Handout Session 1.1- Successful intersectoral work

1. A policy framework and an approach to health that are conductive to intersectoral action.
2. Emphasize shared values, interests, and objectives among partners and potential partners.
3. Ensure political support; build on positive factors in the policy environment.
4. Engage key partners at the very beginning; be inclusive.
5. Ensure appropriate horizontal linking across sectors as well as vertical linking of levels within sectors.
6. Invest in the alliance-building process by working towards consensus at the planning stage.
7. Focus on concrete objectives and visible results.
8. Ensure that leadership, accountability, and rewards are shared among partners.
9. Build stable teams of people who work well together, with appropriate support system.
10. Develop pratical models, tools, and mechanisms to support the implementation of intersectoral action.
11. Ensure public participation; educate the public and raise awareness about health determinants and intersectoral action.

*Source:* Public Health Agency of Canada *(42)*, cited in WHO *(34)*, p. 15.