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Human Resource For Growth & Inclusion

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## FootBall Legends - Vs HR Management







Fact: Clearly a Thriving Industry







Q: Is this Industry Inclusive?

## Human Resource Management for Growth and Inclusion

## Inclusion; The HR perspective ...

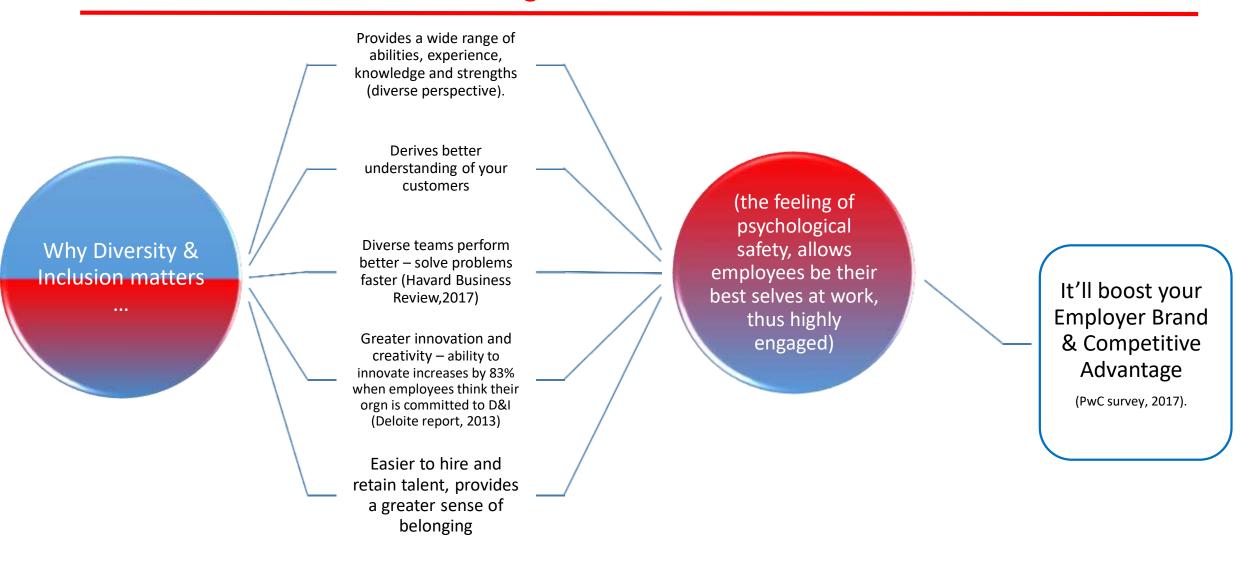
- All embracing society ideology, a universal human right.
- Aim is to embrace all people irrespective of age, race, gender, disabilities, special education .
- Learning to live together and giving equal access & opportunities
- Getting rid of discrimination and intolerance (removal of barriers)
- About our abilities, our gifts, about diversity.

## Diversity

- The fact of many different types of things or people being included, mixed workforce.
- Understanding that we are different, each individual being unique. Can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, age, gender etc.



## How does an Inclusive HR Management Practice lead to Business Growth?





## Gender Diversity & Inclusion – Status Quo

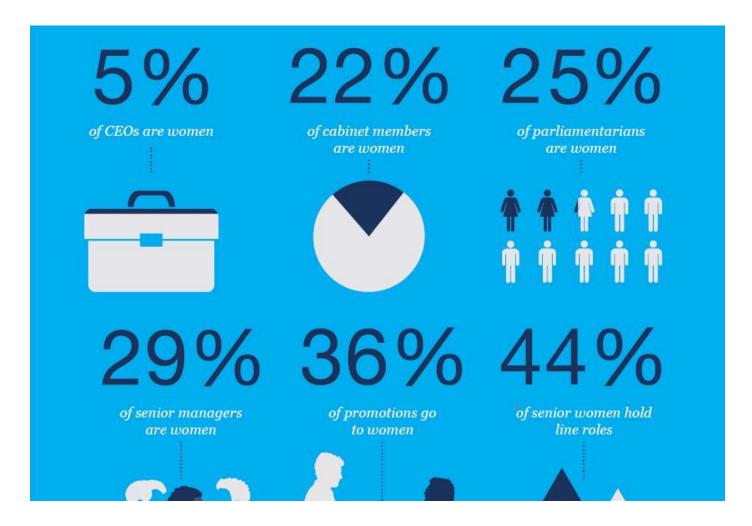
"The numbers are stark, despite women's impressive gains in education and the workplace over the past 50 years, men greatly outnumber women in leadership especially in top positions." AAUW, 2016.

- Historically, Tradition & Culture tended to marginalize women resulting in ...
  - Early drop outs in the ladder of corporate leadership in order to conform to existing norm. (In fact it begins from school).
  - Discrimination against these high potential colleagues
  - Low esteem amongst the women
  - A huge reduction in the % of Women representation as we go up the ladder.



## **Gender Diversity Statistics**

### In Africa ...





## Women's representation on boards of African companies by region



SOURCE: Orbis database, 2014; World Economic Forum, Global Gender Gap Report, 2014.



# Women representation in senior management of African companies by Industry

	Health care and pharmaceuticals	39					ŕ	Å	ń	ń	ń	ń	61
	Telecoms, media and technology	33				4	ń	Å	Å	Å	İ	İ	67
	Financial and professional services	30	Å	Ť	*	Å	İ	İ	İ	Å	Å	İ	70
	Transportation, logistics and tourism	29				Å	İ	Å	ń	İ	İ	Å	71
	Consumer goods and retail	28				Å	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	72
	Global energy and materials	22				Ť	İ	İ	Å	Å	İ	Å	78
	Heavy industry	9		İ	İ	İ	İ	Å	İ	İ	İ	İ	91
	Average	29	*	*		Å	ń	ń	ń	ń	Å	ń	71



## What are the causes and identified obstacles to change the status quo?

**Unconscious Bias and Stereotyping** 

Customs , Laws and Religion

No conscious or deliberate policy to embrace diversity and inclusion especially gender.

More have been driven through opportunity and personal drive rather than coordinated corporate effort.

Lack of effective networks and mentors



## Business Case for Gender Diversity and Inclusion

Wide research has shown that Organizations with greater share of women on their leadership positions (Exec or boards) tend to:





### **Risk Management**

Manage Risk Better



### Performance

Have higher performance Returns



### Customer Relations

Relate well to their customers (Women directly influence 70-80 % of global spending)



### The pittre cart be card to Collaboration

More open to new perspectives & Work more collaboratively



#### **Ethics & Fairness**

Have strength in Ethics and Fairness



## Proposed Actions to Break the Barriers

1. Make diversity & Inclusion a top **Board and CEO** priority

2.Communicate
Diversity and
Inclusion
business case to
enable
employees
understanding

3. Confront limiting attitudes in the working place by addressing unconscious bias

(education, reviewing processes such as recruitment, promotions,

Perf. Mngt etc to enhance

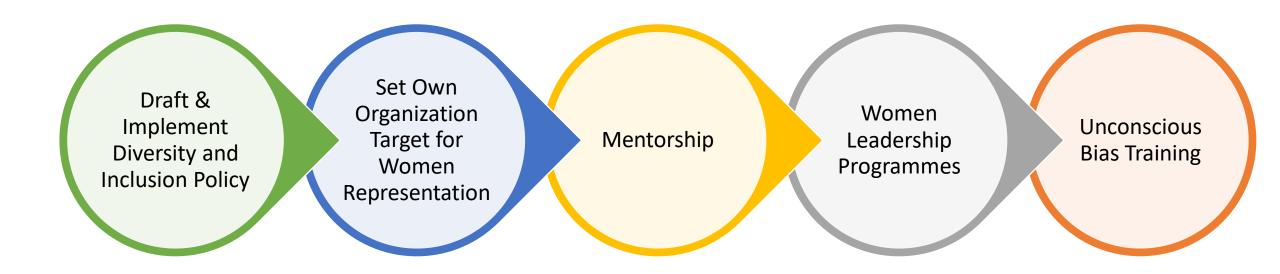
objectivity)

4. Implement Fact
Based Diversity
Strategy – solid
metrics and action
plans to address the
root causes of under
representation.

(HC Distr, Attrition Rates, Reasons exits, % of promos, gender pay gaps, track engagement surveys results etc.)



## Initiatives to change the landscape





Thank You!