Plus Deltas Big Ideas and Questions

Below are the Pluses ⊕, Deltas ⊖, Big Ideas ⚠ and Questions ❓ from each day.

Notes about the content below

If I saw the same thing multiple times, I put a +# in front of it to show that multiple people called out the same item. If we did something in response to a sticky, I put the thing we did in (parens) after the item.

Day 1 - Setting up how we work, working through one example.

⊕ Pluses, Things that worked well.	⚠ Big Ideas
Having a SME and Researchers at each table	Publish the results as an ITANA handbook
Meeting People & Working Together	Need common nomenclature
Lots of tacit knowledge in the room	Capture synonyms (created the Work Process Chart)
Good sharing as a group	Levels of complexity in seemingly simple approaches
Excellent workshop process	Should we identify our (TIANA) capabilities? This would provide an alternative view than just tools (Shared the ITANA Capability Map)
Really good "warm-ups" for the start of the meeting	Will need to follow up with work e.g., to relate the models (Did the categorization mapping)
Small groups are conductive to relationship building. Will be good for remote collaborations in future	
Good to have an ITANA board member at each table	
We have "enough"structure to be productive good flexibility too	
Right people to talk about various subjects	
Internalizing understanding	
Insights from "the trenches"	
Excellent collaborators	
Drive good productive work	
Normalizes understanding	
add resources and links in Google doc	
Identifying upfront what we know and weak areas	
Good to have SME at table with so little time	
A diversity of technical views of the group	
Investment Value Matrix is a great strategic planning tool but needs to have consensus of business value	

⛔ Deltas, Things we should change or do differently.

(Note. I added the changes we made to deal with the delta's the next day in parens)

- +4 Time management in break-out groups. (next day projected a timer and gave time checks)

- Get the big ideas first, then details (created the Work Process Chart)

- Not everyone was introduced at the beginning of the meeting (did this the next day)

- Need someone to facilitated to keep focus on critical items

- How to explain the value of EA or how it generates customer value. (The mantra: Get the Right People in the Right Conversation about the Right Problem)

❓ Questions

- How do we capture the value of the F2F process

- How do we share this after the F2F

- How are the tools interconnected (showed the Business Strategy on a Page that had Capabilities at its center)

- Post workshop curation of artifacts (We asked for Stewards for each artifact)

- Establishment of Architecture Practice

- Artifact needed to communicate the relationships that explain value - value chain map?

- Are we intending to improve the artifacts? Or document them? Both?

- Inserting screenshots, diagrams in docs

- Break up within the table to work on different sections

- Is it possible to create the unified meta-vision

- What makes higher ed so much different that other businesses?

Day 2 - Working through most of the artifacts, categorization.

➕ Pluses, Things that worked well.

- (+1) Moving between different groups was good for meeting people

- Good management of the meeting process

- We got through a lot of tools

- (+1) The final categorization and usage of the tools. Very Cool.

- The "organize the methods" exercise produced great alternative approaches

- Really great participation and diversity of approaches

- (+1) Fabulous lunch!

- Building concepts and methods together was a great way to create shared understanding

- Tons of knowledge in the room resulted in highly effective learning amongst the group

- Gaining a general understanding of all the tools

- Complementary skills: worked well together

- Sufficient time in small groups

- Teams got into the groove and were more productive

- Learning about different situations to use the tools

- Categorization exercise focused on when vs. why

- My brain is tired and I need a beer

- Summary presentations at end

- Many new methods and applications to take back

⚠️ Big Ideas

- Define your axis and criteria for choosing coordinates

- There is opportunity for this kind of exercise to be used to share how to mature our EA practice

- Add risk/mitigation to template

- An ITANA - InCommon works on IAM implementation of these tools

⛔ Deltas, Things we should change or do differently.	❓ Questions
(Note. I added the changes we made to deal with the delta's next day in parens)	"Maintain" learnings
	A categorization artifact?
Would like to have more down time, work over longer period. Start and end later with longer breaks.	Often finding difficulty to see direct connection with customer service investments
Too much rain.	Whats next for any needed alterations to the methods.
Still much "revisit" work to do on many methods	
Still feel a bit rushed. Need to reflect more on these.	

Day 3 - Final Revisit, What will you take back, recap.

➕ Pluses, Things that worked well.	⚠️ Big Ideas
Thank you for agreeing to be stewards (of the artifacts)	Need to do work on facilitation (skills and practices) and engagement (skills)
It's all good	ITANA on processes of EA
Stronger community of practice	Involve people who are interested in creating the .... introductions to the methods .... (ed. Sorry couldn't read this one in the photo. If it is yours, let me know.)
Helped to advance EA maturity	Reach out to ITANA for advice on which artifact best suites situations.
Thank you, Jim!! Well done	May be value to reconcile / conflate these tools to EA Frameworks / methodologies) e.g. TOGAF, Zachmann, FEA
Lots of energy	Map to visualize members
Insights and discussions	Maintaining out momentum
Practical examples	Artifacts are part of a narrative. Pick a few that go together for an engagement.
Additional relationship building	Formalize and evangelize facilitation as a tool
Facilitation and work style discussion	Group picture (see the Photos from the Meeting)
Thought and sharing on tools of "personal" interest	
Productive workshop	
Well organized, well run event	
Learned a lot from all of the diverse backgrounds	
Location of conference ideal - conducive to working	
Facilitation and structure was very effective	
Transformation in 2 days from individuals to collaborative team. Very cool to be part of.	
Process really created a sense of ownership and accountability to ITANA	
Discussion of what we plan to use is a good transition back to regular work life	
Revisiting items after a night's sleep was great	
Very effective and efficient way to learn about EA practice	

⛔ Deltas, Things we should change or do differently.	❓ Questions
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Better meeting space	
Wish we would have been on campus to learn more about it	
Planned evenings for more socializing	
More facility bandwidth - wireless issues	
Work distractions	
Need to visualize when presenting	
Crowdsource list of things to put into the backlog prior to the unconference	