



MODULE 5



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP	
Duration:	6 hours
Learning objectives/outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply effective verbal, written, and social communication in professional settings 2. Utilize collaboration techniques to build and manage diverse teams 3. Develop organizational and time management strategies for productivity 4. Demonstrate leadership skills, including social influence and ethical decision-making 5. Adapt to cross-cultural work environments and promote inclusivity in leadership 6. Strengthen resilience, flexibility, and stress tolerance in high-pressure scenarios
Sub-Modules:	<p>5.1 Communication skills: Enhancing verbal, written, and social communication</p> <p>5.2 Collaboration techniques: Building and managing teams effectively</p> <p>5.3 Organizational skills: Effective organization and time management</p> <p>5.4 Leadership: Developing leadership and social influence</p>
Resources and devices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanford, C., Fullerton, J. (2014). The Responsible Entrepreneur: Four Game-Changing Archetypes for Founders, Leaders, and Impact Investors. • Lencioni, P. M. (2002). The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvard Business Review articles on leadership and communication • TED Talk: Why Good Leaders Make You Feel Safe, Simon Sinek (https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_why_good_leaders_make_you_feel_safe) • TED Talk: How Great Leaders Inspire Action, Simon Sinek (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qp0HIF3SfI4) • TED Talk: The power of Organizing, Betsy Hoover (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNdVx_s0SOs)
<p>Assessment approach:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance-based tasks (e.g. pitch evaluation) • Reflective practices (e.g. self-reflection, reflection reports) • Peer and self-evaluation (e.g. peer review, peer feedback, self-assessment) • Knowledge checks (e.g. quizzes) • Collaborative learning (e.g. group discussions) • Ongoing and formative feedback
<p>Skills/abilities developed:</p>	<p>Internal and external communication on Sustainable thinking Collaboration Team building Conflict resolution Organizational skills Prioritization Leadership Social influence Motivational skills</p>

Submodule 5.1

Communication Skills: Enhancing verbal, written, and social communication

→ skills:

1. Internal and external communication on sustainability

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENHANCING VERBAL, WRITTEN, AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATION
Activity 1: Sustainability Pitch Challenge
Duration: 1,5 hours
Specific Learning Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Effectively communicate sustainability initiatives to internal and external stakeholders.2. Craft clear, persuasive, and impactful sustainability messages in verbal and written formats.3. Adapt their communication style based on the audience (e.g., employees, customers, investors).4. Utilize storytelling and data-driven arguments to enhance credibility and engagement.
Methodology, Resources and Devices Methodologies: lecture, gamification, problem-based learning, peer feedback & reflection Tools used: presentation slides, virtual collaboration platforms
Description of the activity and Key Concepts Description: This activity guides participants through the fundamentals of effective sustainability communication by combining theoretical insights with practical application. It begins with an introduction to the importance of sustainability messaging in business, highlighting successful case studies. Participants learn about common challenges, including greenwashing and misinformation, before moving into a real-world challenge. In the pitch development phase, participants create a compelling 3-minute sustainability message using storytelling, data, and visuals. They then present their pitch, either live or via video submission, while engaging in peer reviews. Trainers provide structured feedback on clarity, persuasiveness, and alignment with sustainability principles. The session concludes with a debrief and reflection, where participants discuss key takeaways and how to apply their communication skills in business or policy contexts, reinforcing their ability to convey sustainability messages effectively.

Key concepts: internal vs. external communication, framing messages, storytelling in sustainability, transparency & credibility, crisis communication.

Assessment

- Pitch evaluation
- Reflection report
- Group discussion

Skills/Abilities developed

Effective communication of sustainability goals.

Adaptability in messaging across different stakeholders.

Persuasive storytelling using data and visuals.

Confidence in public speaking for sustainability topics.

Strategic thinking in internal and external communication.

Further readings, activities, materials, best practices

Readings, materials, best practices:

- Institute of Sustainability Studies (2024). The role of communication in driving sustainable development (<https://instituteofsustainabilitystudies.com/insights/guides/the-role-of-communication-in-driving-sustainable-development/>)
- planA, Bernoville, T. (2023). Communicating your sustainability strategy: A guide to transparency and responsibility (<https://plana.earth/academy/communicating-sustainability-strategy-transparency-responsibility>)
- Forbes, Thomas, S. (2023). Sustainability Communication And Credibility: Navigating The Path To A Greener Future (<https://www.forbes.com/councils/forbesbusinesscouncil/2023/12/06/sustainability-communication-and-credibility-navigating-the-path-to-a-greener-future/>)
- YT video: How to Communicate your Company's Sustainability Efforts (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HevRrkwp5w>)

Best practices:

- *Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA)*: managing smallholder tea farmers, educates stakeholders on climate-smart agriculture and sustainable farming practices through radio programs, community meetings, and digital platforms.
- *Wangari Maathai's legacy*: The late Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai effectively communicated sustainability messages through grassroots movements like the Green Belt Movement, which promoted tree planting and environmental conservation. Advocacy, community engagement, and public campaigns play a crucial role in fostering a sustainability mindset.
- *Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)*: KWS uses social media, documentaries, and interactive community engagement to educate the public on wildlife conservation, anti-poaching efforts, and sustainable tourism. Campaigns like "Hands Off Our Elephants" raised awareness on illegal wildlife trade.

- *Bio Food Products*: Bio Foods, a dairy company in Kenya, actively communicates its shift to biodegradable packaging and responsible sourcing through clear on-pack messaging, digital campaigns, and consumer education programs. Sustainability communication must be consumer-friendly and highlight tangible benefits.

TRAINING TOOLBOX MATERIAL

Sustainability Pitch Challenge

Description	Methodology	Time	Material
<p>Introduction Briefly introduce the concept of internal and external communication, framing messages, storytelling in sustainability, crisis communication. Explain the importance of clear sustainability communication in business. Showcase examples of effective sustainability messaging from Kenya's best practices are presented. Participants discuss common challenges in sustainability communication (e.g., greenwashing, lack of engagement, misinformation).</p>	Lecture	10 min	Slides
<p>Challenge setup Participants are divided into small groups. Each group receives different real-world sustainability communication scenarios, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Convincing investors</i>: Persuade potential investors to support a sustainable business initiative. • <i>Internal sustainability campaign</i>: Develop a company-wide communication plan to encourage employees to adopt eco-friendly workplace practices. • <i>PR crisis response</i>: Address a public backlash over an alleged sustainability failure in the company (e.g., accusations of greenwashing). • <i>Public Awareness Campaign</i>: Create a social media post or public statement advocating for an environmental cause (e.g., reducing plastic waste). 	Practical exercise	10 min	Real-world scenarios
<p>Pitch development Participants develop a short, 3-minute sustainability pitch (written or verbal), relevant to their assigned scenario. They can use visuals, data, or storytelling techniques to strengthen their message.</p>	Group work	30 min	Discussion board / forum
<p>Presentation and feedback Participants present their pitch in a live session or submit a video. Peers and trainers provide constructive feedback on clarity, persuasiveness, and alignment with sustainability values.</p>	Presentation	30 min	Pitch evaluation criteria (<i>Annex 1</i>)
<p>Debrief and reflection Summarize key communication principles for sustainability.</p>	Discussion	10 min	Self-reflection report (<i>Annex 2</i>)

Participants reflect on challenges and improvements for future communication. Discuss real-world applications – how these communication skills can be applied in their industries or businesses.			
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Annex 1

Pitch evaluation criteria

(To be completed by peers/trainers)

Instructions:

Evaluate the sustainability pitch using the criteria below. Assign a score from 1 (needs improvement) to 5 (excellent) for each criterion. Provide brief feedback for improvement.

Criteria	Score (1-5)	Feedback/Comments
Clarity: Is the message easy to understand?		
Relevance: Does it align with the audience's needs?		
Persuasiveness: Is it compelling and well-structured?		
Use of Evidence: Are facts, data, or examples included?		
Delivery: Was the pitch engaging and confident?		

Total Score: _____ / 25

General Feedback: (What worked well? What could be improved?)

Annex 2

Self-reflection report

(To be completed by participants after the activity)

Instructions:

Reflect on your experience crafting and delivering the sustainability pitch. Answer the questions below honestly and thoughtfully.

1. What aspects of your pitch do you think were most effective?
2. What challenges did you face while preparing your pitch?
3. What feedback did you receive from peers/trainers that was helpful?
4. If you could improve your pitch, what would you do differently?
5. How can you apply these communication skills in real-world sustainability initiatives?



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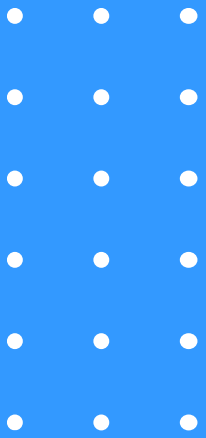


COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Enhancing verbal, written,
and social communication



- Clear communication ensures sustainability goals are understood and acted upon.
- Builds trust with stakeholders, employees, and the public.
- Helps businesses navigate sustainability challenges effectively.



WHY IS COMMUNICATION IMPORTANT?

KEY ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATION

- **Internal Communication:** Educating employees and fostering a sustainability-driven culture.
- **External Communication:** Engaging customers, investors, and the public with clear messaging.
- **Crisis Communication:** Addressing sustainability-related challenges and reputation management.



- People connect more with stories than with raw data.
- Successful brands use storytelling to showcase sustainability efforts.
- *Example: Patagonia's commitment to ethical supply chains and environmental responsibility.*



THE POWER OF STORYTELLING IN SUSTAINABILITY

BEST PRACTICE FOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATION



- **Be transparent:** Share successes and challenges openly.
- **Use simple, clear language:** Avoid jargon and technical terms.
- **Engage the audience:** Use visuals, videos, and interactive content.
- **Leverage digital channels:** Utilize social media and blogs for wider reach.

What is a Pitch?

- A short, persuasive speech or message designed to convince an audience.
- Can be verbal, written, or visual.
- Used to communicate ideas, gain support, or drive action.



Why is it important in sustainability?

- Helps businesses secure funding for sustainable initiatives.
- Engages stakeholders in environmental and social responsibility efforts.
- Makes complex sustainability issues easy to understand and act upon.

THE POWER OF GOOD PITCH

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION



- Why is communication essential for sustainability?
- What makes sustainability messages compelling?
- How can businesses improve their sustainability communication strategies?



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Submodule 5.2

Collaboration Techniques: Building and managing teams effectively

→ **skills:**

1. Collaboration
2. Team building
3. Conflict resolution

COLLABORATION TECHNIQUES: BUILDING AND MANAGING TEAMS EFFECTIVELY
Activity 1: Solving team challenges through collaboration & conflict resolution
Duration: 1,5 hour
Specific Learning Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand key principles of team collaboration and dynamics in professional settings.2. Learn effective team-building strategies to foster trust and cooperation.3. Develop conflict resolution skills to manage disagreements productively.4. Apply collaboration techniques in a simulated team challenge.
Methodology, Resources and Devices <p>Methodologies: lecture, experiential learning, problem-solving approach, reflection & debriefing, gamification</p> <p>Tools used: presentation slides, online collaboration platforms, case scenarios</p>
Description of the activity and Key Concepts <p>Description: This interactive online activity enhances teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills through a virtual maze of challenges. Participants navigate different scenarios that test their ability to collaborate, manage conflicts, and build strong team dynamics. Each challenge requires creative thinking and teamwork to complete, fostering a deeper understanding of effective collaboration in remote or hybrid work settings. The goal is to successfully overcome all obstacles and reach the finish line, reinforcing key skills in a fun and engaging way.</p> <p>Key concepts: collaboration strategies, conflict resolution techniques, decision-making in teams, virtual team dynamics.</p>
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online quiz• Peer review, Group discussion• Self-assessment

Skills/Abilities developed

Collaboration & teamwork: Working efficiently in diverse teams.

Conflict resolution: Managing differences constructively.

Decision-making under pressure: Navigating group challenges effectively.

Leadership & communication: Expressing ideas and influencing team outcomes.

Further readings, activities, materials, best practices**Readings, materials, best practices:**

- Lencioni, P. M. (2002). *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable*.
- Patterson, K., Grenny, J., McMillan, R., Switzer, A. (2002). *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High*.
- McChrystal, S., Collins, T., Silverman, D. (2015). *Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World*.
- Coyle, D. (2018). *The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups*.
- Clarke, A. B. (2024). *Difficult Conversations Made Easy: Master Effective Communication with Proven Conflict Resolution Strategies to Increase Confidence, Navigate Difficult Conversations, and Stren*.
- YT video: Trust vs Performance, Simon Sinek
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTo9e3ILmms>)
- YT video: Conflict Resolution
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY5TWWVz5ZDU>)
- YT video: Finding Confidence in Conflict, TEDtalk
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6Zg65eK9XU>)

TRAINING TOOLBOX MATERIAL

Solving team challenges through collaboration & conflict resolution

Description	Methodology	Time	Material
<p>Introduction Introduce key principles of collaboration, team dynamics, and conflict resolution in the workplace. Explain how effective collaboration leads to better outcomes in business and sustainability initiatives. Introduce common challenges in teamwork, such as miscommunication, conflicting goals, and decision-making under pressure. Provide a brief overview of the activity and its rules.</p>	Lecture	15 min	Slides Video The power of teamwork (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4duPBWzf46E)
<p>Game setup Trainer explains the virtual maze challenge. Then divide participants into teams (4-5 members per team). Each team is placed in a simulated virtual maze (e.g., an online interactive board, Miro, MURAL, Google Slides, or breakout rooms). Teams encounter a sequence of challenges that require teamwork to advance.</p>	Experiential learning	15 min	
<p>The collaboration maze The objective of the game is to navigate through different stages, solving challenges to move forward. Each challenge represents a real-life workplace scenario requiring problem-solving and teamwork.</p>	Gamification	40 min	Maze board, challenge cards
<p>Debrief and reflection Teams report on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the biggest challenge your team faced? • How did your team handle disagreements or conflicts? • What strategies worked well for effective communication? • How can you apply these teamwork skills in your workplace? <p>The facilitator summarizes key takeaways, highlight successful strategies, and provide feedback on each team's collaboration</p>	Group assessment, self-reflection	20 min	Self-reflection questionnaire

approach. Participants complete a short self-reflection on what they learned and how they can improve their teamwork skills.			
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Online collaboration maze: Navigating teamwork & conflict resolution

This interactive, gamified activity challenges participant to work together in a virtual "maze" where they must navigate obstacles and make collective decisions to reach a common goal. Each obstacle represents real-world challenges in teamwork, collaboration, and conflict resolution, requiring strategic thinking, communication, and adaptability to succeed.

How to play in a virtual setting:

1. *Set up:* The facilitator/trainer shares a digital version of the maze using a collaborative whiteboard (e.g., Miro, MURAL, Jamboard) or an interactive slide deck (Google Slides, PowerPoint).
2. *Navigation:* Teams take turns spinning a virtual wheel (e.g., Wheel of Names) or using a random number generator to determine their movement.
3. *Challenges:* When a team lands on a challenge spot, the facilitator reveals a virtual challenge card. The team discusses and collaboratively solves the challenge in a breakout room.
4. *Completion:* Teams report or document their answers on a shared document/board. The facilitator provides feedback and debriefs the session.

Example online challenges:

1. *Crisis resolution:* Your key client is unhappy. As a team, create a 3-step crisis resolution plan in 5 minutes and present it.
2. *Remote team building:* Design a short virtual icebreaker activity that could improve remote team bonding.
3. *Conflict mediation:* A disagreement arises in your team. Role-play how you would mediate and resolve it.
4. *Collaboration strategy:* Identify three strategies to improve teamwork in a remote setting and share insights.
5. *Deadline rush:* Your team has just received an urgent project deadline. Brainstorm and outline a time management strategy to ensure smooth collaboration.
6. *Lost in translation:* A team member from another culture misunderstands an important task. Role-play how you would clarify the misunderstanding while respecting cultural differences.
7. *Innovation sprint:* In 5 minutes, come up with a creative solution to reduce digital fatigue in remote teams. Present a short pitch.
8. *Feedback loop:* A colleague delivers work that doesn't meet expectations. As a team, craft a constructive feedback message that encourages improvement without demotivating them.




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COLLABORATION TECHNIQUES

Solving team challenges



- Collaboration enhances problem-solving and innovation.
- Strong teams achieve higher productivity and better results.
- Effective teamwork fosters inclusivity and knowledge sharing.



Example: Companies like Google and Microsoft encourage cross-functional collaboration to drive innovation.

WHY COLLABORATION MATTERS

KEY ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION

- **External communication:** Engaging customers, investors, and the public with clear messaging.
- **Trust & respect:** Building positive relationships.
- **Defined roles & responsibilities:** Avoiding duplication of work.
- **Adaptability:** Navigating change effectively.
- **Active listening:** Understanding diverse perspectives.



- Strong leaders **motivate, guide, and align** team members.
- They **mediate conflicts** and ensure **inclusive decision-making**.
- Encouraging collaboration leads to a **stronger work culture**.



THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN TEAMWORK

CONFLICT IN TEAMS – COMMON CAUSES



- **Miscommunication:** Different interpretations of information.
- **Diverging goals:** Conflicting priorities within a team.
- **Workstyle differences:** Varied approaches to tasks
- **Resource allocation:** Competition for time, budget, or tools

- **Active listening:** Understanding all perspectives before responding.
- **Empathy & emotional intelligence:** Recognizing others' concerns.
- **Negotiation & compromise:** Finding common ground.
- **Clear communication:** Expressing viewpoints respectfully.
- **Mediation & facilitation:** Involving neutral parties when needed.



CONSTRUCTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION STRATEGIES



- **Foster psychological safety:** Encourage open discussions without fear.
- **Use collaborative tools:** Platforms like Slack, Microsoft Teams, and Miro.
- **Promote inclusivity:** Ensure diverse voices are heard.
- **Encourage feedback loops:** Continuous improvement in teamwork.

COLLABORATION IN ACTION

KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Effective collaboration leads to **higher productivity and innovation.**
- Conflict is **natural** but must be **managed constructively.**
- Strong communication, **trust, and active listening** build great teams.
- Leaders play a key role in **facilitating teamwork and resolution.**



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Submodule 5.3

Organizational Skills: Effective organization and time management

→ **skills:**

1. Organizational skills
2. Team building
3. Prioritization

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS: EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT
Activity 1: Smart Teamwork for Sustainable Success
Duration: 1 hour
Specific Learning Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand the importance of organizational skills and effective time management for successful entrepreneurship.2. Learn strategies for prioritizing tasks to achieve business goals efficiently.3. Develop skills to manage competing priorities and deadlines effectively.4. Understand how to organize work to reduce stress and improve productivity.5. Explore tools and techniques for tracking and organizing tasks and responsibilities.
Methodology, Resources and Devices <p>Methodologies: lecture, time-management simulation, group discussion, task prioritization exercise, reflection and self-assessment</p> <p>Tools used: presentation slides, Trello/Asana, Miro/Mural</p>
Description of the activity and Key Concepts <p>Description: the interactive session equips participants with essential organizational and time management skills for sustainable entrepreneurship. Through a task prioritization challenge, participants apply techniques like the Eisenhower Matrix and ABC method to real-world business scenarios. Using digital tools, they refine their workflow and delegation strategies. The session wraps up with self-assessment and reflection, helping participants integrate practical time management techniques into their daily business operations.</p> <p>Key concepts: organizational skills, time management, prioritization, delegation.</p>
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online quiz• Ongoing feedback• Self-assessment

Skills/Abilities developed

Organizational Skills: Ability to organize tasks and responsibilities to improve efficiency.

Prioritization: Effectively deciding which tasks should be completed first based on their urgency and importance.

Delegation: Knowing when to delegate tasks to others to optimize time management.

Time Management: Ability to allocate time effectively across tasks and projects.

Problem-Solving: Addressing time management challenges and finding solutions that support sustainable business growth.

Further readings, activities, materials, best practices

Readings, materials, best practices:

- Allen, D. (2002). *Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity*.
- Tracy, B. (2013). *Eat That Frog!*
- Business.com, Dublino, J. (2024). *8 Tips to Manage Your Time as a Small Business Owner* (<https://www.business.com/articles/time-management-tips-for-small-business-owners/>)
- YT video: 20 Time Management Techniques for Busy Professionals (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtFN1HzGNG0>)
- YT video: The Philosophy of Time Management – TED (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXBA4eWskrc>)

Best practices:

- *Bidhaa Sasa:* a Kenyan startup that empowers rural women entrepreneurs to sell products, emphasizes the importance of delegation to scale its operations. The company uses task management tools like Slack for communication and Trello for task tracking. By delegating specific tasks to team members based on their expertise, they avoid bottlenecks and allow for better prioritization of critical activities.
- *Kenya Climate Innovation Center (KCIC):* supports green businesses and emphasizes a healthy work-life balance for better time management. The company encourages entrepreneurs to allocate time for rest and reflection, which in turn improves decision-making and productivity. KCIC also advocates for using digital tools for time tracking to monitor how time is spent throughout the workday.

TRAINING TOOLBOX MATERIAL

Smart Teamwork for Sustainable Success

Description	Methodology	Time	Material
<p>Introduction Briefly introduce the importance of organizational skills and time management for entrepreneurs, particularly in sustainable businesses. Present an overview of the activity and objectives.</p>	Lecture	5 min	Slides
<p>Task list challenge Participants will be asked to list all their current business or personal tasks on a virtual whiteboard (use Miro or Mural). Task: Prioritize these tasks using the <i>Eisenhower Matrix</i> (Urgent/Important categories). Discussion: Briefly discuss the challenges in managing multiple priorities.</p>	Warm-up exercise	10 min	Miro/Mural whiteboard
<p>Presentation of key concepts Present the key concepts from this module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organizational skills</i>: Techniques for managing time, resources, and tasks effectively. • <i>Prioritization</i>: Using tools like the Eisenhower Matrix or ABCDE prioritization to decide what tasks to focus on first. • <i>Time management strategies</i>: Time blocking, the Pomodoro Technique, and the 80/20 Rule (Pareto Principle). • <i>Delegation</i>: Understanding when and how to delegate tasks to optimize team effectiveness. • <i>Using technology</i>: Demonstrate tools like Trello, Asana, or Google Sheets to help organize and prioritize tasks in an entrepreneurial context. 	Module presentation	10 min	Slides Video on Eisenhower Matrix: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT89OZ7TNwc&t=21s
<p>Task prioritization simulation Participants are divided into smaller groups (using Zoom breakout rooms e.g.). Each group will be given a set of business-related tasks to organize and prioritize. These tasks are based on real-world situations faced by sustainable enterprises in Kenya. Task: Organize the tasks using one of the prioritization methods learned earlier (e.g., Eisenhower Matrix or ABC method). Use Google</p>	Interactive group activity	20 min	Prioritization task with scenario (<i>annex 1</i>)

Docs, Miro, or Trello for organizing tasks collaboratively. Once the group has prioritized tasks, they will discuss the rationale behind their choices and how they would allocate time and resources to achieve the goals.			
Reflection and self-assessment Ask participants to reflect individually on their current time management practices and organizational skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What challenges did you face in prioritizing? • Did you allocate enough time for critical tasks? • How can technology or delegation help you manage better? Participants will answer a short self-assessment questionnaire on how they manage tasks and time currently, what challenges they face, and which strategies they will implement going forward.	Assessment	10 min	Self-assessment questionnaire
Wrap-up and key takeaways Summarize the session by revisiting key organizational techniques and strategies. Invite participants to share their thoughts on how they plan to improve their organizational skills and manage time more effectively in their entrepreneurial ventures.	Group discussion	5 min	

Annex 1

Business-related tasks for prioritization exercise

Scenario:

You are an entrepreneur running a **small business** (e.g., an agri-business, a retail shop, a social enterprise, or a tech startup). You start your workday and have multiple competing tasks to manage. You only have **8 working hours** today, and not all tasks can be completed. Your goal is to **prioritize and organize** your tasks effectively.

Task List (Mixed Urgent & Non-Urgent Tasks):

1. Respond to an urgent customer complaint about a delayed order. (Estimated time: 30 min)
2. Prepare payroll for employees, which is due tomorrow. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
3. Post social media updates to engage customers. (Estimated time: 45 min)
4. Attend a business networking event that could bring potential clients. (Estimated time: 2 hours)
5. Check inventory and reorder supplies before stocks run out. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
6. Prepare a funding proposal for an investor meeting next week. (Estimated time: 2.5 hours)

7. Conduct a team meeting to discuss weekly goals. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
8. Follow up with a late-paying client to recover outstanding invoices. (Estimated time: 45 min)
9. Review and approve a marketing strategy before a product launch in two weeks. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
10. Fix a technical issue on your business website that is affecting online sales. (Estimated time: 1.5 hours)
11. Read and respond to non-urgent emails from suppliers and partners. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
12. Research competitors' pricing and strategies for market positioning. (Estimated time: 1 hour)
13. Plan the next month's budget and expenses to ensure financial stability. (Estimated time: 2 hours)
14. Train a new employee on essential job responsibilities. (Estimated time: 2.5 hours)
15. Call a supplier to negotiate better prices for raw materials. (Estimated time: 30 min)

Exercise instructions

1. Categorize the tasks by using one of the following methods:

Eisenhower Matrix:

- Urgent & Important: Do these immediately.
- Important but Not Urgent: Schedule for later.
- Urgent but Not Important: Delegate these.
- Neither Urgent nor Important: Consider eliminating or postponing.

ABCDE Method (ranking by impact):

- A = Must do today (Critical Consequences if Not Done) *high priority, high urgency*
- B = Should do today (Moderate Consequences) *medium priority, medium urgency*
- C = Nice to do (Low Consequences) *low priority, high urgency*
- D = Delegate *low priority, low urgency*
- E = Eliminate or Postpone *zero priority, zero urgency*

80/20 Rule (Pareto principle):

- High-impact 20% (do first)
 - Follow up on late-paying client → Brings immediate revenue.
 - Fix website issue → Affects online sales.
 - Respond to customer complaint → Improves reputation and retention.
 - Prepare payroll → Keeps employees satisfied.
- Remaining 80% (prioritize accordingly)
 - Marketing, meetings, and social media → Can be scheduled.
 - Research, emails, networking → Lower priority, delegate if possible.

2. Rank the top 5 priorities that must be completed today and justify why.
3. Estimate time allocation for the day (8 hours max). Consider breaks and unexpected delays.



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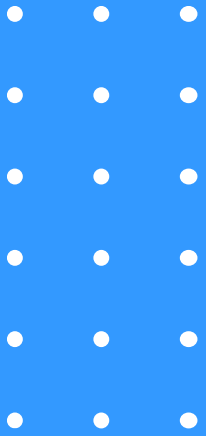


ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Effective organisation and
time management



- Increases efficiency and productivity.
- Reduces stress and prevents burnout.
- Helps prioritize tasks for maximum impact.
- Ensures better decision-making and resource allocation.



WHY ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT MATTER

KEY ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS FOR ENTREPRENEURS

- **Planning:** Setting clear goals and defining tasks.
- **Prioritization:** Identifying what matters most.
- **Time Management:** Using time effectively for high-impact work.
- **Delegation:** Assigning tasks to optimize efficiency.
- **Adaptability:** Adjusting plans based on changing circumstances.



- **Eisenhower Matrix:** Urgent vs. Important tasks.
- **ABC Method:** Ranking tasks by importance.
- **80/20 Rule (Pareto Principle):** Focusing on tasks with the greatest impact.



PRIORITIZATION TECHNIQUES

TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES



- **Time Blocking:** Allocating specific time slots for tasks.
- **Pomodoro Technique:** Working in focused intervals with short breaks.
- **Batch Processing:** Grouping similar tasks together to improve efficiency.
- **Avoiding Multitasking:** Staying focused on one task at a time.



- Identify tasks that can be delegated
- Choose the right person for the task
- Provide clear instructions and expectations
- Monitor progress and offer support
- Trust your team and empower them.



EFFECTIVE DELEGATION

REFLECTION & ACTION PLAN



- How do you currently organize and prioritize tasks?
- What time management strategies will you implement?
- Which digital tools can help improve your workflow?
- Commit to one key change for better organization and efficiency.



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Submodule 5.4

Leadership: Developing leadership and social influence

→ **skills:**

1. Leadership
2. Social influence
3. Motivational skills

LEADERSHIP: DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE
Activity 1: Leadership quest
Duration: 1 hour
Specific Learning Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand different leadership styles and their impact.2. Develop problem-solving and decision-making skills in leadership scenarios.3. Strengthen motivational skills and social influence in a team setting.
Methodology, Resources and Devices <p>Methodologies: gamification, scenario-based role-play, peer feedback and reflection</p> <p>Tools used: interactive game platform (e.g. Kahoot), breakout rooms (Zoom, MS Teams)</p>
Description of the activity and Key Concepts <p>Description: Participants embark on a leadership journey, where they take on the role of a leader in a fictional organization or expedition. They navigate through five key leadership challenges (each designed to test decision-making, social influence, and motivational skills). Each challenge presents multiple-choice decisions, leading to different outcomes. Each decision affects team morale, project success, and influence effectiveness. At the end, participants reflect on their leadership style and discuss alternative strategies.</p> <p>Key concepts: leadership styles, social influence techniques, decision-making and adaptability in leadership.</p>
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-reflection• Peer feedback
Skills/Abilities developed <p><i>Decision-making & adaptability:</i> Navigating uncertainty and making informed choices that drive sustainable and flexible business strategies.</p> <p><i>Persuasive communication & influence:</i> Effectively conveying ideas and inspiring action to build trust, alignment, and commitment within teams.</p>

Conflict resolution & motivation: Managing disagreements constructively while fostering a positive and driven work environment.

Further readings, activities, materials, best practices

Readings, materials, best practices:

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- Gerhard, Lück. Nelson Mandelas Timeless Leadership Wisdom.
- YT video: What Makes the Highest Performing Teams in the World (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc2JW58JtS0>)

Best practices:

- *Nuru Kenya's Leadership Transition:* Nuru Kenya is a non-governmental organization focused on eradicating extreme poverty in rural areas. In June 2015, the organization underwent a significant leadership transition, fully transferring control to the local Kenyan team. This shift was meticulously planned and executed, ensuring the organization's continued success post-transition. (https://www.stoppingassuccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/PD-Case-Study-Kenya_Mar13.pdf)

TRAINING TOOLBOX MATERIAL

Leadership quest

Description	Methodology	Time	Material
<p>Introduction Briefly introduce the key concepts: leadership styles, social influence techniques and decision-making and adaptability in leadership.</p>	Lecture	10 min	Slides
<p>The virtual leadership adventure Introduce the game and its goal to complete the adventure by navigating through leadership dilemmas and making decisions that shape leadership identity. Prepare the Leadership challenge cards (pre-written leadership dilemmas). Divide participants into small teams (3-5) and set up an online or decision-making pool (Zoom poll, Mentimeter) for quick responses. Explain the rules of the game:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - each team faces a challenge - team chooses one of three possible decisions for each challenge (time for discussion: 2 minutes) and submits the choice via poll/chat - leadership role rotates in each round so different participants lead discussions - facilitator reveals consequences and asks the team to reflect on their choices <p>Run the activity for 30 minutes.</p>	Gamification	35 min	Leadership challenge cards (<i>annex 1</i>) Breakout rooms Polling tool
<p>Reflection and discussion Participants discuss the choices they made, analyzing their effectiveness. The trainer highlights alternative strategies and best practices in leadership. A debriefing session connects the activity to real-world leadership roles.</p>	Q & A / Discussion	15 min	Discussion board / forum

Annex 1

Leadership challenges and decision options

1. Managing a remote team with low engagement

Scenario:

Your company has transitioned to remote work, and you notice that some team members are disengaged, missing deadlines, and avoiding communication. As a leader, how do you address the issue?

Decision options:

- A) Schedule daily check-in meetings to monitor progress closely.
- B) Introduce a virtual team-building activity to improve engagement.
- C) Trust employees to self-manage and only intervene if performance worsens.

Result:

- (A) may improve accountability but could feel micromanaging.
- (B) fosters team connection but may not directly solve productivity issues.
- (C) shows trust but might lead to continued disengagement if unchecked.

2. Dealing with an ethical dilemma

Scenario:

A high-performing employee has been caught **falsifying reports** to make their team look more successful. If you report them, the company might lose an important client. If you don't, you risk damaging trust and integrity.

Decision options:

- A) Report the employee immediately and accept potential consequences.
- B) Confront the employee privately and give them a chance to correct their actions.
- C) Ignore the issue, assuming it was a one-time mistake.

Result:

- (A) upholds integrity but might damage team morale and company reputation.
- (B) offers a learning opportunity but risks future ethical breaches.
- (C) avoids confrontation but could lead to greater dishonesty.

3. Leading through a crisis

Scenario:

A product defect has been discovered after launch, affecting hundreds of customers. Your company's reputation is at risk. How do you respond?

Decision options:

- A) Issue a public apology and recall all affected products.
- B) Privately compensate affected customers to minimize public damage.
- C) Deny the issue, blaming user error.

Result:

- (A) builds transparency but might be costly.

- (B) limits bad publicity but could backfire if exposed.
- (C) protects short-term profits but damages long-term trust.

4. Handling a high-stakes negotiation

Scenario:

Your company is negotiating a deal with a major client. They are demanding a lower price, but agreeing might reduce profitability.

Decision options:

- A) Refuse to lower the price, emphasizing the quality of your services.
- B) Offer a discount in exchange for a long-term contract.
- C) Accept their request to secure the deal, even at a lower profit margin.

Result:

- (A) maintains brand value but risks losing the client.
- (B) secures long-term revenue but at a reduced rate.
- (C) ensures immediate cash flow but might devalue your offering.

5. Motivating a new generation of employees

Scenario:

You lead a team of young professionals (Gen Z) who prioritize flexibility and purpose over traditional career growth. Your current company structure is very hierarchical, and they feel disengaged.

Decision options:

- A) Introduce flexible work arrangements to improve work-life balance.
- B) Create a mentorship program to guide their development.
- C) Push them to adapt to the existing corporate structure.

Result:

- (A) improves morale but may challenge company policies.
- (B) helps long-term retention but requires leadership investment.
- (C) maintains company tradition but might lead to turnover.

6. Turning around an underperforming team

Scenario:

A department in your company is failing to meet targets, and morale is low. Employees feel overworked and lack motivation.

Decision options:

- A) Fire underperforming employees and replace them with fresh talent.
- B) Set new, realistic goals and provide better support.
- C) Increase work hours and set stricter deadlines to push for results.

Result:

- (A) brings new skills but hurts team trust.

- (B) improves engagement but takes longer to see results.
- (C) may boost short-term performance but risks burnout.

7. Managing a charismatic but disruptive team member

Scenario:

A team member is highly skilled and charismatic, but they constantly disrupt meetings and dominate discussions, overshadowing others.

Decision options:

- A) Publicly call them out during a meeting to set boundaries.
- B) Have a private conversation to encourage balanced participation.
- C) Ignore the issue, since they contribute valuable ideas.

Result:

- (A) enforces discipline but could embarrass the employee.
- (B) fosters a respectful conversation and behavioral change.
- (C) allows innovation but could alienate quieter team members.



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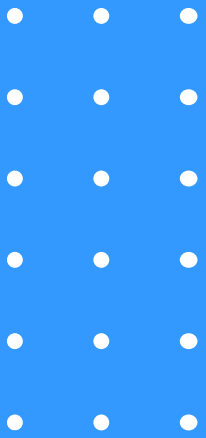




LEADERSHIP

Developing leadership and
social influence

Leadership is the ability to inspire, influence, and guide others towards a common goal. It is not about authority but about impact and direction.



Key Leadership Traits:

- Vision & Purpose
- Communication & Influence
- Decision-Making
- Emotional Intelligence
- Adaptability



WHAT IS LEADERSHIP

Manager

- Depends on authority
- Drives employees
- Inspires fear
- Says, "I"
- Places blame for the breakdown
- Knows how it is done
- Takes credit
- Says, "Go"
- Uses people
- Commands



LEADER

- Coaches them
- On goodwill
- Generate enthusiasm
- Says, "We"
- Fixes the breakdown
- Shows how it is done
- Develops people
- Gives credit
- Asks
- Says, "Let's go"

Effective leaders do not just command—they influence. **Social influence is the ability to shape perspectives, behaviors, and decisions of others positively.**

How leaders influence others:

 **Persuasion & negotiation:** Building consensus and trust

 **Emotional intelligence:** Understanding and managing emotions

 **Inspiration & vision:** Communicating a compelling future

 **Active listening & empathy:** Understanding different perspectives






SOCIAL INFLUENCE IN LEADERSHIP



MOTIVATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Great leaders understand that motivation drives performance. They inspire teams to achieve more by aligning personal goals with organizational vision.

Ways to motivate a team:

-  **Lead by example** – Actions speak louder than words
-  **Set clear goals** – Direction creates purpose
-  **Recognize & appreciate** – Acknowledge effort and achievements
-  **Encourage growth** – Provide opportunities to learn and develop
-  **Create a positive culture** – Foster collaboration and trust

Leadership is a skill that can be learned and strengthened through practice, reflection, and experience.

How to grow as a leader:

- **Take initiative:** Step up and lead projects
- **Seek feedback:** Learn from others' perspectives
- **Learn from failure:** Turn setbacks into growth
- **Practice decision-making:** Strengthen problem-solving skills
- **Develop emotional intelligence:** Improve self-awareness & empathy



DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Leadership is not about title or authority—it is about impact, influence, and empowerment.

- Leadership is about **vision, communication, and adaptability.**
- Social influence is **key to inspiring and motivating others.**
- Effective leaders **balance decision-making with emotional intelligence.**
- Leadership is a **lifelong journey of learning and growth.**



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LEADERSHIP: DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE

Activity 2: The Lion King challenge: Motivating with purpose

Duration: 1 hour

Specific Learning Objectives

1. Understand how leadership qualities and personal growth are crucial in motivating others.
2. Identify intrinsic and extrinsic motivators using examples from "The Lion King."
3. Apply leadership and motivational strategies that align with the needs and challenges of their teams, inspired by characters like Simba, Mufasa, and Rafiki.
4. Develop techniques for building trust, empowerment, and collaboration to motivate teams.

Methodology

- Gamification
- Storytelling
- Collaborative learning
- Problem-solving

Tools Used

Online collaboration platform, gamification app, motivational scenario deck

Description of the activity

This activity immerses participants in The Lion King storyline, where they take on the role of leadership coaches guiding Simba and his allies through key turning points in his journey. Using storytelling, teamwork, and gamification, participants will explore motivational skills and strategies to inspire action, overcome fear, and drive positive change.

Key Concepts

- *Intrinsic motivation:* Internal motivations like a sense of purpose, duty, or personal growth.
- *Extrinsic motivation:* External rewards such as recognition, praise, or tangible benefits.
- *Transformational leadership:* Leaders who inspire, challenge, and bring out the best in others.
- *Mentorship:* The importance of guidance and wisdom in developing leadership skills.
- *Community and empowerment:* Motivating others by fostering collaboration and a shared sense of purpose.

Assessment

- Online quiz

- Formative assessment
- Peer feedback
- Self-reflection

Skills/Abilities developed

Leadership skills: Understanding how different leadership qualities affect motivation.

Motivational strategies: Ability to apply intrinsic and extrinsic motivators to different scenarios.

Team collaboration: Working together to come up with solutions that will motivate others.

Problem-solving: Tackling leadership challenges and using creativity to motivate individuals in tough situations.

Cultural relevance: Learning leadership and motivational techniques that resonate with participants' real-world contexts (such as community and responsibility).

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ANNEX 1:

Motivational scenario deck

1. Simba's return: Gaining confidence

Simba has just returned to the Pride Lands after years in exile. He is unsure if he can live up to his father's legacy. He doubts his ability to lead and is reluctant to take on the responsibilities of a king. His pride is looking to him for guidance, but Simba is struggling with self-doubt and a lack of confidence.

Motivational Challenge:

How would you motivate Simba to step into his role as king? What leadership strategies can you apply to help him overcome his fears and take charge?

2. Nala's call for help: Collaborative leadership

Nala, Simba's childhood friend, goes to find him because the Pride Lands are in danger. She knows Simba has the potential to be a great leader, but he is disconnected from the needs of his pride. Nala needs to motivate Simba to return and lead the pride against the challenges they face.

Motivational Challenge:

How would you encourage Simba to trust Nala's leadership and rally together to protect the Pride Lands? What motivates people to act when their community is in danger?

3. Timon and Pumbaa: Self-motivation and finding purpose

Timon and Pumbaa have a carefree philosophy of life: "Hakuna Matata," meaning no worries. While their philosophy helps Simba cope with his guilt and confusion after his father's death, they are not preparing him for the challenges ahead. Simba needs to motivate himself to grow beyond a life of avoidance and find his true purpose.

Motivational Challenge:

How would you help Simba shift from a carefree, escapist mindset to one of purpose and responsibility? What intrinsic motivations could help Simba understand the importance of his actions?

4. Scar's betrayal: Motivating through adversity

After Simba's father, Mufasa, dies, Simba is manipulated by Scar into believing he is responsible for the tragedy. Simba runs away in shame. In the meantime, Scar takes over the Pride Lands, and the environment begins to deteriorate. The pride and the other animals are suffering under Scar's rule.

Motivational Challenge:

How can you motivate Simba to rise above the betrayal and take back control? What kind of leadership does Simba need to challenge Scar and inspire the pride to unite against him?

5. Rafiki's wisdom: Finding inner strength

Rafiki, the wise baboon, reminds Simba that he must confront his past in order to embrace his future. Simba is initially resistant, not wanting to relive painful memories. Rafiki motivates him by showing that confronting the past is necessary for growth.

Motivational Challenge:

How would you use Rafiki's wisdom to motivate someone to face their fears and past mistakes in order to grow and become a better leader?

6. Simba and the hyenas: Inspiring loyalty

Simba is in a battle with Scar's allies, the hyenas, who have aligned themselves with Scar out of fear and greed. Simba needs to inspire loyalty and unity among his allies, including the lions and other animals of the Pride Lands, in order to defeat the hyenas and restore peace.

Motivational Challenge:

What strategies can Simba use to motivate his allies to fight for a shared cause? How does Simba inspire loyalty in others who are fearful or uncertain?

7. Zazu's dilemma: Motivating the skeptics

Zazu, the hornbill, is a loyal advisor to Mufasa and later Simba. However, he is often skeptical of Simba's unconventional methods and his carefree approach. Zazu is concerned about Simba's leadership abilities and the consequences of his decisions.

Motivational Challenge:

How would you motivate Zazu to trust Simba's leadership? How can Simba inspire confidence in a follower who is skeptical of his abilities?

8. Simba's leadership test: Inspiring self-belief

Simba has faced numerous challenges, but now he faces his ultimate test: leading the Pride Lands back to prosperity after Scar's reign. The pride is divided, and Simba must inspire everyone to believe in the possibility of a better future.

Motivational Challenge:

How can Simba motivate a divided community to unite? What leadership actions can he take to ensure that everyone feels invested in the future of the Pride Lands?



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MOTIVATION

Motivating with purpose



- Motivation is the **internal drive** that pushes individuals to take action.
- It influences **behavior, decisions, and goal** achievement.
- Leaders use motivation to **inspire, engage, and empower** others.

WHAT IS MOTIVATION

TYPES OF MOTIVATION

- **Intrinsic motivation:** Driven by internal rewards (passion, curiosity, personal growth).
- **Extrinsic motivation:** Driven by external rewards (money, recognition, approval).



💡 *Great leaders balance both to keep teams inspired!*

- Increases engagement and productivity
- Encourages creativity and problem-solving
- Builds teamwork and resilience
- Helps individuals overcome challenges



A leader's job is to inspire others to do more, dream more, and achieve more.

WHY IS MOTIVATION IMPORTANT IN LEADERSHIP



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📌 **Maslow's hierarchy of needs:** Meeting basic needs before achieving full potential.

📌 **Self-determination theory:** The need for autonomy, competence, and connection.

📌 **Expectancy theory:** People are motivated when they believe effort leads to results.

📌 **Transformational leadership:** Inspiring through vision and purpose.

KEY MOTIVATIONAL THEORIES



OVERCOMING MOTIVATIONAL CHALLENGES

- 🚧 Low energy or burnout? – Encourage work-life balance.
- 🚧 Fear of failure? – Promote a growth mindset.
- 🚧 Lack of direction? – Set clear and achievable goals.
- 🚧 Lack of recognition? – Show appreciation for contributions.

💡 ***A motivated leader creates a motivated team!***

FINAL THOUGHTS



- Motivation is the foundation of leadership and influence.
- Great leaders understand what drives people and help them achieve their best.

*"People will forget what you said,
but they will never forget how you
made them feel."*

Maya Angelou



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