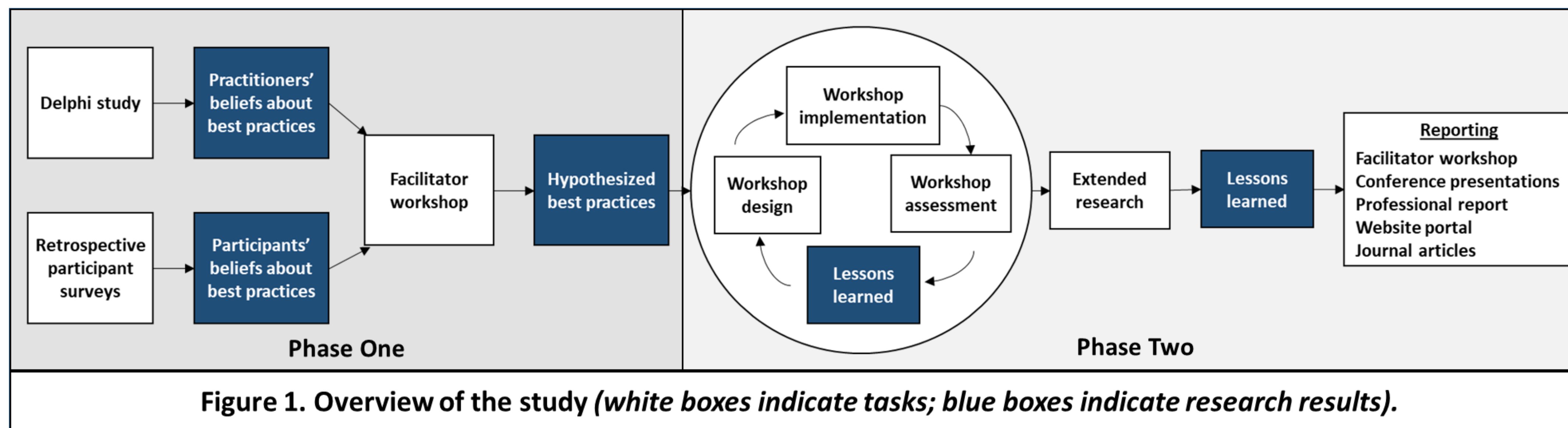


What factors most powerfully influence collaborative learning and collective action in climate change adaptation workshops?

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Our work



Collecting Assumptions

Delphi Study:

What do experts think drive better outcomes in climate adaptation workshops?

Retrospective survey:

What do participants in past workshops think drive better outcomes in climate adaptation workshop?

Experimental Workshop Design:

Delphi study, retrospective survey, and literature review inform the design and delivery of workshops based on hypothesized best practices.

Testing Assumptions

Experimental Workshops:

- Eight experimental workshops over three years
- Track delivery, learning, and collective action during and after each workshops.
- Lessons learned at each workshop inform the design of subsequent workshops
- Sequential workshops provide opportunities for purposive experimentation
- Workshop locations vary in political attitudes toward climate change and climate impacts experienced to expand diversity of cases considered

Long-term monitoring:

- What can an adaptation workshops accomplish?
- What design elements appear to be associated with the best results?

Preliminary findings

Delphi Study

What do experts think drive better outcomes in climate adaptation workshops?

The Delphi study identified the importance of:

- Conducting research on the local context, culture, and relevant ongoing initiatives and adjusting workshops accordingly
- Using local examples of impacts and projections to keep all content relevant to the context
- Ensuring cross-sectoral interaction and dialogue during the workshop
- Developing concrete objectives, plans, and commitments to action
- Inspiring feelings of empowerment, hope, and collective efficacy
- Identifying local champions to who are well-respected and connected to others locally to maintain energy in the network and coordinate work
- Addressing the organizational constraints of participants

Retrospective Study

What do participants think drive better outcomes in climate adaptation workshops?

- Tailoring the workshop to the current needs and capacities of participants
- Building rapport between local conveners and external facilitators
- Fostering connections between participants across sectors and scales
- Providing sustained but timely support after the workshop
- Planning and preparing for disruptions before, during, and after workshops

Project Adaptations and Additions

Comparing live vs. online convenings for ongoing communities of practice

We are examining differences in learning between in-person and online conferences and workshops for existing communities of practice focused on climate adaptation in the US.

Framing climate change communication

We are conducting a systematic literature review on the effects of different forms of communicative framing for messaging related to climate change.

Equity in climate change adaptation processes

We are conducting a systematic review of climate adaptation plans across the United States to identify how and to what extent issues of equity and inclusion are including in planning processes.