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Cluster 1: TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWHOW

- 1: technological knowhow and poverty (mcin01)
- 8: technical-technological exclusion (Heiner)
- 36: Vehicle (LLHarris)
- 45: Literacy (paulrhays)
- 52: digital divide (larryf)
- 58: Poverty, lack of knowledge and fear (mcin01)

Cluster 2: EQUITY & ACCESS

- 2: Risk of excluding disadvantaged people (rsmith135)
- 12: Insufficient access to technology (normaromm)
- 13: Insufficient understanding of how to use the system for participation (normaromm)

Cluster 3: FACILITATION

- 4: Lack of facilitation skills and resource. (rsmith135)
- 14: Insufficient attention given to facilitator or capacitation (normaromm)

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Cluster 4: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & COMMITMENT

5: Lack of commitment by administrators to the government vision (rsmith135)

41: Great Expectations (LLHarris)

Cluster 5: ENGAGEMENT LIMITATIONS

3: Layers of clay (Government administrators filtering the upward messages) (rsmith135)

6: Risk of losing stamina to sustain 'resource-hungry' participative processes (rsmith135)

7: Confusions leading to exclusion of stakeholders with different lingual and cultural background (Heiner)

16: Participation fatigue (paulrhays)

19: Process Cacophony (kmc dye)

24: Individual Cycle Time (tom_flanagan)

25: Mending and merging through humor (tom_flanagan)

26: Disconnect-reconnect hurdles (tom_flanagan)

29: Cognitive overload (kbausch)

38: Lack of experience (LLHarris)

44: Maintaining currency (paulrhays)

50: limited capacity to understand irony and paradox (CraigLindell)

51: Fatigue even among enthusiasts (CraigLindell)

Cluster 6: IMPLEMENTABILITY

23: Social contract overload (tom_flanagan)

27: Rushing to action (kbausch)

32: Required insight of hypothetical results as worthwhile (Reinhold1)

55: Unforeseen Structural Holes (CraigLindell)

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Cluster 7: ADDRESSING VARIETY

- 9: Overwhelming variety of individual concerns (phjones)
- 10: Limited capacity for dialogic sensemaking (phjones)
- 18: Scalability of discussion technology (paulrhays)
- 21: Mob Rule (kmc dye)
- 35: The Moral Hazard of Anonymity (kmc dye)

Cluster 8: PURPOSEFULNESS

- 11: Lack of common purpose (phjones)
- 15: Who frames the questions? (paulrhays)
- 20: Market-Driven Democracy (kmc dye)
- 30: Private versus Public (Reinhold1)
- 33: Can we state a common ethical root in stakeholders? (Reinhold1)
- 34: Illusive Equifinality (kmc dye)

Cluster 9: CONFIDENTIALITY

- 17: Technological distrust-or hacking the discussion. (paulrhays)
- 42: Ownership of contact information (paulrhays)
- 43: Official transparency rules (paulrhays)
- 53: Tracking dissidents (larryf)

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Cluster 10: METHODOLOGY

- 28: Quick fix methodologies(kbausch)
- 31: Is there a practical follow-up methodology?(Reinhold1)
- 37: Lack of method (LLHarris)
- 40: Getting to root causes(LLHarris)
- 46: Modality shifts (paulrhays)

Cluster 11: PARADIGM SHIFT

- 39: One man. One Vote(LLHarris)
- 56: The Ineradicability of Antagonism(kmcdye)
- 57: The Average Citizen as 'Deaf Spectator'(kmcdye)

Cluster 12: TRUST

- 48: Fear of openness (CraigLindell)
- 49: Distrust of others (CraigLindell)
- 54: Trust (larryf)

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Cluster 13: DOMINATION

22: Corporate Control of the Means of Democracy(kmcdye)

47: The persistent blindness of special interest(CraigLindell)

59: Obviating decisions by non-participants(phjones)