

# **Networking Strategy Template**

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# 1. Networking Goals

### **Define Your Objectives:**

- Objective 1:
  - Description:
  - Success Indicators:
- Objective 2:
  - Description:
  - Success Indicators:
- Objective 3:
  - Description:
  - Success Indicators:

# 2. Identify Key Contacts

### **Current Network Assessment:**

- Contact 1:
  - Role/Organization:
  - Current Relationship Level:
  - Potential Value:
  - Next Steps:
- Contact 2:
  - Role/Organization:
  - Current Relationship Level:
  - Potential Value:
  - Next Steps:

#### **New Contacts to Pursue:**

### • Target Contact 1:

- Role/Organization:
- Reason for Connection:
- Initial Approach Plan:

### • Target Contact 2:

- Role/Organization:
- Reason for Connection:
- Initial Approach Plan:

# 3. Outreach and Engagement Plan

### **Method of Outreach:**

#### Current Contact 1:

- Preferred Communication Method (e.g., email, LinkedIn, phone):
- Initial Message Draft:
- Follow-Up Strategy:
- Engagement Tactic:

#### Current Contact 2:

- Preferred Communication Method:
- Initial Message Draft:
- Follow-Up Strategy:
- Engagement Tactic:

#### • Target Contact 1:

- o Preferred Communication Method:
- o Initial Message Draft:
- Follow-Up Strategy:
- Engagement Tactic:

### • Target Contact 2:

- Preferred Communication Method:
- Initial Message Draft:
- Follow-Up Strategy:
- Engagement Tactic:

# 4. Networking Events and Opportunities

### **Identify Relevant Events:**

- Event 1:
  - Date/Location:
  - o Key Attendees:
  - Goals for Attendance:
- Event 2:
  - Date/Location:
  - o Key Attendees:
  - Goals for Attendance:

### **Preparation for Events:**

- Event 1:
  - Materials to Prepare (e.g., business cards, elevator pitch):
  - o Pre-Event Research:
- Event 2:
  - Materials to Prepare:
  - o Pre-Event Research:

5. Relationship Maintenance

# Regular Check-Ins:

- Current Contact 1:
  - Frequency of Check-Ins:
  - Preferred Methods:
  - Topics of Interest:
- Current Contact 2:
  - Frequency of Check-Ins:
  - Preferred Methods:
  - Topics of Interest:
- Target Contact 1:
  - Frequency of Check-Ins:
  - o Preferred Methods:
  - o Topics of Interest:
- Target Contact 2:
  - o Frequency of Check-Ins:
  - o Preferred Methods:

o Topics of Interest:

### **Value Addition:**

- Way to Add Value for Current Contact 1:
  - o Description:
- Way to Add Value for Current Contact 2:
  - o Description:
- Way to Add Value for Target Contact 1:
  - o Description:
- Way to Add Value for Target Contact 2:
  - o Description: