

Conference
Agenda Report
WSC 2026: 3-9 May

Our Common Welfare



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Planning Session Prioritization Results

Conference participants had a session on evaluating the collaborative planning process. During that session they were polled on the benefits of the collaborative planning process.

Benefits of a Collaborative Planning Process

Which phrase below most closely matches what you believe the greatest benefit of collaborative planning has been? (Answered: 140)

ANSWER CHOICES	%	N
1. We had meaningful input into the development of the plan	7.86%	11
2. It raised the importance of planning throughout the service system	14.29%	20
3. We felt like partners in shaping the work of NA World Services	12.86%	18
4. We had an impact not only on what the decisions were, but how they were made	9.29%	13
5. Collaborating in this way highlighted and strengthened our common purpose	15.71%	22
6. Our work together ensured the plan addresses the issues the Fellowship cares most about	40.00%	56
TOTAL	100%	140

Conference participants broke into small groups to discuss the internal and external factors that may affect our ability to achieve our vision. Small group results were consolidated and then the full group prioritized the factors as below.

POLL 1 – External Factors

Choose THREE of the factors OUTSIDE of NA (trends, issues, etc.) that will challenge or support us in pursuing our Vision.

ANSWER CHOICES	%	
1. Geopolitical dynamics	75%	100
2. Evolution of technology (AI, social media, lit access, security, etc.)	60%	81
3. Financial constraints (tariffs/cost, bitcoin, legal/tax implications, etc.)	40%	54
4. Generational/cultural differences	50%	67
5. Alternative programs (including harm reduction)	40%	53
6. Legalization of drugs including therapeutic uses and retail availability	22%	29
7. Impact of differences in healthcare systems/access	13%	18

POLL 2 – Internal Factors

Choose THREE of the factors INSIDE NA (trends, issues, etc.) that will challenge or support us in pursuing our Vision.

ANSWER CHOICES	%	
1. Development and organization of trusted servants (lack of foundation for trusted servant pipeline; generational expectations)	67%	90
2. Generational and cultural differences and gaps	43%	57
3. Establishment and integration of virtual NA	14%	19
4. Sense of safety, belonging, and welcomeness	43%	57
5. Redundancy and lack of understanding and cohesion and gaps in core services in the service system	22%	29
6. Disruption and bottleneck in flow of funds	29%	39
7. Lack of clear, consistent communication, messaging and NA language (used internally and externally)	30%	40
8. Lack of global perspective (diversity of issues, needs, etc.)	34%	46
9. Outside issues cause disruption, polarization internally	19%	25