How To: Implement Change and Transform

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The Need for Change



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The Need for Change

- Rising awareness of environmental impacts e.g. climate change, biodiversity decline etc
- Increasing impact of environmental issues
- Increasing energy costs
- Rising raw material volatility
- Customer & investor pressure
- Push for 'net zero'
- Workforce morale and retention

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Barriers to Change



Some Barriers to Change

- Lack of engagement and buy-in from leadership and other key stakeholders
- Failure from leadership to appreciate benefits of sustainability e.g. perception it will be costly
- Company culture
- Lack of metrics to measure success
- Siloed business operations sustainability/environmental issues isolated within only select business functions
- Not engaging affected stakeholders
- Not understanding the needs/expectations/cultural background etc. of stakeholders who are affected by change

The Business Case for Sustainability

What's the business case for ending life on earth?

Ray Anderson

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The business case for sustainability improvements is about more than money

Quantifiable factors

 Increased business, potential new markets and customers

(e.g. ability to win tenders etc.)

- More attractive to investors
- Return on investment and cost savings (e.g. carbon, energy, materials etc.)

 Moral and ethical imperative

Additional

benefits/

considerations

- Improve reputation
- Better stakeholder relationships
 - (e.g. suppliers)
- Reduced prosecution risk
- Engage employees
- Attractive to new recruits
- Opportunities for innovation



Communicated in a way that engages the target audience (e.g. senior directors)

Change Tools: Sustainable Development Goals



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Managing Complex Change Tool

5 ELEMENTS OF CHANGE



Leading Change

I used to think that my job didn't have anything to do with the environment. Then I realized that my job, as well as everyone else's job, impacts the environment in some way. And now advocating for sustainability has become my No. 1 responsibility.

Leading Change



Leading Change

- Some key, starting questions:
- 'What matters to us?'
- 'What do we want to be known for?'
- 'Why is that important to us?'
- 'What will it look like when we get there?'
- 'How will we know when we get there?'

Leading Change - Personal Traits

- Purpose driven and passionate
- Forward looking
- Persistent and resilient
- Confident
- Good communicator and listener!
- Empathetic
- Engaging
- A team player



The Decisive Decade

- We are now nearly 2 years into the "Decisive Decade" for climate action, preserving biodiversity, reducing pollution and meeting the ambitions of the SDGs.
- The imperative to act now and halve emissions by 2030 on the pathway to net zero has never been higher.
- Reaching these targets, however, will require an exponential increase in engagement and collaboration from businesses, civil society organisations, governments, and individual citizens around the globe.
- The need for sustainability professionals to help lead the change needed is more vital now than it has ever been.
- We have the opportunity to play a leading role in a once-in-ageneration chance to prevent catastrophic damage to the biospheres' ability to sustain human life.

Thank You and Questions?