

Adaptive Governance: Fostering Collaborative Leadership & Continuous Learning (July 2025)

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What We Do: The Adaptive Governance Signature Initiative Area is focused on stewarding, developing, and disseminating the collaborative governance model of the Centers of Excellence Network. This ensures its effective implementation and continuous adaptation, fostering a culture of shared leadership, transparency, and ongoing learning across the network and beyond.

How We Do It (Key Methodologies & Approaches): Our approach to Adaptive Governance is rooted in Teal organizational principles and systematic continuous improvement. Our approach here is guided by

- **The STEER (Collaborative Empowerment Engine)** provides vital infrastructure and operational support that empowers self-managed teams.
- **SPARK** guides our strategic partnerships and collaborative governance efforts.

This area includes systematic model development and refinement. We provide comprehensive training and support on collaborative governance principles. We conduct rigorous research and evaluation of governance effectiveness and impact. We manage and disseminate knowledge on collaborative governance best practices.

Why It Matters: Effective, adaptive governance is crucial for the network's resilience, scalability, and long-term impact. By promoting a culture of continuous learning and shared leadership, we empower all entities to operate efficiently, respond dynamically to challenges, and effectively achieve their missions while embodying the network's core values. It strengthens the network's inherent capacity for self-organization, collective decision-making, and distributed leadership.



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Our Signature and Strategic Initiatives:

- Center for Collaborative Governance and Organizational Learning Initiatives
- Teal Organization
- Collaborative Hierarchy

