

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Was the big picture of the most important opportunities in this sector about right? If not, what should be changed, added, or deleted?
2. Do the key 2 - 3 strategies presented in the last session still represent your best thinking about the most important technologies and/or strategies for the next decade, based on the criteria discussed earlier in the meeting? If not, what should be added or deleted?
3. Discuss, for each technology/strategy that you have time for :
 - a. What is already underway that needs aligning or could work even better if improved?
 - b. What is missing that is a critical element of success for this technology/strategy? (e.g. clear initiative structure, leadership or funding, lack of private sector engagement, critical data gap, other barriers or drivers that need addressing).
 - c. What recommendations would you make for your sector(s) to make the initiative ideas proposed more actionable? (What needs to happen to overcome the barriers to implementation over next 10 years? e.g. others need to be involved, additional resources needed, policy or regulatory changes, etc.)
 - d. What additional information is needed to improve this recommendation and make final decisions in December?
 - e. Are there particular indicators that come to mind for this technology/strategy?
4. Where are there cross-sector or cross-initiative synergies?

Proposed Criteria for Action Plan Strategies

1. Strategy or technology's potential impact toward current MN climate and energy goals
2. The potential for the 2025 MEP project to move the needle on a particular strategy in the context of related projects in MN. (How to avoid duplication. Are there barriers or unanswered questions? Modeling needed?)
3. Likely benefits relative to costs
4. Commitment by stakeholders to advancing the strategy