Tips for Using Zoom Across a Language Difference

Use Camera



The speaker's camera should be turned on, and the speaker's face well-lit, so the audience can lipread and see facial expressions.

Rephrase and Repeat



Repeat important statements or, better yet, rephrase them in a simpler manner.

Confirm



Build in frequent comprehension checks and opportunities for your audience to ask questions.

Emphasize



Emphasize the most important word in each phrase or sentence.

Ask



If time does not permit you to get a response from your audience, ask a rhetorical question (one which you answer yourself).

Write



When using terminology that is unfamiliar to your audience, display the new word/phrase in its written form

Avoid Interrupting



Take turns talking. Avoid overlapping speech. Use body language or Zoom reaction icons to show agreement.

Speak Slowly



Reduce your rate of speech significantly to a point where it's easy to understand.