Connect the Resources: Establishing a National Network of Partners Supporting Ecosystem Builders

A number of national and global organizations are providing ecosystem building resources to communities, but these organizations' leaders have not yet had the opportunity to connect or collaborate with each other. Similarly, many ecosystem builders do not know about the growing number of resources available to help them support their communities.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it….

> **Develop a plan for Resource Providers (i.e. organizations that help ecosystem builders) to grow a thriving collaborative sharing network.**

Example Solutions
Starting from a blank page can be difficult—the following sample ideas are here to markup, change, and riff on as you determine the deliverable you will start building today.

- <u>Create a visual directory</u> of the national and global resources currently available to ecosystem builders. Identify which organizations are serving ecosystem builders and what resources they currently offer.
- Looking at the biggest needs and challenges of ecosystem builders, <u>identify 3-5 transformational new resources</u> (programs, tools, pools of money, public policies, events, campaigns, websites, directories, etc) that national resource providers could build collaboratively to help grow entrepreneurial ecosystems.
- <u>Design a ESHIP Summit National Partner gathering</u> for the fall of 2017. Outline when the event would be held, who would be there, and what would we do to together to better support more thriving ecosystems around the country.

Conversation Starters
Common questions asked by ecosystem builders, that could be explored…

- What kinds of support and collaboration opportunities would be helpful to national resource providers?
- What are the biggest unaddressed needs in emerging ecosystems around the country? How can national resource providers work together more to address these needs?
- Are there ways that resource providers could collaborate to streamline the way their programs interact and intersect to make engagement for local ecosystem builders easier?

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