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High Level Policy Development

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Workshop Included:
Policy Enforcement and Maintenance

who should attend
Public & private sector senior-level executives, directors & advisors responsible for policy development & process management of research, analysis, formulation, evaluation, strategy & implementation

course highlights
• Developing a shared understanding of policy
• Understanding the difference between short- and long-term goals
• Drawing practical conclusions from research and analysis
• Identifying and implementing the right solutions at the right time for the right audience
• Improving efficiency and effectiveness of the spend
• Determining whether policy should be amended or left in place
• Establishing a consistent structure
CREATING A COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Developing policy, being defined as guidance for strategy implementation, is challenging because it impacts the organization as a whole. Therefore, development of policy requires a thorough understanding and agreement on the current strategies and policies of an organization and how responsibility for their implementation is distributed. It also requires agreement on the broad parameters of what is and is not an acceptable strategy implementation practice. This presentation will provide practical advice on how to create a structured collaborative framework for high-level policy making.

- Understanding the relationship between strategy and policy
- Understanding current strategies and their related implementation policies
- Understanding the drivers of the need for policy change
- Understanding distribution of strategy implementation responsibility
- Achieving clarity around roles and responsibilities for strategy and policy
- Understanding cross-functional relationships

INTEGRATING ISSUE ANALYSIS WITH POLICY-MAKING

Effective high-level policy-making depends on informed issue analysis, backed by evidence. Establishing a successful issue analysis methodology for converting research findings into practical data used to implement real change in policy is crucial to success. This session will explore the best practices used to ensure that the findings from issue analysis can be converted into practical applications for effective high-level policy development.

- Deriving the true value of the research
- How to draw practical conclusions from issue analysis
- Understanding the difference between short- and long-term goals
- Strategic techniques to pave the way for action
- Interrelationship between issue analysis and problem definition
- Use of comparative data and analysis
- Situating the issues within a context

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WORKING WITH ASSOCIATIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO SHAPE PUBLIC POLICY

Critical to effectively managing high-level policy development is the building of trust and understanding, which requires ongoing dialogue among key stakeholders and departments. This discussion details best practice approaches to reporting, which manages stakeholders’ expectations and incorporates feedback in the challenging public policy environment.

- Generating an open dialogue among internal stakeholders
- Communicating messages persuasively to diverse audiences
- Facilitating a deeper exchange of views and ideas crucial to success of a policy initiative
- Managing multiple expectations in the policy development/coordination process
- Ensuring communications are open and transparent
- Facilitating inter-departmental communication and consultations

ROLE OF RESEARCH IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM: PROVIDING EVIDENCE TO BACK POLICY

Sound policy should be deeply rooted in good, substantiated research in order to ensure that policies achieve their intended goals and outcomes. Facts, figures and hard evidence originate from research and analysis; managing policy/research relationship thus becomes inevitable and crucial in the business of policy making. This session will explore the best practices used to ensure that the findings from data and research analysis can be practically applied for effective policy making.

- Understanding the issue and the data supporting it
- Drawing practical conclusions from research and analysis
- Establishing criteria and considerations in designing policy options
- Bridging the gap between research and policy

HIGH POLICY REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS

High level policies cannot afford to be outdated. No policy can be effective unless it is carefully monitored and revised if necessary upon regular reviews. As well, organizations should assess the level of non-compliance with any given policy in order to determine whether the policy should be amended. This session will examine how to go about establishing an effective policy review and approval process in order to maximize the ultimate goal of changing behaviour over time.

- Establishing a review process: key components
- Forming a committee to review proposed policies and policy revisions
- Approval process for proposed policies
- Effective, monitoring, review and reporting arrangements
- Acting on findings from review: revisions to existing policy
- Designing the project team: getting all key stakeholders to the table at the outset
- Ensuring everyone buys in to the need for change
- Bottom-up and top-down approvals and ownership

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONAL PROCUREMENT POLICIES: THE BENEFITS

Procurement policies are designed to ensure timely, efficient, and economic procurement, within the guidelines of good business practices. These policies provide clear guidance to ensure both fairness and transparency as well as accountability for decisions regarding procurement. This session will explore best practices for implementing organizational procurement policies.

- Key features in the development of procurement policies
- Improving efficiency and effectiveness of the spend
- Driving additional value from supplier relationships
- Encouraging competition among contractors
- Ensuring objectivity, accountability and transparency to achieving value

CASE STUDY: LEADERSHIP IN POLICY & ADVOCACY AT THE GRASSROOTS

While teamwork is required in policy development, strong leadership at the grass roots level is key to constructively influencing governments at all levels. This presentation is a case study in a grass roots business organization at the community level develops policy on major business issues that are important at a local, provincial or national level and how it advocates influencing governments at these levels.

- Balancing governance, leadership, and accountability to its members while working with a volunteer committee and board to establish goals and potential conflicts while developing policy
- Examples of success stories at the grass roots level
- Identifying issues and the development of policy and taking it to a successful conclusion

WRITING AND IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

Writing policies that are effective and enforceable can be a difficult task. To develop good policies, it helps to understand exactly what a policy is and how it relates to governance, risk and strategy. This session will explore policy writing best practices and the basic salient features one has to be aware of when writing and implementing high level policy and procedures such as guidelines, charters, position descriptions and codes.

- Pre-drafting work: thinking, analyzing, researching
- Avoiding conflicts of interest, and choice of words
- Ensuring clarity and consistency
- Implementing, assuring and enforcing the policy

DEVELOPING OPTIONS TO POLICY DECISIONS

A key component of high level policy development is the generation and evaluation of viable options for moving forward. This session will explore the process for developing options to high level policy decisions.

- Evaluation of options against a set of criteria used to assess each option
- Best practices for successfully generating and assessing options
- Establishing a conceptual framework to guide the process
- Assessing pros and cons of each policy option in relation to set of criteria
- Risks associated with not generating policy options
- Keys to presenting options
- Presenting a comparison of options

WORKSHOP

POLICY ENFORCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

No policy can be effective unless it is carefully monitored and maintained through the conduct of regular reviews. Corporations should assess the level of non-compliance with any given policy in order to determine whether the policy should be amended or left in place without notification. This session will examine best practices for policy enforcement and maintenance.

- Policy enforcement and maintenance best practices
- Effective procedures for monitoring and revising policy
- Conducting regular reviews of policy
- Assessing the level of non-compliance with policy
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