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Strategy Planning and Execution in Turbulent Times

Strategy Plan Outcomes



Long Term Strategic Thinking

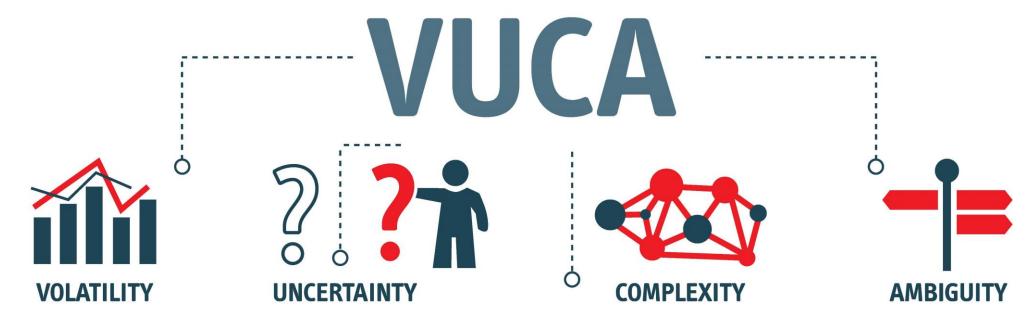
- Purpose
- Core Values, Accountabilities, and Norms
- Vision
- BHAG(Big Hairy Audacious Goal)
- Playing Field
 - Geographic Area to Serve
 - Target Customer Segments
 - Products and Services
 - Go To Market
- Value Proposition
- Brand Promise
- SWOT Analysis

Execution Roadmap

- One-Year Goals and Key Initiatives
- Three-Year Goals and Key Focus Area (Three to five areas)
- Q1 Priorities and Deliverables
- Q2 Priorities and Deliverables
- Q3 Priorities and Deliverables
- Q4 Priorities and Deliverables
- Cadence of Execution

Growth In Current Business Environment





Increased Rate of Change

Unclear about the future

Multiple Key
Decision
Factors

There may be no "right answer"

VUCA forces us to shift from SMART GOALS to FAST Goals Frequently Discussed | Ambitious | Specific | Transparent

SMART GOALS



SMART goals are an acronym that stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

- Specific: A goal should be clear and well-defined. It should answer the questions of who, what, where, when, and why. You can avoid ambiguity and set a clear direction for your efforts by providing precise details.
- Measurable: Goals should be quantifiable to track and measure progress. Defining specific criteria allows you to gauge how close you are to achieving your objective and helps you stay motivated.
- Achievable: Goals should be realistic and attainable. While it's good to aim high, setting unattainable objectives can lead to frustration and demotivation. Consider your resources, capabilities, and constraints before finalizing your goal.
- **Relevant:** Goals should align with your overall objectives and aspirations. They should be relevant to your personal or professional growth and contribute to your long-term plans.
- Time-bound: Goals should have a specific timeframe or deadline. This sense of urgency helps you stay focused and prevents procrastination.

FAST GOALS – Execution Practices



		Inspire - Action - Clowi
FAST GOALS	DEFINITIONS	BENEFITS
Frequently Discussed	Goals should be embedded in ongoing discussions to review progress allocate resources prioritize initiatives and provide feedback	 Provides guidance for key decisions. Keeps employees focused on what matters most. Links performance feedback to concrete goals. Evaluates progress and inputs for course corrections.
Ambitious	Objective should be difficult but not impossible to each	 Boost the performance of individuals and teams. Minimizes the risk of sandbagging. Forces a broader search for innovative ways to achieve goals.
Specific	Goals are translated into concrete metrics and milestones that force clarity on how to achieve each goal and measure progress	 Life is what employees are expected to deliver Helps identify what is not working and quickly course corrects Boost the performance of individuals and teams
Transparent	Goals and current performance should be made public for all employees to see	 Makes use of peer pressure to perform on goals. Shows employees how their activities support the company's goals. Understands other teams' agendas. Surface activities that are redundant or unaligned with the strategy

Change or Die - Alan Deutschman (2006)





Charles Darwin may have some insight for corporations and their leaders:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

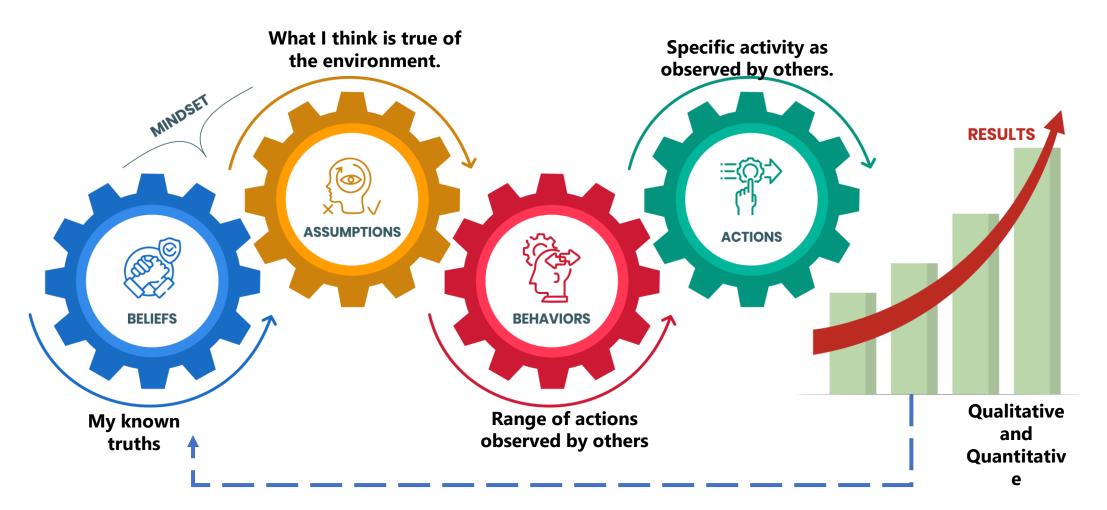
Good Leaders Adapt and Shift

The world around you is changing. Are you changing? Every advance you make as a leader will require a "SHIFT" that changes the way you *think, act and lead*.

"On the Origin of Species" was published on November 24, 1859.

Change In Mindset - Critical For Personal and Business Growth





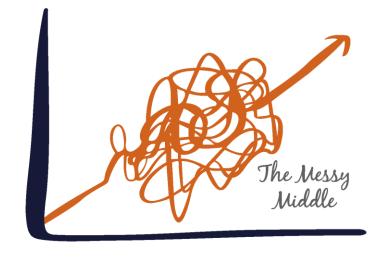
Insanity – Continuing to do the same thing expecting different results

Current Reality: To Scale Your Business To Vision 2030









Mindset Change



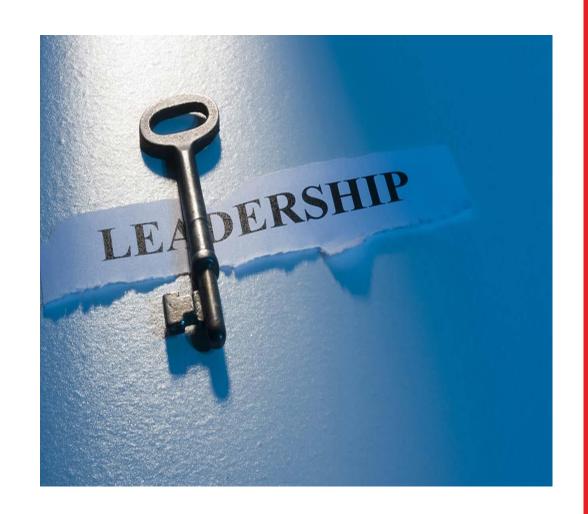
"Why is this happening to me?" TO

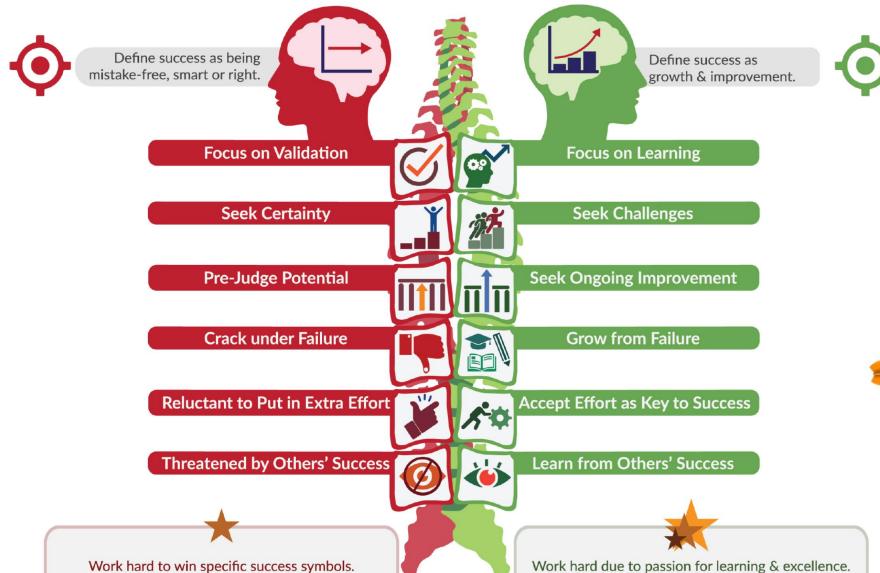
"What is this trying to teach me?" Is a game-changer

Five Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurial Skills



- 1) Continually learn, unlearn and relearn
- 2) Value yesterday but live in today
- 3) Rely on speed but thrive on timing
- 4) Move forward courageously during uncertainty
- 5) Realize today's best will not meet tomorrow's challenges











Work hard due to passion for learning & excellence. End up winning as a by-product and often achieve the seemingly-impossible.

May achieve early successes, but can't maintain it or

breakthrough to the next level.



Growth As A Process

Strategy Execution Calendar

Strategy Planning and Execution Calendar



Department /
Function
Performance /
Risk Analysis

Company Best
Practices
Meeting

Identify Initiatives
For Long-Term
Growth
(Departments)

Review of Long-term Growth Plans

PURPOSE

SPR: Performance review against last year's plan
SER: Risk in achieving current year's plan

Share Best Practices & lessons learned

Draft department Strategic Business Plan (SBP) for 1 and 3 years and identify ideas for potential initiatives.

Review department plans, initiatives & ideas

OUTCOME

WHO

SPR: List of lessons learned & Best practices SER: List of risks for current year budget goals & associated mitigations

As applicable, learn, customize & implement Best Practices & risk mitigations to ensure all goals are delivered

Strategic plans drafted, Several ideas are brainstormed and prioritized for further evaluation. Ideas are evaluated, screened, and selected as Strategic initiatives Selected initiatives are

Department & Function

Leadership and Execution Team

Selected initiatives are confirmed for a 10-12-week experimentation phase

JAN

Heads, Execution Team

FEB

Department Heads, Execution Team Leadership and Execution Team



MAY

Strategy Planning Execution Calendar



EXPERIMENT & EVALUATE INITIATIVES

Organization
Evaluation and
Development

REVIEW OF Department PLANS

Business STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

PURPOSE

OUTCOME

WHO

Test ideas/initiatives & determine the resources required
Share final business cases for SBP 1-3 initiatives

Execute on key agreed upon initiatives,
Resources are identified for execution

Leadership Team and Execution Team

JUN

Evaluate current talent (people) against SBP 1-3 initiatives and growth targets.

Execute on agreed upon changes/training in human resources in preparation of future needs

Leadership Team and Execution Team

plans, Initiatives, Acquisition Target & Resource Requirements

Review of department

Feed back on SBP 1-3 &
Strategic Initiatives
Feedback on Acquisition
Targets, Resource
Requirements & Feedback

Leadership Team and Execution Team

Presentation of final SBP 1-3, Strategic Initiatives & Acquisition Targets

Approval on SBP 1-3, Strategic Initiatives, Acquisition Targets & Resource Requirements

Organization Leadership
Team

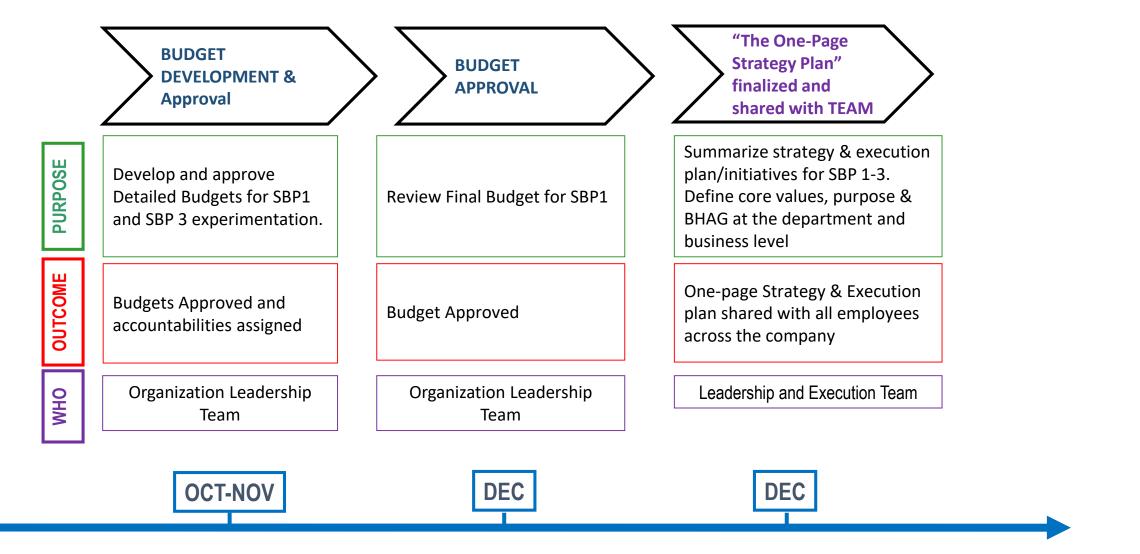
August

SEPT

July

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Principles of Execution-Focused Leadership



Clarity: Do we all know what is most important?

Commitment: Do we believe in the goals and want to achieve them?

Translation to action: Do we know what we have to do to achieve the goals?

Enabling sponsorship: Do we remove barriers?

Synergy: Do we work effectively together to improve our ability to achieve the goals?

Accountability: Do we report results to one another regularly?

Create an ongoing rhythm for the leadership/Project team to follow-up and follow-through

Board/Strategy Leadership Meeting - Critical Reflection Questions



- 1. Did our business growth align with our purpose and vision?
- 2. Strategy Performance Reviews:
 What worked well for us in the year's first six months?
 What did not work well for us in the year's first six months?
- 3. Strategy Execution Reviews (SER):

What are the challenges and risks associated with reaching the second half of the year's goals?

- 4. What do we need to mitigate these challenges and risks?
- 5. Are We Holding Ourselves to the Highest Standards of Performance and Execution?
- 6. Which of Our Existing Key Relationships Needs More Love?
- 7. What Skill Sets or Knowledge Gaps Do We Have?
- 8. On a Scale of 1 to 10, How Well Are We Innovating and Staying Ahead of the Competition?
- 9. Which Competitors Are Nipping at Our Heels?
- 10. If We Started a New Company to Compete Against Our Own Company, What Would the New Company Do to Put Us Out of Business?

Monthly/
Quarterly/Halfyearly/ Annual
check-ins

Reflection Questions



1. What are my key learnings from this section?

2. What are two things that I need to change in my job/business starting tomorrow?

3. Identify two people in your business with whom you would like to share this information. Also, set up a date for when you will share this information. Follow through on this commitment.

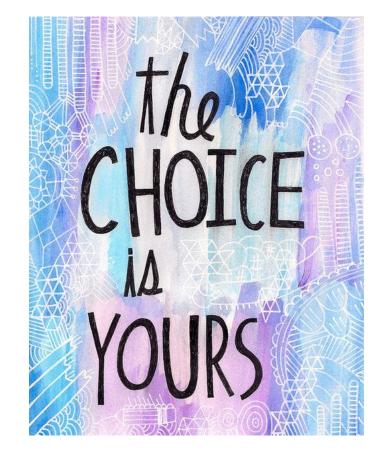
Success Formula in a VUCA Environment



The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write. But those who cannot

Learn | Unlearn | Relearn

---- Alvin Toffler





"Learning is defined as a change in behavior. You haven't learned a thing until you can take action and use it."

— John C. Maxwell

"You are free to choose, but the choices you make today will determine what you will have, be, and do in the tomorrow of your life."

– Zig Ziglar

