Filling the Leadership Void: How to Engage the Whole Organization in Sustainability

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 The world needs action now. Business is where change is most needed and most possible

 85% of CEOs are "taking sustainability seriously", but credibility gap exists



Dell Powering the Possible is our commitment to put technology to work, where it can do the most good for people and the planet.

What's needed to make vision happen - at an organizational as well as individual level?





Vision

- What future do you want?
- What stories do you want to be able to tell?
- What will inspire and mobilize your organization?



Strategy

- Bringing focus
- Where does Sustainability fit?
- Viewing organizational strategy through a sustainability lens
- Aligning with organization's culture



Goals

Measures of your ambition

Defined so that you know when they're met

Dell examples, by 2020 we will:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from facilities and logistics operations by 50%
- Reduce the energy intensity of our product portfolio by 80%
- Recover 2 billion pounds of used electronics



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Plans

- Develop baselines
- Set KPIs & process metrics
- Build roadmaps with early buy-in from all needed participants

• Develop the business case

Internalize global context

Execute

- Build strong governance
- Manage to your KPIs
- Celebrate early wins
- Trust functional experts to own & drive
- Be adaptive to changing conditions



Communication

- Know your audiences and engage them at every step
- Be an avid listener and trust in stakeholder process
- Explain & communicate business case
- Embrace transparency and commit to reporting successes & challenges
- Provide narrative, not just data



Individual keys to sustainable success

- 1. Develop your capability to lead change effectively
- 2. Set strategy and execute on goals
- 3. Be an awesome **communicator**
- 4. Help org keep up with rapidly evolving global context

You are the secret...be unstoppable!





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