## **TOPIC 2: PLANNING WITH PURPOSE**

These worksheets are designed to help you apply two strategies that are introduced in the session:

- a) work breakdown structure and
- b) time management.

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### **IDENTIFYING THE KNOWNS**

KNOWNS	Your Professional Journey	Your PhD Project Journey		Timeline	
			short-term		
			medium-term		
			long-term		

PROMPT: Think what you *know* you want and need to do in terms of both your professional development and your research project. Decide whether those knowns fit into the short-term (<1 year), medium-term (1-2 years), or in the long-term (>2-3 years). The knowns can relate to events you'll attend; skills required for your research; annual review processes and submissions etc.

# PhD Project Journey What do you need to know? How will you find out? (TASKS) TIMELINE **KNOWN UNKNOWNS** Professional Development Journey What do you need to know? How will you find out? (TASKS) TIMELINE

### TACKLING THE KNOWN UNKNOWNS

PROMPT: What are your known *unknowns*? Think about aspects relating to your PhD project (methodology; conceptual framework not clear; chapter structure not clear; how and where to publish your research findings etc). Then ask yourself what you'd need to know to turn the known unknowns into knowns. Who might know / where can you seek guidance and support? Draw up a list of tasks. It can be helpful to give yourself a certain timeframe for the tasks.

### MY NEXT 6 MONTHS

TIME	END GOAL	ACTIONS	ACCOUNTABILITY	MOTIVATION	RESOURCES
November					
December					
January					
February					
March					
April					