Presenter Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines to improve the accessibility of your presentation and shared resources.

Fonts and Colour

- 1. Use simple fonts like Sans Serif, Calibri, Arial, Verdana, and Times New Roman
- 2. Ensure significant colour contrast between text and backgrounds
- 3. Use more than colour to communicate information
- 4. When possible avoid these colour combinations green/red, green/brown, blue/purple, green/blue, light green/yellow, blue/grey, green/grey, green/black; test with the Contrast Checker

Slide Design

- 1. Minimise text on slide to prevent overcrowding
- 2. Outline session content in an introductory slide so the audience knows what to expect
- 3. Use large, simple charts and tables

Images and Video

- 1. Use SVG file for images
- 2. Images need to be high resolution
- 3. All videos must be captioned
- 4. Avoid flashing content and excessive animations
- 5. All images must to include alt.text

Delivery

- 1. Do not speak too fast
- 2. Give attendees time to process information by pausing between topics and after you ask for questions
- 3. Use a headset for higher quality audio
- 4. Explain charts and tables verbally; do not just reference them
- 5. Any group work should be written out and displayed during work time so audience can refer back to it

Content

- 1. Share presentation materials in advance with participants
 - a. instructions on where to upload your files will be provided
- 2. Use plain text; spell out acronyms and avoid or define technical terms, jargon, and idioms
- 3. Save documents as .docx format to preserve accessibility features. Other formats by Microsoft Word (RTF, DOC, TXT, and ODF) may not be accessible.
- 4. Image based PDFs are inaccessible.
- 5. Check your document for accessibility. Microsoft Suite, PDF, Google Docs add-on

Questions

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