Change management and organisational transformation are necessary for major financial service providers.

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Abstract- Regardless of the size of the container, the likelihood of finding a solution remains significant. The process of arriving at a sound decision is crucial and necessitates the application of dependable and credible knowledge and information. Do you exhibit a tendency to exhibit a bias towards a specific facet of a matter based on the provided particulars or the obtainable data?

The following statement, proposed by academic Joseph Tussman, is posited as a starting point for discussion. It is crucial for students to understand that by comprehending the mechanisms of the world and conforming to its realities, they can efficiently cooperate with it to achieve their goals. The inadequate facilitation of knowledge dissemination by individuals in the international community can be attributed to factors such as limited access to basic healthcare and environmental degradation, from which a valuable lesson can be derived. The aforementioned challenges present noteworthy hindrances to worldwide advancement and necessitate prompt consideration and intervention from decision-makers, scholars, and non- governmental entities.

The adverse impacts of environmental degradation have led to the affliction of numerous children. A highly effective methodology. Furthermore, the lack of access to educational resources presents a significant challenge in addressing these issues. In a manner that is both strong and effective.

The contemporary society is confronted with unprecedented social, economic, and environmental predicaments as reported by the OECD (2018). These challenges are being propelled by an unexpectedly rapid rate of technological progress. These forces are concurrently presenting us with a multitude of novel prospects for human progress. The uncertainty of future events necessitates a mindset of readiness and adaptability.

I. Introduction

The implementation of change and improvement initiatives is a customary undertaking for strategic groups. The article findings indicate that there is a frequent utilisation of strategic transformation and change practises, albeit with varying approaches. Certain gaps have presented obstacles for major financial service entities in executing their strategies and have resulted in difficulties within the value chain.

Typically, individuals commence by expressing their personal beliefs. Individuals tend to express their viewpoints if they possess one. The individuals in question often engage in numerical discourse and exhibit a studious demeanour, as if they were in possession of a hypothetical roster of information that they must commit to memory in order to establish their expertise in an unfamiliar domain. Individuals tend to hastily form opinions about others who do not possess a viewpoint, lack sufficient knowledge, or fail to exhibit adequate levels of indignation. Numerous lists are being presented consecutively. During the researcher's tenure in the finance industry, it was observed that a significant proportion of efforts aimed at modifying and transforming methodologies lacked the application of rigorous techniques.

Typically, programme and portfolio management are not encompassed within these strategic initiatives. The efficacy of the method is diminished upon utilisation. The primary objective of the article is to investigate methods for protecting significant financial service enterprises from experiencing a decline in value chain performance as a result of inadequate organisational strategy transformation and change management.

Companies, according to Kaplan and Norton (2006), have spent the better part of the last few decades trying to maximise profits by synchronising their organisational frameworks with their strategic goals. Consolidating crucial business processes like operations, sales, and finance allowed 19th-century companies to save a lot of money thanks to the widespread adoption of mass production.

Years of experience in the financial sector have demonstrated the significance of programme and portfolio management principles in driving strategic transformation and change initiatives. These principles are also crucial in shaping organisational culture and leadership, thereby ensuring successful delivery, benefits realisation, and measurement, including customer value. This approach facilitates continuous improvement and learning. During the pursuit of my doctoral degree, I conducted a thorough examination of my research subject and identified discrepancies in the implementation of principles throughout the entire value chain. My meticulous approach allowed me to directly observe these issues and their impact on strategic transformation and change management.

The main concerns that were identified and examined arose due to the inability of the executive leadership to establish a clear vision and mission. This led to a deficiency in a guiding coalition, insufficient coordination and integration of

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programmes, and an unfavourable culture that hindered the accomplishment of strategic transformation and change initiatives. The overarching issue identified across all themes is the deficiency in executive leadership's comprehension of its role in programme and portfolio administration, coupled with their incapacity to effectively translate the strategy into actionable steps that foster stakeholder engagement.

Despite my earlier indication of potential controversy, I will abstain from explicitly identifying the companies in question. However, it is worth noting that they encompass not only one, but multiple entities with which I had significant involvement during my formative years.

The research conducted by Darly- Baah and Kwasi (2022) highlights the significance of experience in ensuring project success when faced with complexity arising from novelty and uncertainty. The complexity of the information is linked to the appropriate decision-making procedure, which necessitates the guidance of knowledgeable experts and the use of trustworthy data. Effective stakeholder engagement and communication are crucial due to the intricate nature of the relationship.

II. WHY THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY IS IMPORTANT

Drawing on sources cited by the author, including Investopedia Team (2021), National Treasury (2021), Zuang et al. (2009), and Frost et al. (2019), one may contend that the financial services sector holds significant sway in propelling a nation's economy forward. The unhindered transfer of monetary assets is promoted, thereby improving the convenience of transactions within the marketplace. A strong industry facilitates the ability of enterprises to efficiently manage risk and augment their potential for growth within the economic landscape.

The financial stability of a nation plays a crucial role in determining the economic welfare of its populace. It is commonly observed that consumers tend to experience higher earnings during periods characterised by economic and sectoral robustness. Consequently, their level of self-assurance and purchasing efficacy is augmented. The individuals are seeking to acquire credit from the financial services industry to facilitate their transactions.

Armour et al. 2016 opinion was that the emergence of new markets for managing associated risks in currencies and interest rates has been influenced by global capital flows. Due to the ability of businesses to raise capital on international markets, new instruments and institutions for risk management and global capital raising have been encouraged. Global imbalances caused by different growth rates have led to significant capital flows, with some nations experiencing large surpluses and others experiencing large deficits.

Due to global spillovers and linkages, states can no longer authoritatively regulate even their own financial systems, much less the entire global financial system, which has led to specific regulatory challenges. With some exceptions (such as those within the EU), international financial regulation is based on a special set of agreements and understandings among governments, central banks, and financial regulators.

III. FRAMEWORK FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR REGULATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

In April 2009, G20 leaders established the Financial Stability Board (FSB), legitimising the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) strategy to address financial sector instability, according to Hollader and van Lill (2019). The 2017 "twin peaks" regulatory framework required the SARB to protect and improve the financial system. The Prudential Authority, the SARB, emphasises that macroprudential policy aims to ensure a resilient financial system and limit systemic risk to reduce the macroeconomic costs of financial distress.

In 2023, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) stated that a strong and efficient financial system is necessary for stable and sustainable economic growth.Prudential regulation and supervision aim to protect market infrastructures and financial institutions, according to a 2023 SARB statement.

According to Akinsola (2016), Africa's financial market is highly developed. Academic research has shown the financial system's success. The South African Reserve Bank Act (Act No 90 of 1990) governs the monetary authority, the SARB. South Africa has domestic and foreign banks.

South African banks are well-regulated (Gagne, 2022). The Banks Act, 1990 and its subordinate legislation's banking capital requirements and the national treasury's exchange control regulation shielded South African banks from the 2008 global financial crisis.

South Africa adopted the "Twin Peaks" financial regulation model on August 21, 2017, with the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017. The FSR Act established the Prudential Authority (PA) of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) to supervise South African banks and ensure Banks Act compliance.

IV. REGULATORY SYSTEMS IN CONTEXT

The independent development of core standards and principles for the banking, securities, and insurance sectors, as stated by the Basel Committee (2010), demonstrates that financial supervision and regulation is industry-specific. Such principles do not consistently take into account systemic risk or the financial system's stability. Furthermore, there are differences in how much weight supervisors give to prudential or market conduct regulation across the three sectors. Although the distinctions between the activities of the three sectors have become fuzzier over time, this sector-specific strategy risks creating more distinct financial supervision for each sector.

According to the 2011 report released by the National Treasury, the financial system of a nation comprises a heterogeneous range of institutions, which include banks, pension funds, and insurers, as well as markets such as securities markets, and regulatory bodies such as the central bank. The aforementioned system offers a methodical approach for executing financial transactions and enacting fiscal strategies. The possibility of financial system instability has the potential to cause considerable negative repercussions on the broader economy, as exemplified by the worldwide financial crisis. The maintenance of financial stability and regulation is of paramount importance in promoting economic growth, development, and employment opportunities. The paramount focus of regulatory measures ought

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to be on guaranteeing all-inclusive coverage of the system, rather than exclusively concentrating on particular institutions.

Prior to the onset of the financial crisis, there was a widely accepted belief that the regulation of the financial sector was imperative due to the presence of various factors.The successful execution of efficient regulatory measures is imperative in achieving not only economic growth but also financial stability.

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One of the drivers of financial system dynamism is market participants' continuous effort to find and exploit the best regulatory environment available to them. In other words, whenever market participants have a regulatory choice, they are likely to take advantage of it and engage in regulatory arbitrage. Regulatory arbitrage is possible within a given jurisdiction whenever the regulatory system allows for two formally different regimes of two formally different products or services that perform the same economic function (for example, a bank deposit and units in a money market mutual fund): market participants can then choose, and often create ex nihilo, the contractual form that allows them to profit the most.

Financial firms may choose or design a less-regulated or unregulated product to reduce compliance costs or, more broadly, to capitalise on market failures. They may do so, however, because the current rules for the more heavily regulated product are simply inefficient, leaving both financial firms and their clients worse off than if they used the unregulated or less-regulated product.

According to Darly-Baah and Kwasi (2022), corruption is a prevalent issue in construction projects and can have a significant impact on project failure. It is suggested by advocates that ethical management practises should be implemented to address corruption in such projects. Excuse me, I believe that implementing institutional frameworks to manage ethics may enhance the proficiency of leadership in executing moral behaviour.

It would be advisable to consider implementing several measures to promote ethical behaviour among project teams. These may include monitoring ethical conduct, clarifying ethical policies, establishing mechanisms for reporting ethical violations, promoting ethical training, and enforcing penalties for unethical and corrupt practises. It seems that there is still some room for improvement in the definition of leadership, particularly when it comes to specific project scenarios like managing complex projects. While there has been a lot of research on the topic, a comprehensive definition that takes these scenarios into account has not yet been established. Could I suggest that the concept of leadership may be defined across various disciplines and through a variety of perspectives?

The author highlights the significance of external factors on contemporary businesses, specifically the economic climate and sociocultural issues. There are several regulatory theories that aim to explain the reasoning behind regulation, including those centred around market power, interest groups, and government opportunism. Excuse me, I would like to mention that Carbone (2016) stated that the end of apartheid in South Africa led to a desire to initiate a "African Renaissance" throughout the continent, which was previously envisioned by President Thabo Mbeki two decades ago.

V. GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

The emergence of globalisation and the information age, according to Steyn (2001), has resulted in significant changes in the way firms are managed. The importance of superior strategic leadership in achieving a competitive advantage, as well as the ability of leading organisations to outperform their competitors in this area, has become widely recognised. The integration of project and programme execution has evolved into a seamless link between corporate strategy, business strategy, and operations strategy. Steyn (2001) discovered that enterprise operational contexts have experienced increased insecurity, both internally and externally. This assertion is true in both contexts. Because of the rapid dissemination of information, management must make frequent and timely decisions. Furthermore, the market exhibits significant price fluctuations.

Darly-Baah and Kwasi (2020) elucidated project complexity management by emphasising the unique characteristics and effects of individual complexity attributes. The presence of expertise is required for success in a project marked by novelty and unpredictability. There is a positive relationship between information complexity and the ability to make effective decisions based on reliable data and skilled personnel. Because of the complexities of the relationship, effective communication and stakeholder interaction are required.

The study provides insights into project teams' expectations of the most effective leadership style that project managers should employ to increase the likelihood of success in the context of large and complex construction projects. Darly-Baah and Kwasi's (2020) research is consistent with Steyn's (2001) research, which emphasises the impact of changes in the external environment on modern businesses, specifically in domains such as the economic landscape and sociocultural concerns. Various theoretical frameworks, such as those pertaining to market power, interest groups, and government opportunism, seek to explain why regulation is necessary.

VI. THE WAY FORWARD

The world, on the other hand, is on the cusp of a new century, with all of its promise and possibilities. Today, genuine progress towards peaceful détente and increased international cooperation is being made. Fundamental rights and capacities for women are now being realised. In recent years, there have been numerous positive scientific and cultural advances. The sheer amount of information available in the world today - much of it relevant to survival and basic well-being - is exponentially greater than it was just a few years ago, and its rate of growth is accelerating. This includes information on how to acquire more

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life-improving knowledge - or how to learn how to learn. A synergistic effect occurs when important information is combined with another modern advancement, our new ability to communicate.

When these new forces are combined with the cumulative experience of reform, innovation, and research, as well as the remarkable educational progress of many countries, the goal of universal basic education becomes attainable for the first time in history.

The presence of a Chief Portfolio Officer is crucial for driving substantial strategic transformation and paradigm shifts within contemporary financial services organisations. This involves implementing horizontal supply and value chains and transforming these institutions into strategic, collaborative, and value-oriented entities that gain a competitive advantage through the more efficient and effective execution of strategic activities.

As per Carbone's (2016) account, the termination of apartheid in South Africa instigated a yearning to initiate a "African Renaissance" throughout the continent, precisely as anticipated by President Thabo Mbeki two decades earlier. There are many challenges in achieving results. These are aligning strategy and execution, obtaining and maintaining senior management support, balancing what is feasible with what is essential, determining short and long- term benefits and goals. Organisations need to find ways to “do the right projects, at the right time, in the right way.” Portfolio management presents an organised approach to achieving strategic results

Based on Darly-Baah and Kwasi's (2020) research, the level of complexity associated with a given fact is directly proportional to the efficacy of decision-making processes, which is contingent on the availability of reliable data and qualified personnel. For managing the complexities of interaction, effective stakeholder engagement and communication are essential. In addition, the research sheds light on the anticipated leadership style of project managers for the successful completion of large and complex construction projects. This is consistent with PMI's stance (2017:7-8) that organisational strategies and objectives play a vital role in determining an organisation's decisions, direction, purpose, and resource allocation in order to achieve specific goals. According to the organisation's mission and vision, the breadth or narrowness of these values will vary.

VII. LESSONS ON REGULATION FROM DIVERSE PERSPECTIVE.

The severity of the financial crisis has compelled scholars, overseers, and decision-makers to reassess the parameters of the extant financial framework. There has been a prevalent demand for a significant regulatory reform that is deemed to be the most extensive since the era of the Great Depression. Numerous analysts, including the authors of this text, perceive the crisis primarily as a deficiency in regulation and firmly believe that the present regulatory framework, which resulted from numerous improvised reactions to previous crises and is

outdated in light of the changing structure and function of financial institutions, requires mending.

Because of the law of unintended consequences, the regulatory process can present challenges and uncertainties that must be carefully considered. Inadequate decision-making can increase the likelihood and severity of future crises, while overly strict regulation can stifle financial efficiency and innovation.

A sector-specific approach to supervision has the potential to widen regulatory gaps, resulting in supervisory challenges and regulatory arbitrage opportunities. Financial regulation differs between the banking, insurance, and securities industries. These distinctions are justified in some cases due to the unique characteristics of each financial sector, but in others, they may contribute to gaps in overall financial system regulation.

According to Quintuin and Taylor (2004), political entities' involvement in financial industry regulation has exacerbated nearly all notable financial crises that have occurred in the last decade. These crises have occurred in a number of different regions, including East Asia, Russia, Turkey, and Latin America. Political influences hampered financial regulation's effectiveness, limiting supervisors' and regulators' ability to address distressed bank issues. As a result, the economy suffered a setback. The actions of the various parties involved in the crisis hampered the financial industry's readiness, slowed the necessary response, and increased the financial burden imposed on taxpayers.

Despite the demonstrated efficacy of independent regulatory bodies, establishing and maintaining their autonomy and responsibility remains a difficult task. A regulatory body in charge of a specific sector, rather than being subject to political manoeuvring, may be susceptible to industry influence. In addition, the absence of political constraints may lead to a significant reduction in political accountability.

Senior leadership at all levels must support and participate in order for the transformation to be successful. To ensure that the ultimate goal is consistent with the organisation's mission and effectively addresses the urgent need for change that is driving the metamorphosis, top-level management input is critical. Obtaining executive support for a programme is critical to its success.

Leadership participation is required for the programme to progress properly and to manage relationships with key stakeholder groups effectively. To ensure that the programme is moving in the right direction, active participation is required. In large organisations with dispersed budgetary responsibilities, senior leadership must "enforce discipline" by removing any initiatives or initiatives that deviate from the overall vision or transformation roadmap. Any initiatives or activities that deviate from the overall vision or roadmap will be eliminated, allowing it to be realised. A variety of methods can be used to incorporate senior leadership into the management strategy of the transformation programme. There are numerous alternatives.

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of effective communication in transformational programmes. Throughout the transformation, effective two-way communication with each key stakeholder group is required.

VIII. PLANNING FOR CHANGE

Effective execution of change necessitates participation in various stages of strategic planning, according to Zhechev and Ivanoc (2011). Businesses must engage in a continuous process of evolution and adaptation to stay competitive in the face of technological advancements, emerging rivals, and changes in the legal, regulatory, or economic landscapes. Miller (2020) asserts that a state of stasis or, in more severe circumstances, an unfavourable outcome can result from inaction.

Whether changes are incorporated into an organisation's overall plan or result from its daily operations, the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy are crucial steps in ensuring their effective integration. Feldman (2003) stated that the process of change necessitates a thorough alteration of internal organisational practises; this point was also stressed by Zhechev and Ivanov (2011:6). Rapid technological advancement, global integration, the need for organisational reconfiguration, and a variety of other factors frequently lead to the start of the aforementioned process. Zhechev and Ivanov (2011) noted that Sirkin et al. (2005) had highlighted the complexity of the change process, which can have a variety of causes and call for different approaches to instigation and administration.

According to Van den Berg et al. (2018), cooperation can boost competitiveness by utilising inter organisational resources through the creation of virtual networks with partners.Modern businesses could undergo significant changes and fundamental transformations as a result of the Chief Portfolio Officer's oversight of horizontal supply and value chains. This process helps organisations become entities that exhibit a higher level of strategic orientation, improved teamwork, and a greater emphasis on value. Increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of strategic initiatives gives one a competitive edge.

According to Gibson (2004:10), effective change management requires a tailored approach that accounts for the risk level associated with the change and adheres to the organisational culture already in place. Depending on what is deemed appropriate, this might entail putting in place strict measures or using a more flexible strategy.

The international community is closely monitoring the significant modifications and advancements that the Industry 4.0 economic framework is undergoing in various individual and group business operations. In contemporary personal and professional settings, ethical values are accorded high priority, necessitating a perpetual pursuit of novel concepts and engagement in continuous education. The integration of contemporary digital technologies into our daily routines and organisational obligations has facilitated a diverse array of activities. Furthermore, it is important to note that this merely provides a glimpse into the substantial modifications that are expected in the forthcoming years (Olisa, 2022), as indicated by Steyn and Semolic (2018:1).

In their 2018 paper, Steyn and Semolic predicted the early and significant changes that are expected to occur in the near future. As expected, the COVID-19 virus's widespread distribution has had a significant impact on the entire world. Traditional office procedures are no longer the most common work styles in organisations; instead, remote work arrangements have taken their place. Because the majority of organisations were not sufficiently prepared for the abrupt and significant transition, some organisations were taken off guard.

This discussion is based on the findings of dissertation research completed by Msimango (2020) with the aim of enhancing the effectiveness of the financial sector in South Africa. The goal of this study was to better understand how the strategic elements of transformation and alteration—which are insufficiently used in programme and portfolio management methodologies—affect radical or transformative change. Prioritising strategic transformation and change elements can help with behavioural factor resolution and the execution of structural and operational initiatives to achieve effectiveness. The successful completion of projects and programmes is anticipated to have favourable effects on people, improving their working conditions.

The article also incorporates the theoretical framework put forth by Steyn and Schmikl (2009:126), which highlights the BSPM Learning Organisation System's effectiveness in facilitating the successful execution of transformative and change-driven approaches, as well as business process-related operations, to meet the needs of both internal and external stakeholders, while adhering to the overarching strategic goals.

IX. CONCLUSION

Lovric and Howarth (2007) conducted a study which revealed that individuals engage in a diverse range of activities throughout their daily routines. The decisions we make are often influenced by our priorities and goals, whether we are aware of it or not. Compiling a catalogue of significant objectives and ambitions can aid in maintaining concentration and direction while pursuing academic accomplishments.

The proposed domains of programme and portfolio management, which include strategy alignment, life cycle, governance, stakeholders, benefits management, and change, have been suggested as a means of mitigating the risks that are typically associated with strategic transformation. The level of comprehension regarding the guiding principles could potentially influence the effectiveness of the value chain within the programme. To ensure effective adoption and implementation of change, it is imperative to initiate a programme that secures the backing and involvement of stakeholders. It is imperative to establish strategic alignment between portfolio and programme benefit management, which entails the clear definition of programme benefits.

As per the findings of Gouillart and Kelly's (1995) study, project assignments and mentoring have been identified as the most efficacious methods to foster individual learning. It is important to acknowledge that the range of these methodologies is restricted. A feasible alternative is to implement a standardised educational methodology with an expanded labour force. The organisational culture can be characterised by the degree of openness demonstrated by the executive and management team towards experimentation with novel approaches or methodologies. From the perspective of professionals, novel initiatives are viewed as stimulating prospects and it is believed that no obstacle is insurmountable. According to Jane (2005), the organisation and its employees exhibit a lack of apprehension towards committing

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errors. It is recommended that employees engage in a process of learning from their errors. Nonetheless, given that the institution anticipates individuals to acquire knowledge and disseminate their perspectives, it is not anticipated that mistakes will be reiterated. In the context of agile methodology, it is imperative for both the project team and the organisation to integrate the insights gained from prior endeavours into subsequent ones. As per the author's perspective, a crucial leadership measure is to institute a value system that encompasses the guiding principles, beliefs, and values of the organisation. The guiding principles refer to a collection of principles rooted in the philosophy of total quality management that an organisation adopts to enhance its operational efficiency across all processes within the value chain.

The optimal organisational culture is contingent upon the value system and top-level management as fundamental constituents. Olisa (2022) cites Steyn and Semolic (2020) to assert that effective leadership entails the creation of teams that exhibit high performance levels by leveraging the unique strengths of each team member. The management process prioritises the efficient planning, organising, workflow supervision, information regulation, and budget allocation to achieve an organisation's strategic goals.

Lovric and Howarth's (2007) study indicates that educational exercises consist of a series of sequential elements that must be completed in a specific sequence. The order of implementation steps may have an impact depending on the stakeholders involved. As per the PMI 2013:40 report, it is imperative for contemporary business environments to have agile leaders who possess the ability to identify alterations and react to them with accurate, prompt, and adaptable measures. According to the authors, a pivotal strategy in leadership involves the establishment of a value system that reinforces an organisation's values, beliefs, and guiding principles.

According to Steyn (2001), the swift dissemination of information expedites the pace of transformation, thereby requiring more frequent, rapid, coordinated, and integrated managerial decision-making. Novel organisational and governance frameworks are requisite to manage the intricacy and plausible hazards of emerging business models.

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