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the new youth enterprise development fund but also focusing on youth entrepreneurship training and development.

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wards money and work ethics. The ues do the exact opposite. same was informed by continued

In the year 2006, a patriotic Kenyan experiences and research. At the (Mr. Patriot for now) walked to the same time, he reported on his efforts Ministry of Youth Affairs and deliv- of leading organizational training ered a document addressed to the delegates into singing the National Permanent Secretary. The senior Anthem since early 2008. This was officer who received the document conceived as a means of toning down was unable to comprehend the con- the impact of the post election viotents of the same, until after two lence. Notably, singing of the Naweeks. The respective contents had tional Anthem (and hopefully appreborrowed widely from global trends ciating the values therein) has started on entrepreneurship development. becoming fashionable as has been Eventually, the guides provided the observed in some forums. Naturally, framework for not only disbursing witnessing fellow Kenyans eventu-



with a number of banks on how and ally adopting innovatively conceived why they needed to partner with ideas brings immeasurable joy and small and medium enterprises feeling of success to Mr. Patriot. Sur-(SMES) in mutually developing en- prisingly, he is none other than the trepreneurship in this country, espe- Author of this Newsletter. Is that not cially through business clubs. Those what inspiring change is meant to

Meanwhile, the same author has been writing numerously on In the same 2006, Mr. Pa- organizational human resource chaltriot started writing broadly on the lenges and ongoing trends. This has area of culture, values, business lead- included constant recommendation ership, ethics and governance. His of solutions especially on employee articles were then published widely re-branding and other interventions, by the daily and periodical press. based on not only clear comprehen-Some of course were challenging in sion but also interrogation of the that they were discrediting the very management principles and the re-

Needless to emphasize, issues have now been recognized by organizations are going through our new constitution? Are integrity enormous challenges especially on and ethics issues not the same ones account of the highly dynamic social that are now constantly threatening cultural evolution, mostly driven by careers of earlier untouchables in erosion of our cultural values. Naturally, positive values impact posi-In 2009, Mr. Patriot wrote tively to organizational growth and an incisive article on attitudes to-development whereas negative val-

The focus therefore should

be building on positive values and minimizing on the negatives. Remember that organizations are artificial legal persons with rights and obligations just like we human beings do. Note further that we are the ones who act on behalf of the same organizations. Impact of challenged values will naturally transcend to the same organizations that we work for.

In the meantime, the country is focused towards becoming a middle income nation by year 2030, which is only 18 years away. Naturally, these aspirations will not be achieved by the government but collectively by all of us. The Government largely provides frameworks for us to fit ourselves into. Ours is to exploit ensuing opportunities therefore creating employment and wealth. That is how social, political and economic aspirations envisaged in the crucial vision will be achieved.

But, there is need for all of us to realign our mindsets towards new cultures guided by strong work ethics and values especially in a renewed state. More importantly, we need to realize that the future will be driven by knowledge, creativity and innovation. Notably, most industries are achieving fast-tracked maturity, courtesy of global competitiveness. Technology is becoming standardized in most cases and may therefore not provide competitive edge any more.

Thinking outside the box leading to continued innovation will ultimately provide the desired competitive edge. This shift could be boosted by alignment of talent or inborn abilities. What are individual members of organizational teams good at? What skills enable them to achieve results with ease? What can be improved to yield more progress and transformation? These human capital based considerations are indicators of what will determine the degree of future success.

Consequently, strategic approaches demand that we anticipate the desired future today and chart the necessary causes of action. This may only happen if we can as individuals and organizations embrace renewed shifts on learning. Indeed, that is what leadership is all about - yes, being visionary. Are you set? Mwangi Wanjumbi, Newsletter Author

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BUSINESS Strategy – Change Inspiring Reflections

Allow Business Growth to Take Shape Naturally

Brenda could not conceal her uneasiness, plans.



The situation worsplace. Actually, I even oceans. have just learnt that

made to believe. Even more worrying is that sometimes fulfilled immediately. Other financial resources depends on somebody he is signing company cheques from his times, they are not. The latter leads to what who is hospitalized, there is clear indicahospital bed, rather than his house where I is known as diseconomies of scale. The tion of serious trouble, which may ineviexpected him to be relaxing," volunteered a same can simply be referred to as disad-tably affect other resources. restless Brenda.

ager, Brenda was entrusted with everything chances of these drawbacks, which are going crises management situations. The else except signing cheques, a role left ex- likely to irreparably haunt the company. clusively to both the chairman and financial director who are not only husband and ing businesses is the control process. A it can get out of the sick bay. Indeed, this wife, but also the only group directors and company's growth stretches the existing business could more appropriately beneshareholders.

entities which, Brenda had been engaged to around losing grip on its own operations, manage 5 years before, have now matured products and resources. Things start hap- experiencing growth, the management into a forceful group of companies. The pening as a matter of course. Before long, process and structures are supposed to be turnover which has been boosted by horti- the company gets into a decline stage re- allowed to grow as well. Besides, the cultural exports has leaped, from just about sulting from inability to cope with the chal- growth risks could be too high when left a quarter billion Kenya shillings to the pre-lenges attributable to growth. Apparently, to be absorbed by an individual or a few sent 2 billion plus. The business has there- many companies have at one time or the individuals. That is why companies grow fore expanded invaluably in terms of per- other gone through these growth chal- from start ups (by an individual or a few) formance, but sadly not on all other fronts. lenges. Some have overcome the same, and then to private companies owned by Something has certainly not been happen- whereas others have succumbed. I am sure a few individuals. The ultimate growth is ing right. The management structures have you can identify some glaring examples into public companies whose shares are not been growing at the same pace as the right where you are or somewhere in our traded in the stock exchange. business turnover, a situation that could own country. now be presenting challenges.

supposed to outgrow its founders. It needs This refers to the allocation of organiza- growing organizations inevitably deto take its own path. Needless to emphasize, tional roles and responsibilities. Less than mand amplification of structures and we are only agents of the businesses that we optimum attention to some roles leads to processes as the bare minimum expectafound. As artificial legal persons particu- inefficient management. Failure to execute tions. How is your business organization larly, businesses are supposed to acquire operations on time for example can lead to fairing this far? You can call for help on their own independent identities, some- serious challenges sometimes. Accumula- this as may be necessary. times distinct from the founders. Further, tion of these challenges leads to crises man- Mwangi Wanjumbi (MKIM) that independence and growth is supposed agement situations. Here, action plans are Author, Newtimes E-Newsletter to be supported by the right management not clearly defined. Poor allocation of re- info@newtimesconsultants.com

As the training session progressed, structures and well thought out succession sources leads to organizational ineffi-

Notably, even huge ventures like she General Motors, Toyota Corporation, Bar- agement situations are the bedrock of rushed out to receive clays Bank, Coca Cola and many more improprieties in not only businesses, oran urgent call. Even- were founded by individuals. Long after ganizations but also government departtually, she opened these veterans are gone, the companies ments. The same facilitate urgent and up after some prod- have taken their own shapes as well as unplanned causes of action aimed at sortding. "My mind is lives, and have even been acquired by new ing out ensuing challenges. Alongside, constantly racing to owners. The same companies have gotten this exposes organizations to exploitation and from the work- established across numerous borders and and other malpractices.

my boss is admitted agement continue increasing as companies leadership process. When the very core in hospital, contrary to what I had been continue growing. Those demands are authority endowed with allocation of vantages occasioned by the growth process. As the company's General Man- The faster the growth rate, the higher the as well. It is more likely that it is under-

management to the extent of losing ability fit from structured succession planning Interestingly, the micro-business to be in charge. This loss may revolve process.

In management terms, business is top of the table is the organizing process. national corporations. Whatever the case,

ciency and ineffectiveness.

On the other hand, crises man-

In the case of Brenda's company, Meanwhile, demands from man- the most visible challenge is that of the

In fact, the company may be sick faster, the authority is distributed to other One clear cut challenge in grow- office bearers in the company, the sooner

Ideally, as companies continue

Some outgrow operations within Another major challenge at the borders leading to expansion into multi-

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Strategically Thinking — Thought for June 2011

Ethnic And Race Based Communication Prejudices Could be Avoided

Almost every time when conducting training on communication skills I ensure to walk through some content on intercultural communications besides the internal and interpersonal aspect. The former is an extract from cultural studies which brings to light why we have so much ethnic and even race based communication challenges. Sometimes, this turns into entrenched hatred especially in our own country. This training module is aimed at toning down the challenges as has been witnessed by numerous past beneficiaries.

But, some experience in the month of May, was rather interesting and therefore worth sharing. This time, I was not handling our Kenyan brothers and sisters only. Rather, I was engaged with a mix of people from diverse backgrounds and different countries assembled in a Nairobi based international training centre. The delegates comprised Sudanese, Malawians, an Italian, an Afghan, a Nigerian and just a few Kenyans. The instructions were of course in English, a language that each of us has adopted, courtesy of the different education systems. Inevitably, each of the speakers in the training room is used to varying accents based on own vernacular. It is no wonder then that there was evident pronunciation based misunderstandings, until covering this section on intercultural communications.

Notably, the Italian constantly clarified the pronouncements of various simple English words. The Nigerian kept repeating herself for everybody to understand. It was a struggle following the Afghan's Arabic accent. Even following the discussions by the Sudanese was another great challenge. As the facilitator, I never came out clean either. Without doubt, this is attributable to the language spoken where I was born and bred. The same does not have such letters as s, v, x and z amongst others. Almost always, there is no distinction between the pronunciation of L and R. Further, D and J must always be preceded by N. These observations may appear to be obvious or awkward to some. However, they are surprisingly rich sources of prejudices not only in workplace communication situations, but also national and social circumstances as well.

Apparently, none of the delegates had experienced that kind of training before. They had only witnessed comedians making fun of similar communication situations especially on television. It is no wonder then that this section of the training became an eye opener and eventually the most highly praised area of the learning process, during the two days spent with these international trainees.

Conversely, it pays to realize that these intercultural communicational studies could provide solutions to numerous organizational, social and national interaction challenges that we are persistently experiencing. At the same time, these studies give credence to our challenged value systems, whose continued abandonment has led us into becoming cultural orphans - we have indeed blindly embraced other people's values, sometimes at great costs to the society. We for example want to ride on the fast lane when our circumstances do not allow. We end up getting involved in malpractices, which could otherwise have been avoided.

Seemingly, we need to embrace serious shifts on our value systems if we expect to achieve our organizational and national aspirations. However, the change must inevitably start from each one of us. Perhaps, it may be appropriate to borrow a leaf from experiences of the international class that has just been discussed.

By Mwangi Wanjumbi- Newsletter Author

JUST FOR THE RECORD: This writer is also the Author of a 2005 published international research titled "The impact of training and education on entrepreneurship development in Nairobi, a case study of Barclays Bank Business Club." (The research has since been turned into a guide for targeting the SME sector, by the Banking Industry in Kenya. Ref: Business in Africa Journal-July 2007). Meanwhile, the same research had first been presented by the Author in an International Entrepreneurship Conference whose theme was, "Fostering Entrepreneurship and SMES in Africa," which occurred in USIU, Nairobi, May 2006. The same research enabled the author to guide the Kenyan Ministry of Youth Affairs on implementation of the Youth Fund as well as promotion of Youth Entrepreneurship.

GOOD GREAT **Attention: Attention:** NEWS:

Could your organization be at the mercy of Challenged Attitudes, Values and Performance Skills?

Continued research indicates that one of the greatest challenges to business today is dealing with employee attitudes. The same are sometimes impediments to expected personal and organizational performance. When unchecked, these attitudes can slowly make prosperous businesses to either ground to a halt or fail to achieve their full performance potential. Interestingly, there may be nobody to blame on this. The GOOD NEWS however is that improvement measures can be put in place at

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PERSONAL STRATEGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH You can re-claim your earlier evasive opportunities even now.

Listening to Dorothy a 29 year old, narrating her story of life was certainly a refreshing experience. Having been brought up in a relatively well up and stable family which afforded her all the niceties of life, was just one phase. But, achieving early personal successes capable of guaranteeing her desires was the unforeseen side. It is no wonder then that Dorothy was now telling it all, about her new focus towards life.

As has been pointed out in an earlier newsletter as well as published articles from this author, there are three compartments of the brain. The left brained people largely think logi-

cally whereas, the right brained are attributable to artistic therefore creative orientations. Finally, the whole brained combine both logical and artistic thinking. As pointed out, the whole brained people are the minority. So, most people are either artistic or logical thinkers but not both. Scientists and mathematicians are largely logical thinkers and mostly credited with thinking around formulas or within the box. Outside the box thinkers such as marketers and designers are on the other hand credited with artistic brains.

Against this background, it is easy to understand the challenges that Dorothy is currently trying to correct, more than 10 years since leaving the school system. As explained on air through this popular FM Radio Station, Dorothy had like most other students decided to pursue studies in an area she now understands was not meant for her. Indeed, it is only now that she realizes that she was meant to align herself with arts (languages, humanities etc) rather than the sciences (physics, chemistry etc) which had finally made her score a grade C- in the Kenya certificate of secondary education. And with that score, the pathways towards success in Dorothy's life had seemingly been reduced to the bare minimum.

Certainly, chances of ever acquiring university education were ordinarily out of sight even in private universities. And without the minimum of a university degree, one can hardly be said to be educated especially going by the definition of what it means to be educated. Without this education, it is difficult to comprehend the worldly or global view and place oneself at the rightful place. Worse still, one cannot fully realize personal potential. This is so because the inner power is more often than not driven by knowledge and talents. Inevitably, higher knowledge levels present opportunities of discovering and applying high order talents such as writing and research.

Luckily and with invaluable support of her family, Dorothy tried everything she could after school in an attempt to find her line of best fit. And when nothing could work the way she may have wanted, Dorothy marched back to school, this time in form 3, but careful to re-align her studies with her brain orientation (as she thought). Indeed, she decided not to mourn over her past choices. It is no wonder then that she was freely sharing her experiences with fellow Kenyans live on air. Are you there still mourning for becoming a victim of past wrong choices of whatever form? Wake up and do something in line with your brain orientation. Your opportunities are not exhausted unless you decide against reclaiming them. The minimum you need to do is help others to discover their brain orientations early in life. That way, lost time and opportunities will largely be minimized for all. Better still, the majority will acquire the most ideal learning opportunities and eventually basis of life long rewarding careers and/or vocations.

Mwangi Wanjumbi—Author, Newtimes E- Newsletter



Did you know?

- That there are no limitations to the mind except those that we acknowledge? (Napoleon Hill)
- That you can get whatever you want in life if you can help as many people as you can to get what they want in life? (Zig Ziggler)
- That we have now refined our highly effective attitudes change and management tools for easy application in all our training programs?
- That the Author of this newsletter has written a book on Personal Empowerment Strategy, which is still undergoing the publication processes?"

Our Motto: Inspiring Change

Our Guiding Principle: Continually Taking Business to the Next level.

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Nurturing our Future Leaders

Opportune Moment For Youth To Venture into National Leadership Careers.

As the elections for 2012 close in, it is necessary to encourage the youth who may be interested in building careers revolving around national leadership. This discussion is motivated by the fact that Kenyan youth have constantly been reminded that they are future leaders and therefore not ready or

deserving to be in those positions today. Additionally, if the leadership is left only to the senior citizens, shall we not get into situations of leadership gaps at some stage?

On the other hand, it has continually been pointed out that leadership is for those who are financially endowed rather than lightweights — money bags may be more appropriate. The truth is that age and financial status are ideally not pre-requisites of leadership either in our country or elsewhere. Notably, the current British Prime Minister got into power in May 2010 at 43 years.

Indeed, there have been many other cases of young leaders who have attained these positions out of sheer merit even when not financially endowed. Remember that President Obama's campaign was substantially financed by his supporters. Even more encouraging is that our new constitution has embraced unprecedented guides driven by integrity and leadership principles as outlined in chapter 6. Moreover, if we can learn from the trends in the recent interviews of senior judicial officers, then the expected leadership standards have started falling in place. Most likely, it is only people with impeccable credentials including character that may in the future venture into public leadership. Is this then not an opportune moment for the youth to start considering their options in leadership?

Further, as has numerously been indicated in the leadership section of this newsletter, anybody can rise into the various situations of leadership. In whatever case, the principles are always the same. However, it pays to realize that leadership is about the power of influence, which can be articulated in several ways. One of them is power of rewards where financial endowment becomes the key consideration. In this situation, you use finan-

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cial might to buy your way into leadership. But does everybody have to use that route?

Another popular source of influence is derived from charismatic power. Gifted speakers and more appropriately social communicators fit quite well in this category. Sometimes, they need nothing else other than pulling and influencing people through their oratory skills. Without doubt, you are familiar with many such people.

Unfortunately, the power of influence may not work on its own in leadership. In fact, one is unlikely to be successful in leadership when there is no purpose for being in the same. More still, the position may not be sustainable for long. That is why you find that there are only a few leaders who sustain these positions for a lifetime. The ideal situation is to be in leadership as a way of life. So, what does it take to achieve the desired success?

One sure way of venturing into leadership anywhere is identifying the challenges or aspirations that prospective constituents could easily identify with. What in other words is destabilizing them, which you think you can contribute in helping to achieve the desired results? What is their vision or more appropriately their expected achievements? Do you prescribe to that vision and would you walk with them as they pursue the same? If this can be a shared vision, then you are on the first steps towards acquiring devoted followers.

Mind you, it may pay dividends to work out dreams that are realizable during the leadership term. Further, it is advisable to be with the followers as they strive to achieve their dreams. When the dreams are not achieved and you are unavailable to discuss and face the respective challenges with them, mistrust is likely to set in. This situation alienates you, the leader with the followers. In the end there may be no wins for any of the parties. This may lead to eventual severance of the relationship and therefore loss of the leadership position. Ultimately, every leader's desire is to stay on and serve for as long as is practically possible. Are you **Author - Newtimes E- Newsletter** that leader?

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGY: THE CEO'S DILEMMA



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Securing Organizations from Employee Attitudes & Performance Challenges

If you are a keen reader of this newsletter, you may have noticed something about a tool that we have been using for moderating people's attitudes about money, work, employer and themselves too. The truth is that, it is a serious tool especially when administered on in-house training situations. That explains why two articles on achievements of the tool have been published in two different authoritative publications.

The first one titled Change attitudes on work and money, was published in the September 2009 issue of the Management Journal of Kenya Institute of Management (KIM). The second one titled Ethics and money could invariably drive vision 2030, was published in the January - March, 2011 issue of the Industrial Training Magazine, a publication of the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT), Ministry of Labour. The first issue relates to a case study on senior organizational managers. The second one discusses results achieved after this writer administered the tool on professional trainers, as he conducted his session of a regular trainer of trainers (TOT) program. As detailed in the articles, which are uploaded in our URL, the findings have always been eye openers to the different training delegates.

Whereas the tool comically achieves the desired results, it can also be used for purposes of determining and correcting organizational culture challenges as recently experienced by a Nairobi based firm. Our team administered the tool on senior organizational managers, who were attending our 3 day Business Leadership and Performance Management Training, about two years ago. As we jointly analyzed the results with the participants, we all realized that there was a challenge and laughed it off. Networking/socializing followed by just getting occupied had come out tops as major work attributes in the existing engagement. This outcome for a team comprising 16 (72 %) university graduates (many of them professional degree holders) out of the 22 delegates was no doubt surprising.

Apparently, the company MD who was one of the participants was visibly restless as he witnessed these findings emanating from his team. Nonetheless, the lead trainer quietly conferred with him and urged him to calm down. "Indeed, the results are indicators of some challenges, which we should be able to help you sort out," indicated the lead trainer. Subsequently, another study was guickly carried out. This time we needed to determine the trainees' key attraction to the then employment situation.

Notably, none of the trainees had the faintest idea of our intended achievements, as is expected of any research process. As we later came to learn, the employees could not have volunteered the same answers, had they known that we were deriving valuable conclusions from our seemingly harmless questions. But then, is training not supposed to inspire change that is evident to the various stakeholders, for it to be worth the efforts?

We have no doubts that the attitude management tools not only boost our unique training process but also fast-track the desirable change. Meanwhile, even though it may be unnecessary to diverge the exact benefits, the said company started experiencing serious transformation, immediately after the training experience. Above all, the company was able to not only initiate performance based systems but also rationalize the workforce levels. Today, the company is continually reclaiming its market share based on renewed unity of purpose and direction that is backed by unprecedented favorable employee attitudes.

Naturally, these positive developments for this company are somehow attributable to the findings occasioned by administration of this highly effective attitude management tool. As you find out more from the listed articles, you are invited to consider experiencing the same as well. Your organization could invaluably be transformed through both the training process and application of these unique attitude management tools.

Mwangi Wanjumbi, Newtimes E- Newsletter Author

Newtimes Pictorial Profile

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The Production Manager a Manufacturing Company looks on as a company employee his receives certificate

Insurance company witnesses as his HRM receives Training her certificate

Insurance Broking firm receives her Training participation Certificate as General Manher ager looks on

The CEO of an The CEO of an The CEO of a Real Property Consultancy firm receives his training participation Certificate after a 3 day session as his General Manager looks on

The Chief Consultant and Trainer of Newtimes B. S. stresses a point, as he conducts a regular Trainer of Trainers-(TOT) session for the Professional Trainers Ass. Of Kenya-PTAK

The General Manager of a flower growing and exporting farm receives his certificate after a 3 day organizational Leadership & performance Management training, as his HRM looks on

Experiential Learning knows no race or seniority of training



Post- Staff Motivation & Capacity Building Training



Participants from Insurance/



From a Nairobi tourist Indus-



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