



### Developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders: Leadership Challenges & Opportunities

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### Session Agenda

- Some Context for Leadership Today
- Capabilities & Assessment
- Applications, Taking Action
- Lessons and Implications



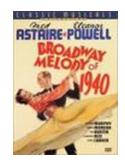
### **Session Objectives**

- To be able to define the leadership capabilities you will need to perform in a dynamic, complex environment.
- To assess your own capabilities against what is needed.
- To plan the implementation of a leadership agenda that will drive high performance.





#### But first, the Dance of Leadership?





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#### We are in a **"Perfect Storm"** of Complexity, Diversity, Uncertainty

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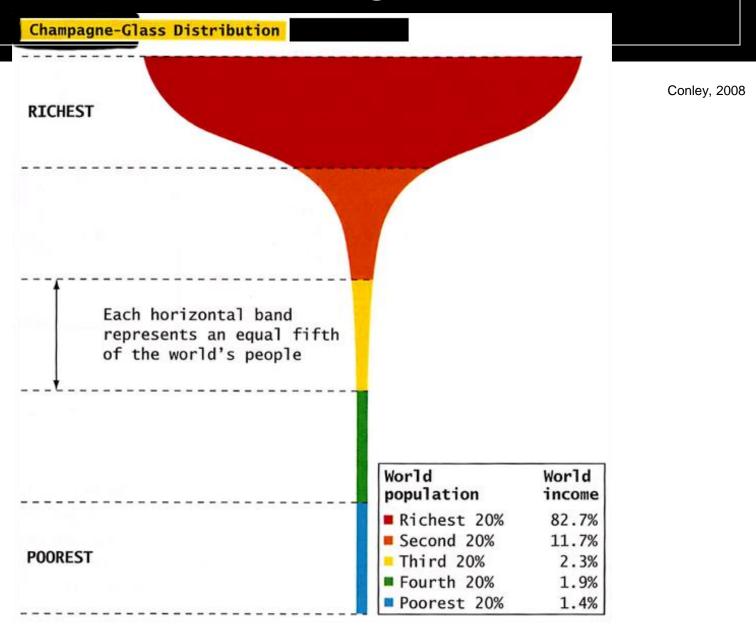
### Trends Driving Change Today:

- Population, Globalization, Diversity
- Political, Social Unrest

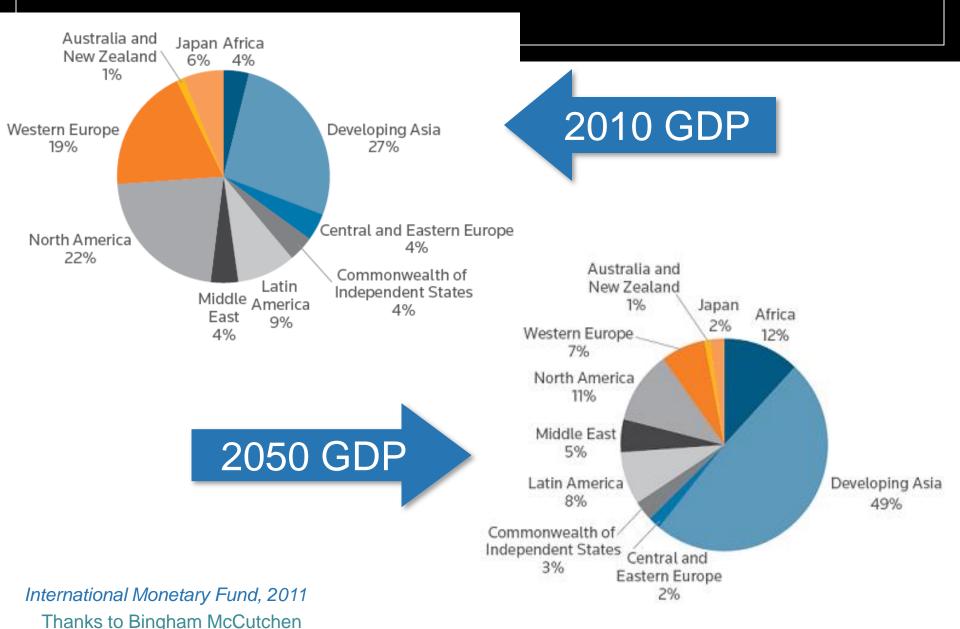


- Environment, Climate, Natural Resources
- Technology
- Intellectual Capital, Knowledge Explosion
- Pace of Market Change
  - Financial Turmoil, Cost Control, New Business Models
- Speed, Stress, Turbulence, Chaos... We live in a "VUCA" world!
  http://vimeo.com/80740197

### The Global Champagne Glass



### Long-Term Shift of Global GDP

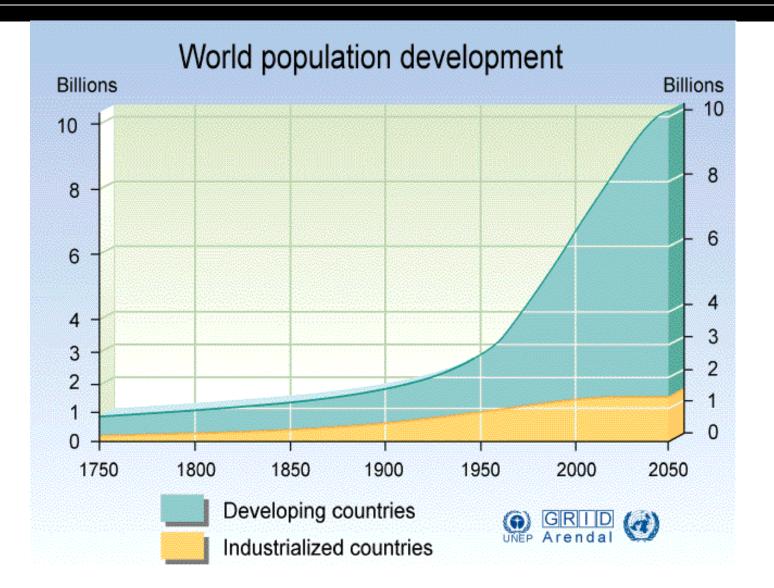


#### Meet Danica Comacho

### **7 Billionth Baby**

e Fabella Memorial Hospital re de Vega Street, Manila 31 October 2011

#### 7 Billion and counting....



### So, what does this all mean?





### The Problem:

# The past is no longer the prologue to the future.

We are not prepared for the massive, unrelenting quantum changes we face.

Our assumptions about what it takes to lead are based in past, not future, realities.

Prof. Lloyd S. Baird

### Shell's Future Challenge





Plan for Tomorrow

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- Build Capabilities
- Be Somewhere Else

How long will your oil last?

### New Business Models











### So, how did we get here?

Because everything is digitized and everyone is computing

Because everyone is connected to everyone else

Because those at the bottom know more than those at the top, those at the edge know more than those at the core

Because we can search, target, sense & track

Because the cycle time is so much faster

### The Power and Speed of Connections

- In 2012 we entered the Post-PC World....
- Annual Units: 500 Million vs. 400+ Million



# .... by 2017: **5 Billion Smart Phones** (vs. 5 Billion Mobile Phone subscriptions today)

Source: Prof. N. Venkatraman

#### **Digital Natives**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meyh9BFe-9Q

Source: Bob Johansen, www.iftf.org

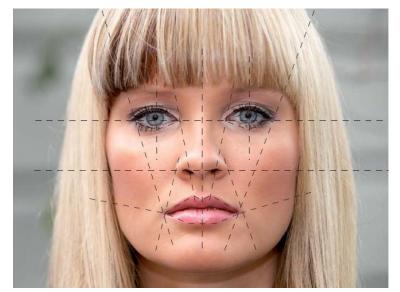
#### The Future is Now....











### Leadership Impact of Changing World:

#### We MUST collaborate effectively across boundaries

- Innovation: Because new ideas come from elsewhere
- Quality: Because people working together are smarter than individuals
- Synergy: Because together people can accomplish what none of them can individually
- Understanding and Acceptance: Because the solution will more likely be implemented



### Implications for Leadership Today

Bennis & Townsend

### A SHIFT from "**COP**" Control, Order, Predict ..... to .....

#### "ACE" Acknowledge, Create, Empower



### Leadership Meta-Competencies

#### Adaptability (Open to Change)



Identity (Self-Awareness)



#### Adaptability + Identity = Learning How to Learn

**Mutuality: BOTH are necessary** 

Source: DT Hall

#### Meta-Competencies: Identity & Adaptability

#### Identity

Self-assessment; self-initiating, self-correcting, and self-evaluating

Seeking, hearing, acting on feedback

Exploring, communicating, acting on personal values

Engaging in personal developmental activities, modeling personal development activity

Being open to criticism

Rewarding subordinates for personal development work

#### Adaptability

Flexibility, modifying personal leadership style for varying situations

Exploration, using a variety of strategies during problem solving

Performing effectively during an extended period of time in a variety of roles

Openness to new and diverse people and ideas; learning from mistakes

Dialogue skills and eagerness to accept new challenges

Comfort with turbulent change

### WHAT do leaders actually do?

#### 1. Leaders craft a shared vision

See the World Differently

### 2. Leaders shape culture

- Clarity of Vision + Consistent with Values
- Creativity, Collaboration & Innovation
- Communicate & Align Strategy
- 3. Leaders drive change
  - Move to a Better Place



### Group work: Your Leadership Challenge

- What are the MOST important business or strategic challenges you face now within your company?
- What are <u>your</u> critical personal leadership challenges in meeting the business challenges?
  - What do you need to get done, whom do you need to work with, and how can you get going?

### Applying the Learning

So, given all that, what skills and capabilities will you need to enhance, develop and apply better to meet the leadership challenges you will face in the future?



### Capability #1: Clarity of Vision *"Paint the Picture"*

Which way is East?

- "What do you expect us to do? Simply leave?" Answer: "Yes, 100 thousand British can simply not control ten million people who have decided to do something else" *Gandhi*
- "What will you do with your freedom?" William Wallace
- "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and the oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender." *Winston Churchill*

# **Capability #2: Absolute Integrity**

#### See clearly

- As it has been
- As it is
- As it is to come

### Speak the truth

**Deal justly** 

"Make the dead moose work for you"

### **Capability #3: Learn and Leverage**

The Key Questions: How do you learn from your experiences? How do you share across units, so you are not wasting time relearning?

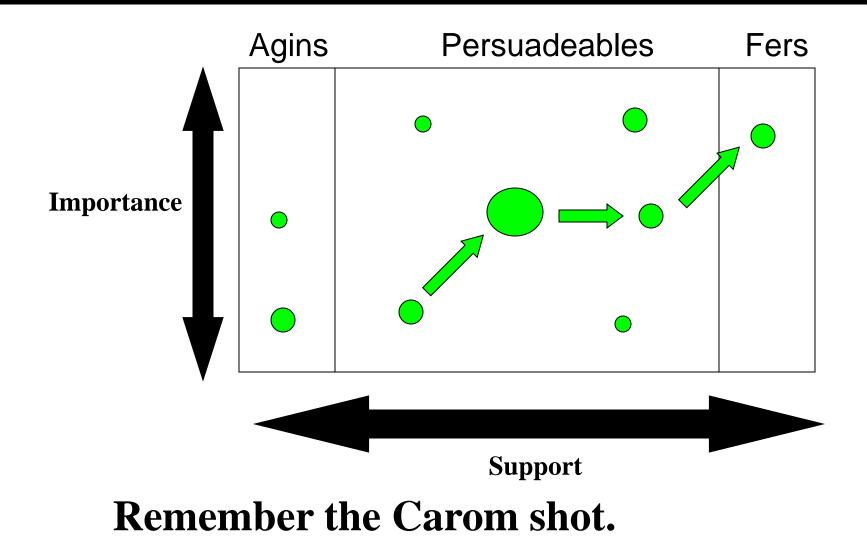
#### **The After Action Review:**

- What was the intent
- What actually happened?
- What did you learn?
- So now what do you do?
- Who else needs to know?

"Every interaction, every project, every customer is a chance to learn"

"Leverage across units, leverage up the organization" "Everyone gets smarter faster"

## **Capability #4:Work the Network**



## Capability #5 : No passengers, nowhere to hide

- Stewardship
- Accountability
- Responsibility

"Everyone does windows"

### Summary

- 1. Vision: Paint the picture
- 2. Integrity: Be clear on Values; Make the dead moose work for you
- 3. Leverage: Everyone gets smarter, faster
- 4. Network: Collaborate & Remember the carom shot
- 5. **Responsibility:** No passengers, nowhere to hide

## Assessing YOUR Leadership

#### Leadership Profile Worksheet

Leader:		Date:
	Leadership Meta-Competencies	
Leadership Dimension	Identity	Adaptability
1. Vision		
Clarity of vision; paint the picture of the future		
2. Integrity		
Act with integrity & values; establish a culture where issues can be raised, and make the dead moose work for you		
3. Learning		
Innovate, learn & leverage; everyone gets smarter, faster		
4. Network		
Collaborate & work the network; build and maintain a portfolio of relationships		
5. Responsibility		
Take responsibility; no passengers, nowhere to hide, full accountability		

### Moving Forward: Taking Action

So, here's the BIG question:

What **will** I do, starting <u>now</u>, to lead innovation and change in myself and my organization to manage for growth during these dynamic and turbulent times?

#### Define Your Action Plan

### **Action Steps**

 What are the barriers to implementation that you face to meeting the future leadership challenges in your organization?

>How can you remove the barriers?

- 2. Whose help do you need to be successful? How can you get their support?
- 3. What do you need to put in place so you can continuously adapt and improve?

### Implications and Lessons Learned

- Get Clear on Your Values and Vision
- Communicate, Collaborate, Innovate
- Create Teams that are Adaptive
- How does YOUR Leadership shape the culture of your organization?
- Lessons and Take-aways?

### **BE the Leader YOU admire!**



### Leading for a Better World

Thank You and Good Luck!

