?
- Which actions would your role support most strongly, and why?
- What trade-offs might your role need to consider?
- How would your role benefit from a project at the regional scale?

2 // Your role in the two consultation meetings

As the facilitator, your job is to guide a diverse group of stakeholders through two stakeholder consultations (day 1 = 1h, day 2 = 2h). Your focus is to help them:

- Identify shared goals.
- Navigate conflicting interests.
- Jointly develop practical and inclusive solutions.
- Prepare inputs for a visual output to be presented to the Tamilar Environment Fund (TEF).

You do not represent the government, donors, or any other actor with decision-making power, but the Secretariat has an honest broker role and convening power across the Tamilar Mountain Range.

Facilitation objectives

Your key responsibilities are to:

- Create an inclusive and respectful space for discussion.
- Keep climate resilience and TEF proposal objectives in view.
- Help stakeholders surface and resolve tensions, especially across borders or sectors.
- Encourage the group to document their agreements and ideas clearly (on flip charts/maps/sticky notes).
- Share information about the 1-2 incidents.
- Ensure that the presentation to the TEF Board is delivered (maximum 5 minutes). You or any stakeholder from your group may present.

Guiding questions for the consultations

Use questions like these to help the group move forward:

- What are the biggest challenges facing this part of the Tamilar Range?
- Which solutions have already worked locally or regionally?
- What specific measures do you recommend?
- How do we make sure the project benefits people, climate and nature?
- What are the priorities for short- and long-term action?
- How do we ensure that data and monitoring leads to benefits for people and nature?
- What mechanisms are needed to ensure regular dialogue between scientists, policymakers, and community stakeholders?
- What are the most effective ways to engage with stakeholders?
- Which partnerships could unlock co-funding support?
- What governance arrangements are needed to manage the project effectively over the long term?

Expected output

At the end of the two consultations, your group should produce a visual output and presentation of the proposal and the proposal-writing process for the TEF Board (max. 5 minutes) :

- Shared vision and objectives
- Main challenges and needs tackled
- Proposed actions
- Regional governance aspects and goals
- Proposed next steps in the proposal developing phase

Suggested process and timing

Tuesday

Simulation exercise: first consultation meeting

1h

- Introduce the context and country snapshots
- Let stakeholders introduce themselves
- Collect main challenges
- Start to create a shared vision and objectives
- Start to collect actions, if time allows

Facilitators meet for a debriefing of the first consultation meeting

Wednesday

Simulation exercise: second consultation meeting

1.5h

- Start with one of the four proposed incidents
- Refine the shared vision and objectives
- Define actions

Break

Simulation exercise: second consultation meeting

40 min

- Finalize the proposal and define next steps in the proposal development process
- Finalize the visual output and presentation
- Define who presents the proposal to the TEF Board

3 // Your role for the discussion in regional groups

As the facilitator, your role is to guide stakeholders from the same region to:

- Debrief on previous consultations.
- Reflect on shared goals and emerging challenges.
- Identify concrete follow-up actions.

Facilitation objectives

Your key responsibilities are to:

- Encourage a clear documentation of the lessons and next steps (on flip charts or sticky notes).
- Make sure a brief summary of the discussion is presented in the plenum. You or any colleague from your group may do the presentation.

Guiding questions for the consultations

- What were the key insights from the previous consultations?
- What specific follow-up actions do you recommend for your region?
- *....please complement from your regional perspective...*

Expected output

- Visual summary and presentation of their discussions
- *....please complement from your regional perspective...*

General suggestions

Time management: Keep time and each round on track; warn participants 5 min before transitions and inform them where to meet next.

Managing dynamics:

- Ensure no single participant dominates discussions.
- Encourage quieter participants to speak.
- Monitor conflicts and redirect to constructive dialogue.

Supporting materials: Flip charts, sticky notes, map

Flexibility: Adapt incidents or guiding questions if discussions stall or go off-topic.