# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE STRATEGIC INNOVATION STICK? June 6, 2024

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## HOW DOES THE ORGANIZATION WITH APPETITE BUILD A CAPABILITY FOR STRATEGIC INNOVATION?

- 1. Organizations need a **common language for innovation**
- 2. Innovation Intent Development is a key leadership responsibility (Domains and Ambition)
- 3. Strategic Innovation needs to be a function; not a process, not a culture, but a complete, rationally designed management system
- 4. Tune the Innovation Function's activities to the organization's capacity to absorb new businesses
- 5. There are three organizational competencies to develop and maintain:
  - ✓ Discovery, Incubation, Acceleration
- 6. Operate at the opportunity level, domain level and portfolio level
- 7. Project/EBA leaders must proactively manage four dimensions of uncertainty
  - ✓ Technical, Market, Resource, Organizational
- 8. To develop sustained expertise, organizations need to institute permanent Innovation Roles

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#### LESSON #1 – "STRESS-TEST" WHY BEFORE YOU START

- Test organization's commitment to SI
  - What are the strategic drivers, strategy, and sources of uncertainty and shifts in your business?
    - SHOULD you do SI?
  - Does the organization have commitment to:
    - Resources people
    - Management Time
    - Minimum Runway
    - Learning & Change- Leadership & SI team
      - COULD you do SI?

#### LESSON #2: IT TAKES 3 YEARS TO START SEEING OUTCOMES

- Year 1: Learn & Experience (through workshops, coaching in between)
  - Establish Governance model, Ambition, and SI team, set sub-culture and work agendas for each
  - Identify Domains and <u>Ambition</u>
  - Evaluate Portfolio...may have orphan projects to start with
  - Develop and agree on input, output, outcomes objectives and metrics
  - Learn DIA techniques identify opportunities and fill pipeline
- Year 2: Practice it (coaching on projects and with Governance team)
  - Incubate Opportunities within domains
  - Start applying portfolio concepts, especially top-down ambitions vs. bottoms up reality
  - Ensure disciplined approach/governance/fidelity to objectives, metrics and sub-culture
- > Year 3: Institutionalize it (Experienced SI leadership and expertise in place)
  - Portfolio Progress: You can see projects move forward, some in acceleration
  - Replace members of council and team as required
  - Stick with Domains and determine how often to refresh
  - Focus on continuous improvement of SI expertise

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#### **THANK YOU**





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