

# Ecosystem Building: Model The Future

One of the best ways to surface knowledge, build relationships, and generate strong solutions is to collaborate in new ways with people who hold different points of view. Use the insights from the fire-starters, the playbook, and the 2025 scenario.

First, spend about **10 minutes** talking about your perspective on entrepreneurial ecosystems.

- What are 3 characteristics of a highly functional ecosystem?
- What are 3 shortcomings of a poorly performing one?
- What are the essential building blocks (elements and emotions) of a thriving ecosystem?

Next, dump the materials of your model kit on the table and build a **3D representation of your conversation**. Feel free to use other items in the space, too.

- What does the VISION of an IDEAL, inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem look like?
- Where do the ecosystem builders fit and what is their role?

Try to represent the different opinions of your group in your model.

Consider...

- Players/Labels: academia, businesses, government, Non-profits, Philanthropists, venture capital, individuals, organizations, etc.
- Connections: Financial, Relationships, Partnerships, Authority, Power, Collaboration, Affinity, etc.

**Capture on a flip the important takeaways and insights** to share with the larger group. What is the story your model tells?

You have **about 30 minutes** to complete this work.

