## TIPS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A VIRTUAL MEETING

## Ten tips for participants:

- 1. Log or dial in a few minutes before the start of the meeting.

  Avoid interrupting the start of the meeting
- Make sure there are no background noises/distractions before joining. Barking dogs, TV, radio
- **3.** Put your phone or speaker on mute right away. Don't forget to unmute before speaking! *Typing, coughing, whispering, background noises etc. can be heard*
- **4.** Use your video camera if you are comfortable with it and choose a plain background, if available. *Presenters prefer to see attendees to gauge understanding and interest and build community*
- **5.** Always identify yourself before speaking. *"This is..."*
- **6.** Use a handset/headset, not the phone speaker, or computer microphone option, when a vailable. *Your voice comes in louder and clearer*
- **7.** Speak loud and clear so everyone can hear you. See #6
- 8. Stay concise and on topic. Follow the agenda/slides
- 9. Unless otherwise instructed, hold questions until the end.

  Write them down
- **10.** Keep personal issues and questions until after the meeting. *Keep the agenda timing on track. (See #8 & #9)*

