SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY: LINKS BETWEEN RESEARCH AND POLICY (RPS2D)

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**Purpose**
This activity contributes to the module learning objectives by giving participants an opportunity to both interact with researchers who have worked to inform policy decisions and discuss the challenges encountered in this work.

**Time Required**
Between 1 hr. and 1 hr. and 30 mins.

**Activity Description**
Large group discussion with professionals who have experience in both research and influencing policy. This session gives the workshop participants the opportunity to interact with and ask questions of people who have worked in both spheres. For early career professionals, it can expose them to research-related career options outside of academia. The session should strike a balance between the speaker sharing their experience and letting participants ask questions and interact with the speaker.

The following is a recommendation for how to structure the session:

- 5-15 mins.: Personal background including education, research, and work experience
- 15-30 mins.: Share 1-3 anecdotes or stories of efforts to change policy using research
- 20-40 mins.: Questions and discussion

**Key Learning Concept(s)**
- An opportunity to talk and learn from people who have done both research and policy work
- Discuss the challenging role of bridging research and policy with someone who has made that bridge
- Reinforce workshop messages with external voices
- Discuss the role of a researcher in regard to making policy recommendations, and breaking out of the ‘unbiased observer’ role
Materials Needed

- None

Required Preparation

- Share bios about the speakers ahead of time, if possible