

# Commitment



to the Future: Meeting the Needs of Pinal's

## YOUTH

## **12th Annual PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL**

May 5 - 7, 1999

**Gold Canyon Golf Resort**  
Gold Canyon, Arizona

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# Pinal County Town Hall

**Pinal's Commitment To The  
Future: Meeting the Needs  
Of Our Youth**

**OFFICIAL  
REPORT  
1999**

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# **Summary Report**

**We can't become what we need  
to be by remaining what we are.**

**- Oprah Winfrey**



**Summary Report of the  
Twelfth Annual Pinal County Town Hall  
May 5 - 7, 1999**

**Overview**

One hundred thirty-seven delegates were in attendance at the 1999 Pinal County Town Hall which took place at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort. This years' theme was **Commitment to the Future: Meeting the Needs of Our Youth**. Delegates heard from a variety of speakers and panelists, including The Honorable William J. O'Neil, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge for Pinal County. His keynote address was entitled "**Before the Gavel Falls**". Panelists, speakers and program highlights may be found in the program schedule that follows this report.

Seventeen youth delegates, representing seven Pinal County High Schools participated in this years Town Hall. A special feature on the program included a youth led and planned "round table" that resulted in a dialogue between youth and other delegates. In addition, a **Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year** recognition program was initiated as a part of this Town Hall. The youth recognized by their respective schools as "Youth of the Year" included; Lorraine Campos, Superior, Angelica Escarcega, Eloy, Damien Cowger, Maricopa, Tiffany Miller, Casa Grande, Javier Rosales, Apache Junction, Jennifer Dixon, Coolidge, and Stephanie Wolf, San Manuel. Judges selected **Javier Rosales as the 1999 Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year**.

The **Constellation Awards**, now in its third year, were presented in a new award format and included the following winners:

- **New Business Development** - Netwest, Development Corporation (The Garnet at Casa Grande)
- **Non Profit Organization** - Environmental Concerns, Inc. (Maricopa)
- **Volunteerism** - Wilbert J. Soltau (St. Vincent de Paul Society, Casa Grande)

The three winners received a limited edition crystal star, and a \$2500 donation in each of the three winners names to Pinal County charities. The awards are sponsored by Harrahs Ak-Chin Casino, Casa Grande Valley Newspapers, Inc., and Pinal County Town Hall.

In order to share, review, and evaluate input from the six small discussion groups and to arrive at a collective consensus regarding the topic and related issues, a **consensus group** met late Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. The consensus group consisted of the overall facilitators and recorders from each small discussion group. The consensus group membership is listed at the conclusion of this report.

The process used by the consensus group in arriving at its findings, was to review and evaluate the input from each of the discussion groups and to identify common areas of agreement and/or disagreement, key concerns and issues needing specific attention and/or resolution. The consensus group was encouraged to prioritize issues and strategic actions.

The consensus group preliminary report was presented at the concluding Friday morning session in an informative and creative CNN format by the consensus team members. In addition to the overall action strategies that follow, delegates were called on to complete a **Personal Commitment** form regarding their own efforts and action steps. **Specific attention is directed to an additional action strategy in the report calling for the establishment of a "Youth Services Network".**

While the overall consensus report includes summary information from the respective discussion groups, it does not include the full report from each group. The individual discussion group reports will be reproduced for utilization by the "Youth Services Network" steering committee and in other local and county follow-up efforts.

**Consensus Group Report**  
**"Pinal's Commitment To the Future: Meeting The**  
**Needs Of Our Youth"**

**Introduction**

Youth Violence--15 dead in Littleton, Colorado. Teen Pregnancy--Pinal County near the top of national surveys of teen pregnancy rates. High School Drop-Out Rates--young people without skills facing a lifetime of dead-end jobs, and tempted by crime. Assaulted by the loud music and garish dress of some teens, many adults today report a fear of our youth--especially teen males. Some are tempted to conclude not just that youth have problems, but that young people today *are* the problem.

But the message which emerged from the 1999 Pinal County Town Hall--with its focus on youth--was not on youth as *problems*, but on young people as the critical *resource* in confronting our common problems. It is indeed a paradigm shift--away from what we can do *for* our youth, and towards how we can work *with* them.

It is, ironically, a concept which was echoed by others just days after the Town Hall concluded. Arizona Republic writer Stephen Tuttle, for example, writing on May 9, 1999, urged that we quit talking at our youth and start listening to them. Although Tuttle acknowledges the contributions of the usual suspects (guns, violence in the media, and bad or absent parenting), he concludes that "the next step is for us to ask them (youth) what we need to do".



The 1999 Pinal County Town Hall began such a dialogue process by including teens in each of the six discussion groups and through a special youth-led plenary. The discussion will continue, hopefully in each community and also through the proposed new Youth Reference Council or Youth Services Network, which will encourage sharing of ideas related to youth needs and programming throughout the county.

If there was a "bottom line" to this Town Hall, it was that our young people are tired of us well-intended adults trying to do things "for" them. They are ready and willing to work with us to confront the many problems we all face, but we must include youth and adults at every stage of the process.

### **Issues and Strategies**

The Consensus Group Report is presented in summary form with special emphasis given to the inclusion of critical issues and identified action strategies. Critical issues and action strategies of the individual Discussion Groups are listed first, followed by the overall consensus group findings and recommendations. Detailed information from each Discussion Group will be reproduced and made available for reference and resource purposes to groups or organizations involved in follow-up activities at the local and county level.

#### **I. Critical Issues in Meeting the Needs of our Youth**

##### **A. Discussion Group Critical Issues**

###### **Group One**

- Parents of youth
- Youth feelings of self worth
- Opportunities for education, jobs, recreation, etc.
- Respect for others

###### **Group Two**

- Parents of youth
- Youth self-esteem
- Lack of solid belief system

###### **Group Three**

- Opportunities for jobs and training
- Role of the family and parents as related to values
- Importance of character, self-esteem, and connectivity
- Early childhood and influence of parenting
- Importance of meeting basic needs
- Education and schools

###### **Group Four**

- Drugs and drinking
- Adult role modeling and reinforcement
- Availability of after school activities
- Quality of education

###### **Group Five**

- Choices and decision making

- Effective parenting
- Mentorship and volunteers
- Morals and values
- Work ethics
- Drop-out rate

#### **Group Six**

- Substance use/abuse
- Lack of parental support and involvement
- Lack of community activities and recreational establishments
- Lack of career opportunities
- Need for life skills training

### **B. Issues Master List**

The following list was generated by the consensus group in its overall review and consideration of youth issues:

- Lack of support of parents and family
- Need for effective education
- Character and connectivity
- Self-esteem and self worth
- Need for mentors and volunteers
- Substance abuse
- Opportunities for jobs and work
- Recreational opportunities
- Established sense of responsibility
- Choices and decision making
- Adult and media role modeling
- Teen pregnancy
- Safety in schools
- Negative media coverage of teens

### **C. Prioritized Issues**

In reviewing the identification of issues by the respective discussion groups and the overall master list, the consensus group reached agreement on the following **priority of issues**:

- 1. Lack of support of parents and the family**
- 2. Character/connectivity**
- 3. Effective education**
- 4. Basic needs**
- 5. Opportunities for jobs and work**
- 6. Adult role modeling**

## **II. Action Strategies**

### **A. Discussion Group Action Strategies**

#### **Group One**

- Make parent education programs more accessible
- Utilize parent/student teams
- Develop alternative education programs

- Build character
- Establish a consortium on early childhood issues
- Create a system to identify/intervene in school violence
- Advocate with legislators for increased education/youth support

#### **Group Two**

- Emphasize parental involvement and parenting classes
- Increase mentoring opportunities
- Utilize life skills training
- Emphasize building character
- Utilize home-church-schools-friends-community

#### **Group Three**

- Broaden opportunities for recreation and education for early childhood
- Provide job opportunities
- Get youth involved at church
- Address unfunded mandates for schools
- Expand subsidized early childhood education for ALL children
- Foster self-sufficiency among women, especially abused women
- Increase cross-generation understanding
- Provide youth with positive role models
- Establish adult/youth monthly round tables

#### **Group Four**

- Pursue greater funding for Pinal County schools through liaison between city, school districts, and legislature
- Encourage youth ownership in program design and operation through youth advisory boards in each community
- Involve and recognize students who excel in areas other than athletics and academics (e.g. service to community or family/friends; character traits)

#### **Group Five**

Seek Commitment from:

- Funding resources
- Agencies
- Private/public sector
- Personal (individuals)
- County
- Our respective communities, neighborhoods and families

#### **Group Six**

- Emphasize prevention programs (substance abuse, teen pregnancy)
- Creation of after school programs
- Implement life skills programs at an early age
- Establish parental skills programs, with mandated attendance to increase information distribution
- Encourage coordination efforts (city/town/county) for securing resources from state and federal sources

## **B. Prioritized Strategic Actions**

In reviewing the various discussion group strategic actions, the consensus group reached agreement on the following prioritized strategic actions:

- 1. Initiate a "Youth Services Network" \***
- 2. Expand character-building programs**
- 3. Require parental skills training and involvement when indicated**
- 4. Advocate for increased education funding**
- 5. Promote youth ownership for program development**
- 6. Recognize and positively reinforce all youth**
- 7. Enhance early childhood intervention**
- 8. Expand recreational opportunities**
- 9. Provide more job opportunities**
- 10. Encourage individuals to personally commit to specific follow-up activities that help meet the needs of our youth\*\***

### **\*Youth Services Network**

It is conceived that the Youth Services Network would be a county-wide alliance, coalition or partnership. The objective of the "Network" would be to establish and/or expand existing services where needed.

### **\*\*Personal Commitment Form**

It is enclosed at the conclusion of this report for those individuals who have not had an opportunity to review and personally complete.

**A Commitment is doing what you  
said you would do long after the  
feeling you said it in *has passed*.**

taken from the PGBHA News and  
Views - June, 1999

## CONSENSUS GROUP MEMBERSHIP\*

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<i>George Hoffman, Recorder</i>	Assistant City Manager, Apache Junction
<i>Liz, Burks, Youth Services Librarian,</i>	Apache Junction
<i>Jo Buttery, Owner/Broker, Your Broker Connection</i>	San Manuel
<i>David Brubaker, Owner, Conflict Management Services</i>	Casa Grande
<i>Gina D'Abella, Director of Marketing ECO, Inc.</i>	Maricopa
<i>Jennifer Evans, Office Manager, Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce</i>	Kearny
<i>Lacy Gambee, Senior, Ray High School</i>	Kearny
<i>Bill Ludeke, Exec. Director United Way of Pinal County</i>	Casa Grande
<i>Kelly Sue Mau, Administrator, Pinal County Juvenile Court Services</i>	Florence
<i>Dr. Bonnie Palmer, City Council Member</i>	Coolidge
<i>Javier Rosales, Senior, Apache Junction High School</i>	Apache Junction
<i>Chuck Seller, President/CEO Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce</i>	Florence
<i>Linda Yarrington, Chief of Development &amp; Administration, PGBHA</i>	Apache Junction

**\* The Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee extends its appreciation and thanks to the above individuals who also served in the capacity of discussion group facilitators and recorders. A special note of appreciation is due Karl Peterson and George Hoffman for their coordination of the consensus Group process. An added thanks goes to David Brubaker for his preparation of the introduction to the consensus group report.**

# Pinal's Commitment To The Future: Meeting The Needs Of Our Youth - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinal County Town Hall

## **Personal Commitment**

Recognizing the challenging needs of Pinal County's youth, and understanding that serving those needs begins with each of us an individual,

### I PERSONALLY COMMIT TO:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ participate during the next twelve months in an (additional) specific activity, existing or new, by which youth are served and their lives enhanced such as  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;
2. \_\_\_\_\_ recruit someone who has not attended this Town Hall to partner with me in the activity referenced above;
3. \_\_\_\_\_ present a five minute report concerning the issues/outcomes of this Town Hall at three meetings during the next six weeks;
4. \_\_\_\_\_ sharing, for next year's Town Hall, a one paragraph summary of your youth oriented activity.

## --TOWN HALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE--

**WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1999**

**3:00-6:15 p.m.**                      **HOTEL CHECK-IN AND TOWN HALL REGISTRATION**  
Resort Lobby

**6:00-7:00 p.m.**                      **RECEPTION**  
Towne Hall Patio  
Compliments of the Gold Canyon Resort  
Background Music by Jim Sorensen

**7:00 p.m.**                              **BANQUET AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Towne Hall Center  
Pavillon

**Presiding:**                              *Wayne G. Gerken, Facilitator*  
Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee

**Presentation of Colors:** Ray High School Marine Junior R.O.T.C. Color Guard- Kearny  
*George Dumais, Director*

**Welcome:**                              *Doug Coleman, Mayor City of Apache Junction*

*Dr. William Buttery, Immediate Past Chairman*  
Pinal County Development Board

*Sandie Smith, Chairman*  
Pinal County Board of Supervisors - District #2

**Address:**                              **"Before the Gavel Falls"**  
*The Honorable William J. O'Neil, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge*  
Pinal County

**Special Presentation:**      **Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year**  
*Dr. William Buttery, Dr. Kathleen Parkhurst, & Judge*  
*William O'Neil*

**THURSDAY, May 6, 1999**

**6:45-7:45 a.m.**                      **BUFFET BREAKFAST**  
Kokopelli

**6:45-7:45 a.m.**                      **STUDENT DELEGATE BREAKFAST**  
Sunset Room

**7:30-9:00 a.m.**                      **LATE REGISTRATION**  
Resort Lobby

**8:00-9:05 a.m.**                      **GENERAL SESSION**  
Towne Hall Center  
Room 1

**Presiding:**                              *Mary L. Brooks - Town Hall Advisory Committee member*

**Topic:**                                      **Sharing the Commitment Through Collaboration and Partnerships**

**Moderator:**                              *Robert Carter Olson, Pinal County Attorney*

**Panelists:**

- *Carleen Cranmer*, Chairman,  
Childrens Coordinating Council - Apache Junction
- *Susan Sanders* , Executive Director  
Seeds of Hope - Casa Grande
- *Dr. Bonnie Palmer* , City Council Member, Coolidge  
**America's Promise Initiative**
- *Darryl Davis*, Executive Director  
Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande
- *Mark Wassenaar*, Coordinator  
**Character First**, Pinal County Juvenile Court Services

**9:15-10:40 a.m.**

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Group 1**  
Kiva

**Facilitator:**

*Bill Ludeke*, Executive Director  
United Way of Pinal County

**Recorder:**

*Liz Burks*, Youth Services Librarian  
Apache Junction Public Library

**Group 2**  
Sunset

**Facilitator:**

*Linda Yarrington*, Chief of Development & Administration  
Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association- Apache Junction

**Recorder:**

*Jennifer Evans*, Office Manager, Copper Basin Chamber of  
Commerce - Kearny

**Group 3**  
Kachina

**Facilitator:**

*Dr. Bonnie Palmer*, City Council Member  
Coolidge

**Recorder:**

*George Hoffman*, Assistant City Manager, City of  
Apache Junction

**Group 4**  
Geronimo I

**Facilitator:**

*David Brubaker*, Owner, Conflict Management Services  
Casa Grande

**Recorder:**

*Jo Buttery*, Owner/Broker  
Your Broker Connection - San Manuel

**Group 5**  
Towne Hall Center  
Room II

**Facilitator:**

*Chuck Seller*, President/CEO, Greater Florence Chamber  
of Commerce

**Recorder:**

*Gina D'Abella*, Director of Marketing ECO, Inc.  
Maricopa



**Group 6**  
Geronimo II

**Facilitator:**

*Lacy Gамbee, Senior,*  
Ray High School- Kearny

**Recorder:**

*Kelly Sue Mau, Administrator Pinal County Juvenile Court*  
Services - Florence

**10:40-11:00 a.m.**  
Towne Hall Patio

**BREAK**

**11:00-11:50 a.m.**  
Towne Hall Center -  
Room I

**GENERAL SESSION - Youth Round Table**

- Youth share their views on the issues and needs relating to Pinal County Youth

**Presiding:**

*David Collingwood, Member*  
Town Hall Advisory Committee - SaddleBrooke

**12:00 noon-12:45 p.m.**  
Kokopelli's

**LUNCHEON BUFFET**

**1:00-2:00 p.m.**  
Towne Hall Center  
Room I

**GENERAL SESSION - SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Presiding:**

*Cherie McGlynn - Town Hall Advisory Committee member and*  
Chairman, Central Arizona Medical Center Board of Directors

- **The Constellation Awards** - *Janet Beronio, General Manager, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino*
- **Collaboration and Partnership to Ensure Children's Well Being**" - *Cindy Resnick, Senior Program Coordinator, Rural Health Office - Tucson*

**2:15-3:30 p.m.**  
Same as previous  
locations

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**3:30-3:50 p.m.**  
Terrace Patio & Towne  
Hall Patio

**BREAK**

**3:50-5:15 p.m.**  
Same as previous

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**5:15-6:30 p.m.**

**LEISURE TIME**

**5:15-5:45 p.m.**  
Kachina

**CONSENSUS GROUP MEETING**  
Facilitators and Recorders

**6:30 p.m.**  
Towne Hall Pavillon, Patio &  
Room 1

**FESTIVAL OF YOUTH SERVICES**

- Delegates and guests join together for food, fun, entertainment and networking for youth.
- Entertainment by the "Young Spirit" of Apache Junction  
*Russ Young, Director.*

- Golf Tournament Recognition and Awards  
*Robert Lee*, Town Hall Advisory Committee Member  
San Manuel.

**FRIDAY, May 7**

**7:00 -8:00 a.m.**  
Kokopelli's

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

**7:00-10:00 a.m.**  
Kachina

**CONSENSUS GROUP BREAKFAST AND MEETING**

**8:15-9:45 a.m.**  
Towne Hall Center  
Room 1

**GENERAL SESSION**

**Presiding:** *Maxine Leather*, Town Hall Advisory Committee member and  
Executive Director, CAAG

**Topic: Pinal County Town Hall - Past, Present, Future**

- "A Senior Moment" - Update on 1998 Recommendations  
*Olivia Guerrero*, Executive Director Pinal Gila Council for  
Senior Citizens - Chairman of the Aging Advocacy Steering  
Committee.
- Environment and Growth - The Delicate Balance (1997) - update  
*Gina D'Abella*, Task Force Chairman and Director of Marketing,  
ECO, Inc.
- "Take Twelve for Pinal County Town Hall" -  
*Wayne G. Gerken*, Facilitator  
Town Hall Advisory Committee

**10:00 - 10:20 a.m.**  
Towne Hall Center Patio

**BREAK**

**10:15-11:45 a.m.**  
Towne Hall Center  
Room 1

**CONCLUDING GENERAL SESSION**

**Presiding:** *Wayne G. Gerken*, Facilitator  
Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee

**Consensus Group Report:** Facilitator: *Karl Peterson*, President  
Summit Professional Leadership

Recorder: *George Hoffman*, Assistant City Manager  
Apache Junction

**Special Presentation:** **Focus for the Future: 2000 and Beyond**  
*Judee Castillo*, Manager of Community Relations for the  
Southeast Division, Arizona Public Service

**Concluding Activities:** Final Evaluation, Acknowledgments and **Special Drawing**

**Closing Remarks:** *Dr. William Buttery*, Immediate Past Chairman  
Pinal County Development Board

11:45 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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- Barleen's Country Music Dinner Theater
- Boyce Thompson Arboretum
- Betty Braig Studio
- Anne Coe
- the Dolly Steamboat
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- SunWest Education Associates Inc.
- Tortilla Flat

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**Life affords no greater responsibility,  
no greater privilege than the raising  
of the next generation.**

**- C. Everett Koop**

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It is through the collective efforts of both the public sector and the private sector that the Pinal County Town Hall has been made possible. The Pinal County Development Board and Town Hall Advisory Committee expresses appreciation to the following organizations for their financial support of the Twelfth Annual Pinal County Town Hall as well as their participation and interest in this county-wide endeavor.

### ***PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

Special appreciation is extended to the **Pinal County Board of Supervisors\*** for its continuing commitment to and financial support of the Pinal County Development Board which has enabled it to serve as sponsor for the Pinal County Town Hall.

### ***COMMUNITY PARTNERS***

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City of Casa Grande\*  
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Town of Florence\*

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# **Delegate Directory**

**With better listening and a little  
more understanding, we can  
meet in the middle and walk  
this important journey together.**



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**Directory of Pinal County Town Hall Delegates****May 5 - May 7, 1999**

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## **Pinal County Town Hall**

The Pinal County Town Hall began in 1988 due to the interest of a number of individuals and organizations to bring together a cross-section of Pinal County leaders in a town hall framework to study and discuss issues of importance to Pinal County and its citizens. From the beginning, the town hall has focused on issues relating to economic development. The Pinal County Development Board sponsors the town hall and has been supported in its planning by a county-wide advisory committee which meets monthly throughout the year. The town hall receives financial support from the Pinal County Board of Supervisors along with delegate fees and corporate/community support. **The supporters in this public-private partnership are identified as "Partners In Economic Progress".**

Each spring, approximately 130-150 delegates come together for two days to deal with a specific topic that impacts the county as a whole and its respective communities and citizens. Topics over the twelve years include:

- 1988 A Symposium on Economic Development
- 1989 Pinal County Futures: Tomorrow's Vision - Today's Plan
- 1990 Horizon 2000: Strategies For Action
- 1991 An Inside Look at Pinal County Government: Taxes Vs. Services-A Delicate Balance
- 1992 The Year For Action: Implementing a County-Wide Economic Development Plan
- 1993 The Changing Workplace: Education's Challenge
- 1994 Today's Crisis: Confronting Juvenile Crime In Our Communities
- 1995 Pinal Tomorrow: Building Healthier Communities
- 1996 Volunteers in Service to Communities: People Making A Difference
- 1997 Environment and Growth: The Delicate Balance
- 1998 Aging of the Population: A Public and Private Challenge
- 1999 Pinal's Commitment To The Future: Meeting The Needs Of Our Youth

**An annual report, which includes recommendations and/or suggestions, is prepared after each town hall, and distributed to delegates and partners and is monitored during the year for progress and action by members of the advisory committee.** While the town hall possesses no official power or authority, it is significant to note that many of the delegate recommendations an/or ideas have been implemented over the twelve year history of town hall.

SunWest Educational Associates, Inc. has served as the "administrative arm" of the Development Board in working with the advisory committee to plan, organize, and implement the Pinal County Town Hall.

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Pinal County Town Hall is an assembly of annually convened delegates that identifies critical issues facing Pinal County, creates the forum for education and exploration of the topic and fosters networking and collaboration among its participants. By drawing upon Pinal County's diversity of citizens the Town Hall process promotes public consideration of these issues, builds consensus, and supports implementation of the resulting outcomes.