



SVRI Faith & GBV CoP Townhall

21 April 2026





Agenda

- Overview of findings of the Envisioning Survey
- Introduction to the suggested Guiding Principles & Core Pillars
- Plenary discussion
- Closing



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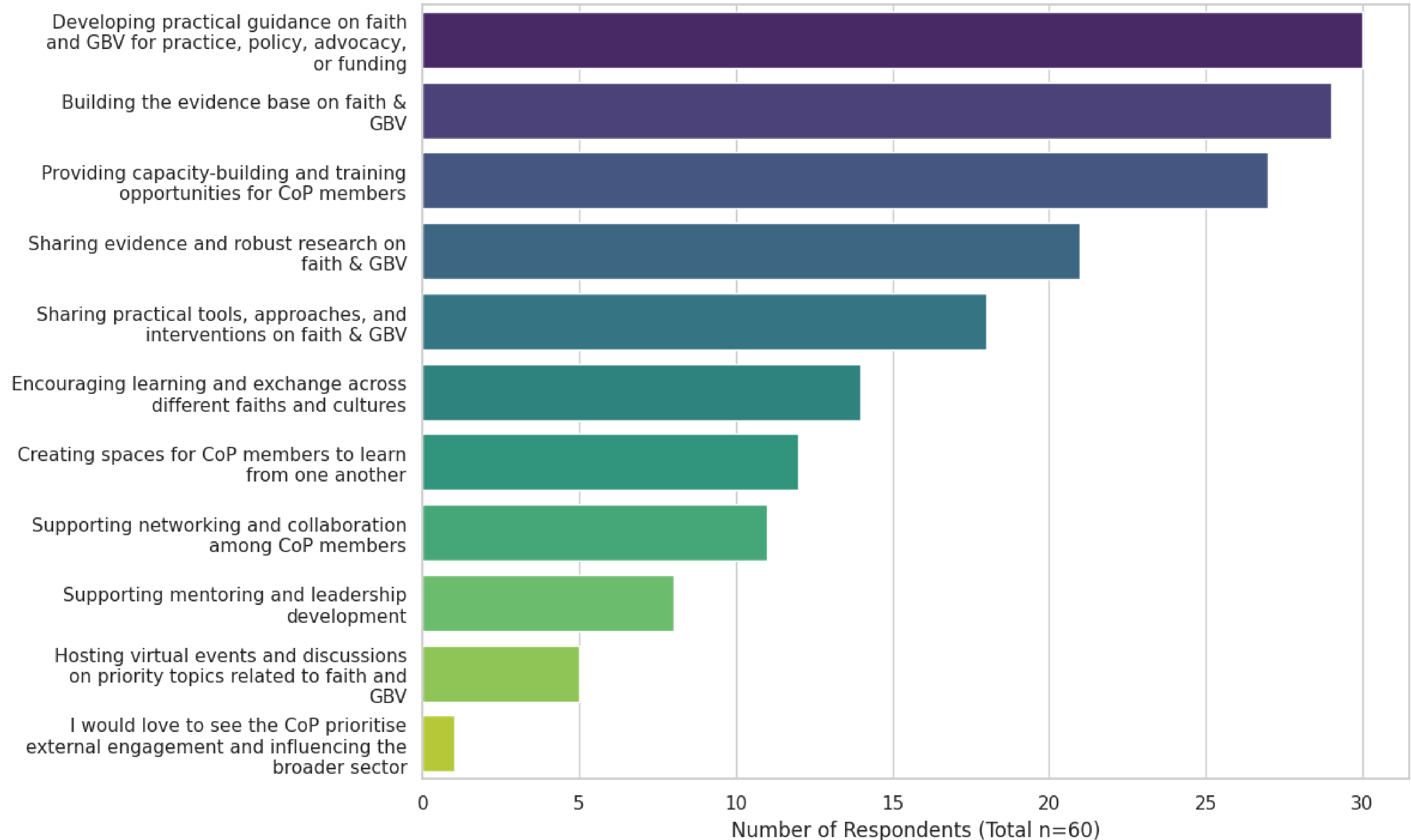
- Please introduce yourself in the chat
- Please mute, but keep your video on if you can
- Our session will be recorded and shared
- Use chat box to post comments or questions

Overview of the findings of the Envisioning Survey

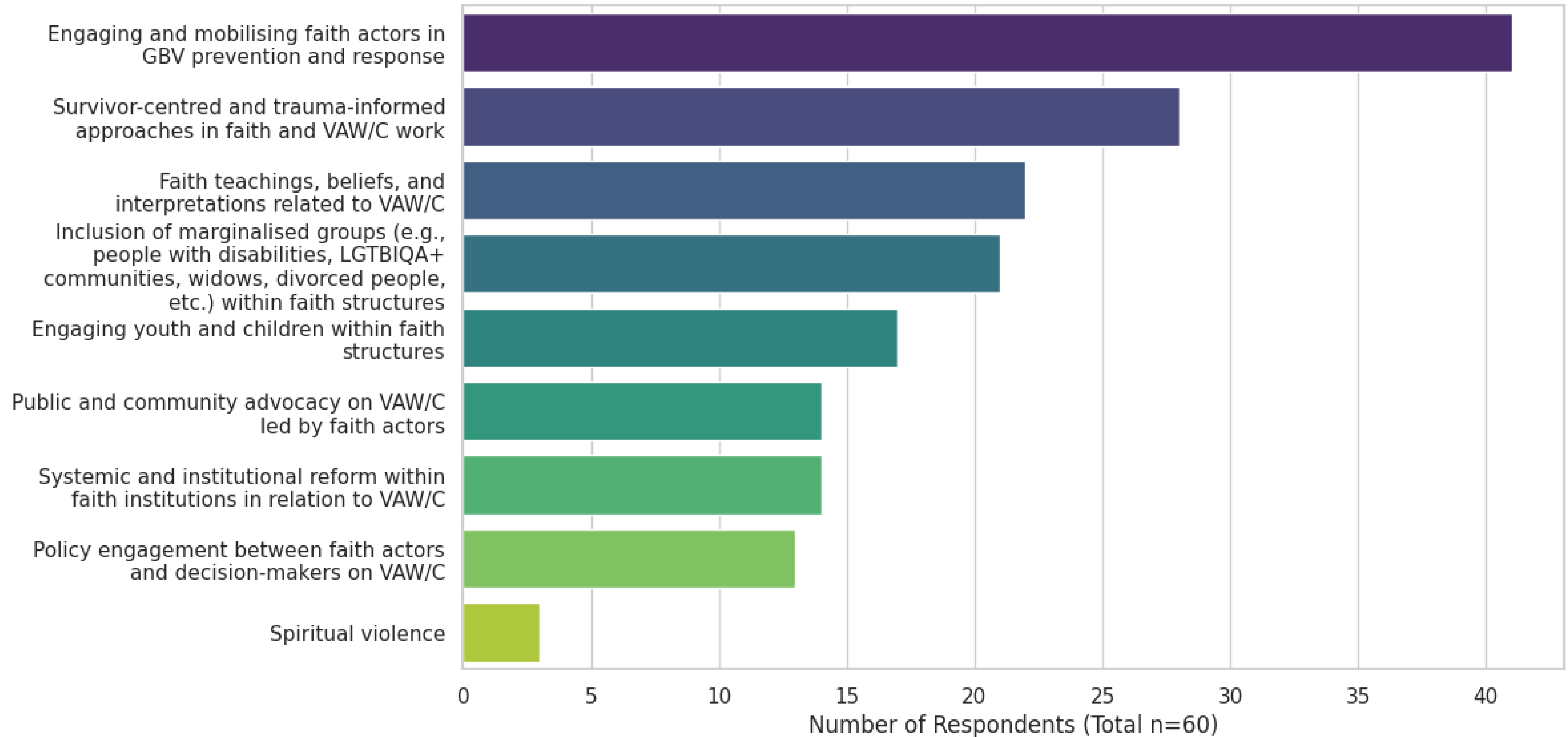
- Designed based on registration data from 700 members
- Survey shared with all CoP members; 60 people completed it



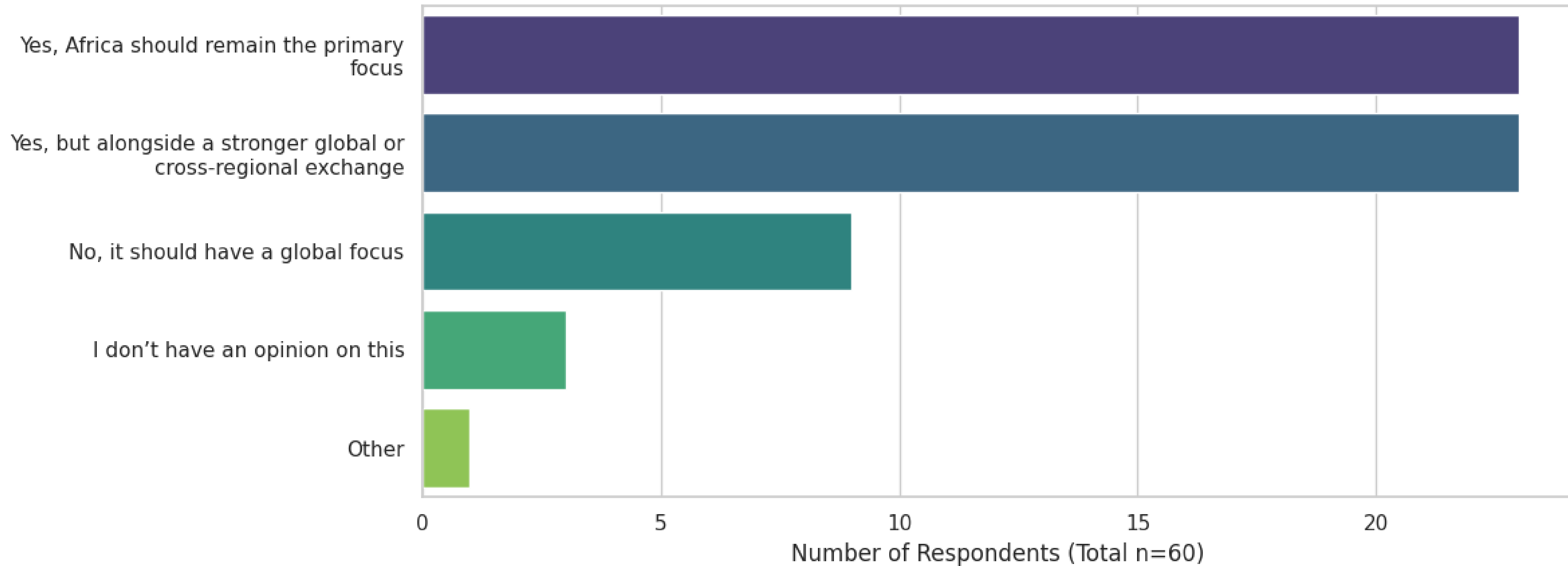
Q7: What should the Community of Practice's main strategic priorities be over the next 3-5 years?



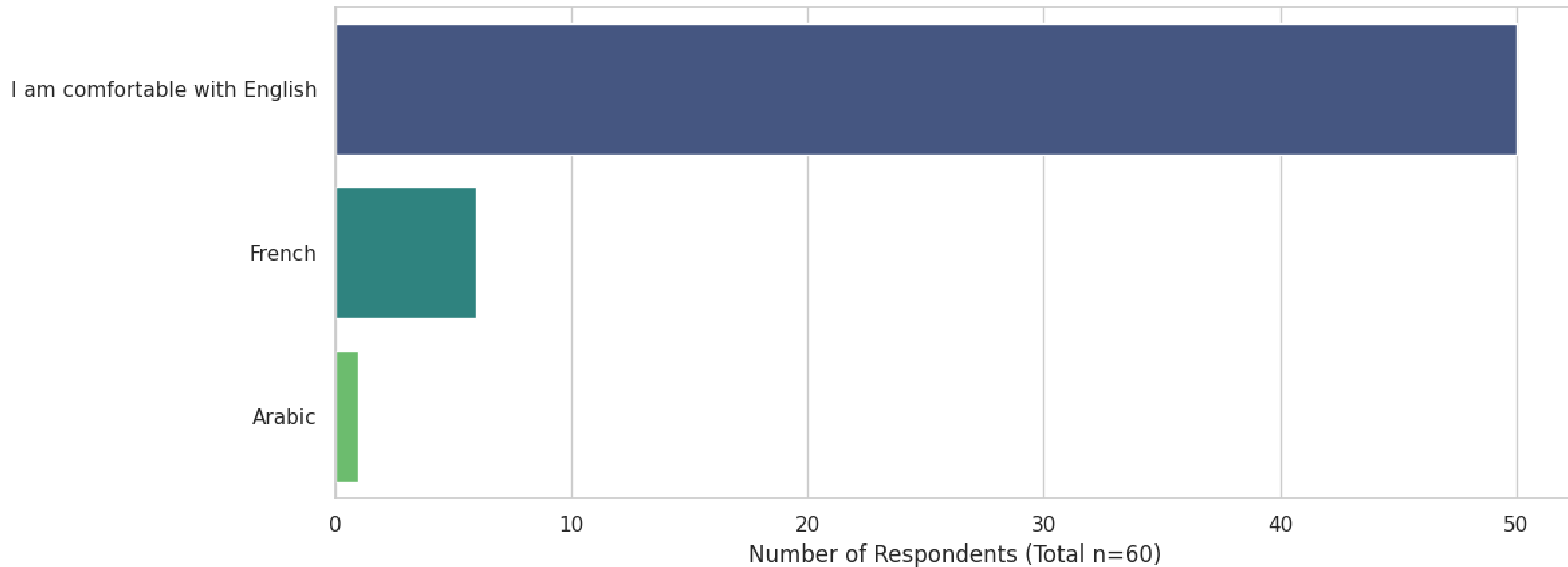
Q8: What topics should the CoP and its Working Groups focus on over the next 3-5 years?



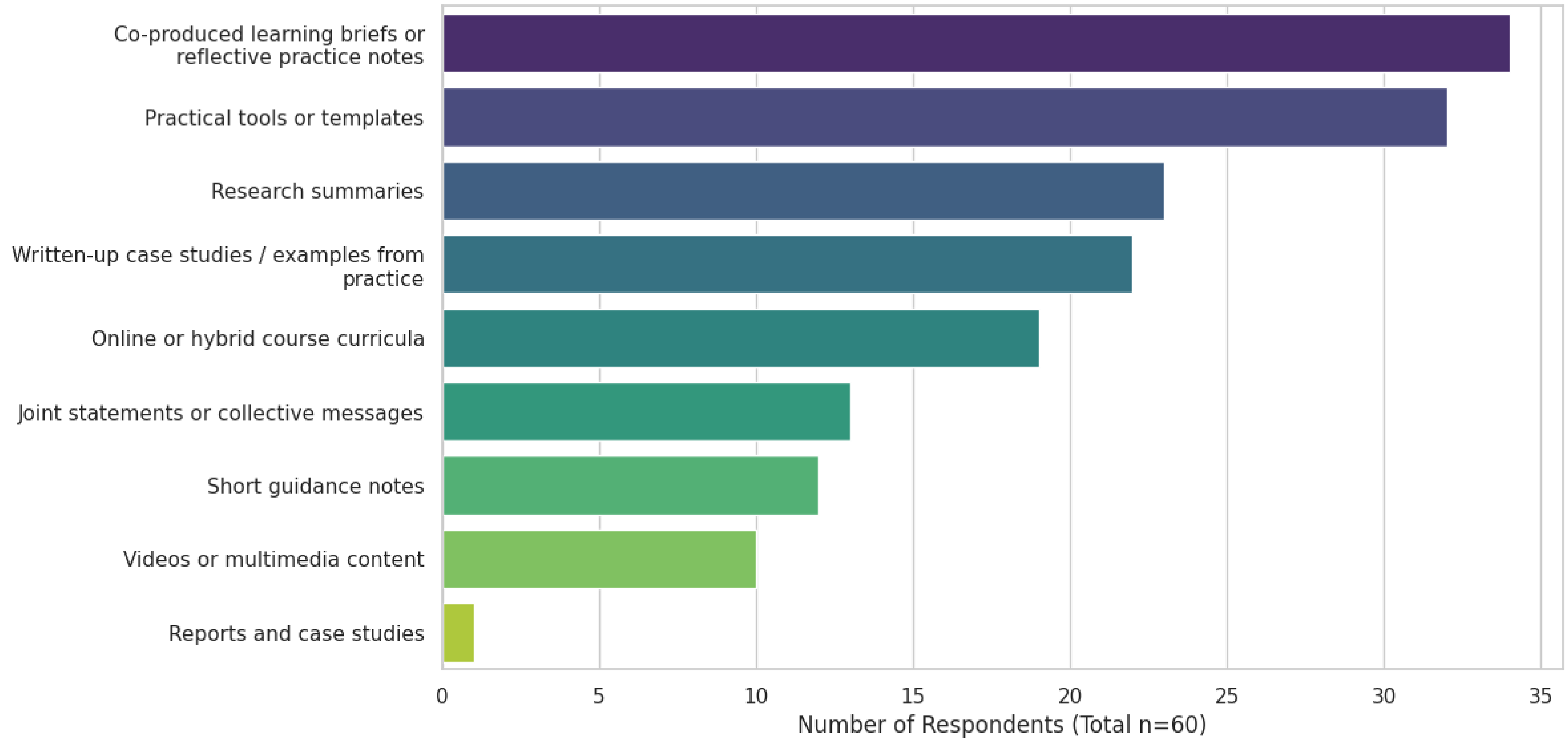
Q13: The CoP includes members from all over the world, but has a focus on the African continent. Do you think this focus on Africa should continue?



Q14: The CoP has limited budget for live interpretation at virtual sessions. If events are hosted in English, which language would you prefer interpretation for (if you are comfortable in English, plea...



Q15: When the CoP produces outputs, what types would be most useful to you?



Some general findings/reflections

- The CoP has an active membership
- Tension between asking for many different activities VS wanting less frequent meetings
- Faith-filter strategy (what is the unique focus of the CoP?)
- Request for religion-specific, theological deep dives





Suggested Guiding Principles & Core Pillars

Guiding principles = values & approaches that shape how the CoP operates

Pillars = priority areas for CoP's activities

This is NOT a rigid strategy! It is about demarcating our playing field



4x Guiding Principles

- Niche clarity: Maintaining a focus on faith, VAW and VAC
- Engaging deeply with religions and theologies
- Creating different spaces for different forms of engagements
- Promoting member agency and collaborative leadership



3x Pillars

- Building human connection
- Building evidence
- Building capacity





Plenary Discussion

Discussion Points:

- 1: Niche clarity: Maintaining a focus on faith, VAW and VAC*
- 2: Engaging deeply with religions and theologies*
- 3: Creating different spaces for different forms of engagements*
- 4: Promoting member agency and collaborative leadership*



Discussion Points:

- 1: *Building human connection*
- 2: *Building evidence*
- 3: *Building capacity*





“If there is one thing you want us to hear and take seriously as we move forward, what is that?”