



# **Emergent Leaders of Tomorrow** Trust, Ethics, and Values: Critical Foundations for Organizational Success

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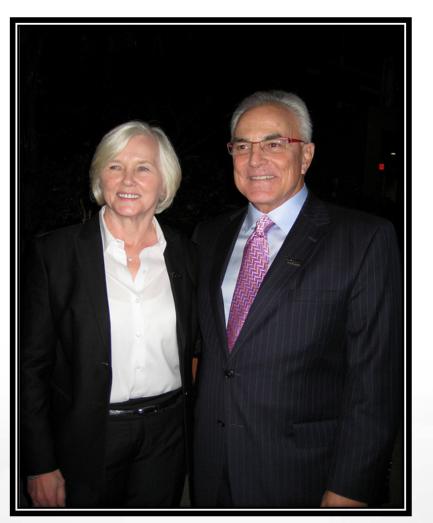
### **Intended Outcomes**

- A little about where I have been and why I am here.
- Understanding of the Business Case for Change as we approach the mid-21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- Understanding of how these companies are addressing this change, individually and collectively.
- Learn what the common traits are with the sustainability leaders today
- Learn how <u>Ethics</u> will be the new differentiator of success in the future
- Raise your awareness of how this will change the character of your work going forward.



### LaVerne Johnson and IIL...The Reason I Am Here!

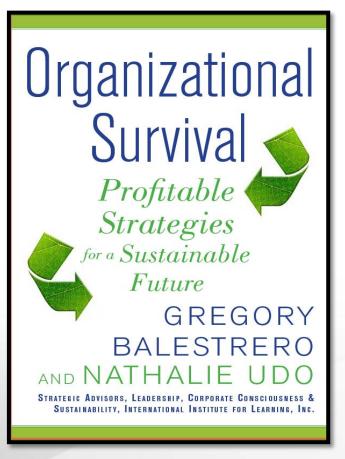
She is a Strong Leader and Friend



...And An Inspiring Professional



# And She Encouraged Us To Continue an Important Conversation About the



# **Future!**



With Coauthor, Nathalie Udo



### So, what is this book about?

Guidance to Executives to Build a

Business Case To Contribute to Global Prosperity without Sacrificing Profitability

While Contributing to Global Sustainability



# What is The Driving Force Behind The Conversation about the Need for Change?







#### Water and Energy

	Efficiency (Gallons/MBTU)	
Fuel Source	Low	High
Coal	41	164
Natural Gas	3	
Petroleum/Oil	1,200	2,420
Corn-Ethanol	2,510	29,100
Soy-Biodiesel	14,000	75,000
Hydroelectric	20	n/a
Fossil Fuel Thermoelectric	1100	2,200
Geothermal	130	n/a
Nuclear	2,400	5,800
Solar Thermoelectric	230	270
Hydrogen	143	243



### Forestry and Its Impact

The world's forest ecosystems provide environmental services that benefit, directly or indirectly, all human communities, including water Sheet protection, regional climatic regulation, fibre, byoh, uman activity aryery iyeah, carbon storacus,'s Ecost and Agriculture Organization icals.<sup>20</sup> Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

### **ICT And Raw Materials**



Mineral	Use	
Aluminum	Wiring on circuit boards; housings	
Beryllium	Heat dissipation of conductors in electronics	
Cobalt	Rechargeable batteries; coatings for hard disk drives	
Copper	Conductors in electronics	
Gallium	Integrated circuits; optical electronics; LEDs	
Germanium	Transistor components	
Gold	Solders, conductors, and connectors	
Indium	LCDs, photovoltaic components	
Iridium	Used in surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters	
Lithium	Rechargeable batteries, surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters	
Neodymium*	Neodyminum (NdFeB, NIB, Neo) magnets	
Niobium	Microcapacitors	
Palladium	Conductors in electronics	
Platinum	Hard disk drives, TFT LCDs, etc.	
Sapphire**	LEDs	
Silver	Wiring on circuit boards	
Tantalum	Capacitors and conductors	
Tin	Lead-free solders	
Tungsten	Makes cell phones vibrate	



"As our gadget dependency grows, so does our appetite for these bits of earth. In fact, demand for the 14 mostcritical minerals for today's electronic technologies may as much as triple over the next 20 years, according to the European Commission.... "The era of access to easy resources is over," says mining analyst Paul Bugala of Calvert Investments.<sup>16</sup> "How a Handful of Countries Control the Supply of the Earth's Most Precious Resources," ; Kate Rockwood







World Business Council for Sustainable Development

### **Coalitions Are Working on the Future Challenges**















# And So Are Companies









# **Common Traits of the Sustainability Leaders**

- Developing an integrated strategy and strategic decision process that embraces and embeds social, environmental
- ✓ Creating a long-term business view
- ✓ Focusing on results by actively reducing risks (environmental and others) and costs
- Taking responsibility for the complete value chain and supply chain
- Demonstrating transparency and accountability for results
- ✓ Nurturing innovation
- Embracing synergetic collaborations



#### SOCIAL

Aligning Business Values with those of Individual and Community Stakeholders

### We Found The Typical Common Ground....

Sustainable

ENVIRONMENTAL

Assuming Responsibility for Contributing to a Sustainable Future **Future** 

#### ECONOMIC

Transforming business into a valuable investment based on clear principles of sustainability



# However, we questioned if this approach was adequate to address the global challenges, <u>and</u> ensure organziational success in the future?



### We Found that Sustainable Trust Evolved as a Key Cornerstone for Long Term Success...





*"Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships together. And Trust Grows out of Trustworthiness"* 

- Stephen R. Covey, First Things First



### Building Sustainable Trust in the Public Requires Being...

#### Trusting

• Trust others will keep their promises, commitments Core Elements for Sustainable Trust

Principle-Centered Leadership; Stephen R. Covey

Trustworthy

 Keep your promises; empower and enable others.



# IT IS TOUGH ENOUGH, BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE





## For Organizations it is Much Harder!





### **Edelman Trust Barometer**

*"It makes good business sense for business to broaden its definition of leadership. It cannot be seen as acting solely in self interest, but <u>rather must execute on both the</u> <u>fundamentals of profit and societal good</u>."* 



Richard Edelman President and CEO Edelman Communications

**Reference: 2012 Trust Barometer; Executive Summary** 



### **Edelman Trust Barometer**

"Business must embrace a new mantra: move beyond earning the License to Operate—the minimum required standard—toward earning a License to Lead—in which business serves the needs of shareholders and broader stakeholders by being profitable and acting as a positive force in society."

Richard Edelman President and CEO Edelman Communications



**Reference: 2013 Trust Barometer; Executive Summary** 



### Further, He Said Business Must...

- *Exercise principles-based leadership* instead of rules-based strategy.
- Recognize that the operational *factors responsible for current trust in business* won't build future trust. Shift from vision to implementation with transparent measures guided by continual engagement
- Practice *radical transparency*. Establish a vision and transparently share reasoning, purpose, and results
- Enlist a broader range of advocates, including employees, action consumers, social activists, academics and think tanks, seeking their input and reaction.
- Shape the discourse on critical issues...affecting the customer, while embracing all channels of communications, actively listening to new voices of influence, and adapting



#### **16 Attributes for Building Trust**

- Listens to customer needs and feedback
- Treats employees well
- Places customers ahead of profits
- Communicates frequently and honestly on the state of its business
- Has ethical business practices
- Takes responsible actions to address an issue or crisis
- Has transparent and open business practices
- Offers high-quality products or services

- Innovator of new products, services or ideas
- Works to protect & improve the environment
- Addresses society's needs in its everyday business
- Creates programs that positively impact the local community
- Partners with NGOs, governments, and 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to address societal needs
- Has highly regarded and widely admired top leadership
- Ranks on a global list of top companies
- Delivers consistent financial returns to investors



### Perceived Characteristics Which Indicate Great Companies

(from 2013 Harris Poll RQ® Summary Report)

#### 2012 Results

- Admire and respect
- Trust the company
- High ethical standards
- Outperforms competition
- Good value for the money

#### 2013 Results

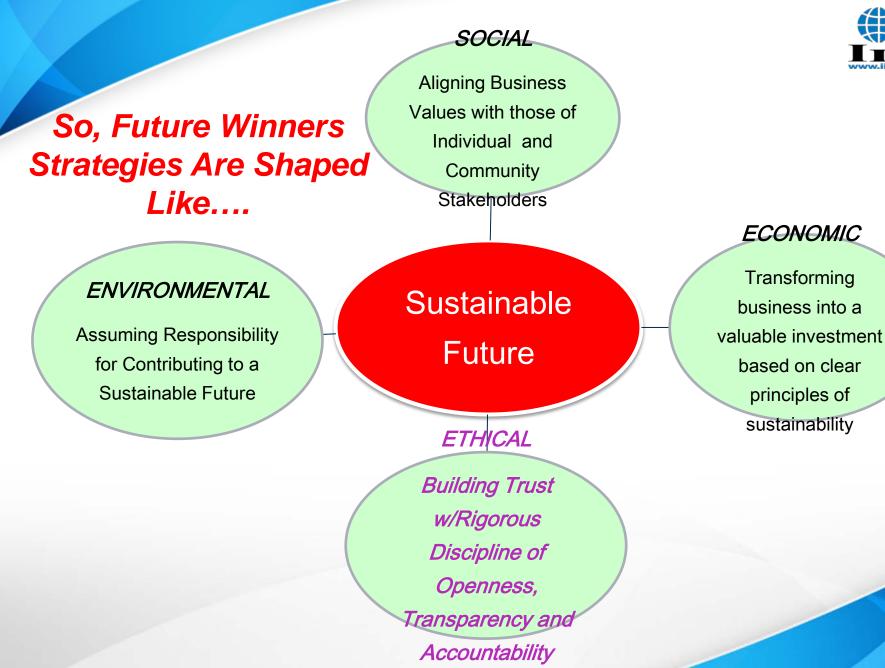
- Outperforms competition
- Admire and respect
- Trust the company
- Plays a valuable social role
- Good company to work for
- Good feeling about the company

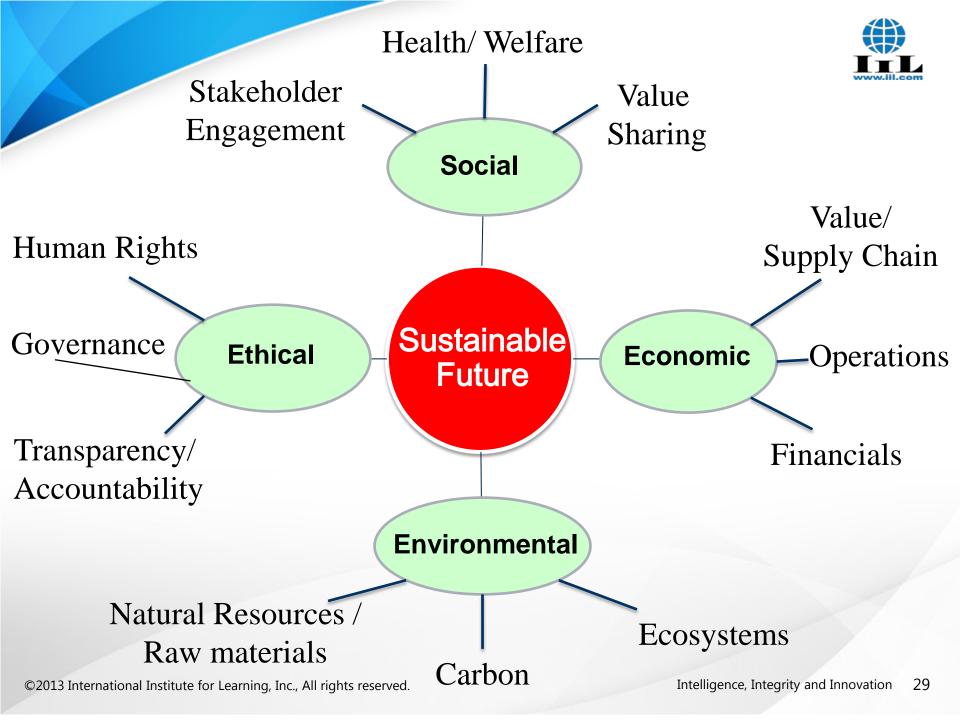


### And, Trust Affects Buying Decisions



2012 Global RepTrak 100: The World's Most Reputable Companies, 19-21; Reputation Institute







### Future Leaders Also Share Other Common Traits...

- An integrated strategy and strategic decision process that embraces <u>ETHICS AND TRUST</u>, along with social, environmental, and economic principles
- ✓ Has rigorous goal setting that is shared publically to all stakeholders
- Practices radical transparency in all activities, including holding themselves accountable
- Take a proactive involvement in critical issues affecting sustainable communities.
- Lead with their values, rather than financial goals



# So, What Does This Mean to You?





1.



In the Future, Expect that you will be asked to be accountable for social, environmental, economic and ethical dimensions of your work.







# Recognize that your customer is not your only stakeholder...they include members of the local community, regulators, board members, shareholders, suppliers, competitors, and the general public

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# 3.



Recognize, whether you like it or not, YOU CAN'T HIDE, AND YOU CAN'T CONTROL COMMUNICATION. Your world and your actions are transparent, and you are accountable especially through social media.

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Regardless of the scale of your work, gain agreement and understanding from your colleagues and team members on organizational ethics and values...and the impact on your stakeholders.

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Look for difference in ethics and values throughout your value chain and life cycle...REMEMBER, they are NOT the same in different parts of the world...or different neighborhoods!





# **6**.



Expand your understanding of risk and risk assessment, specifically as it relates to ethics values, and organizational reputaton.





# And Finally...



Look for and Expect Moments of Clarity that Will Test Your Will and Conscience...You Are Responsible For Your Actions.

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#### "Even the most rational approach to ethics is defenseless if there isn't the will to do what is right"

Alexander Solzhenitsyn: author



# **Questions** ?



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