### Diversity & Inclusion to Innovate: Transforming wishful thinking into practice

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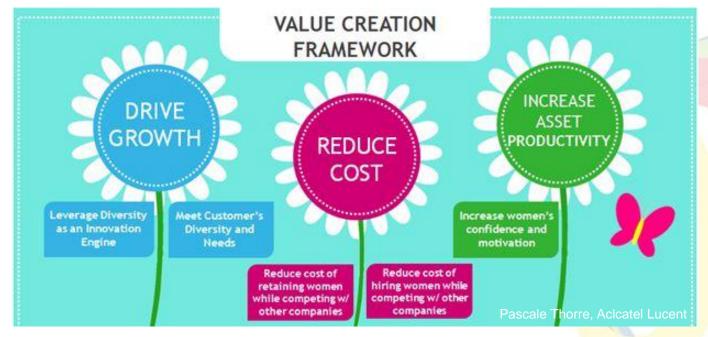
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### Diversity & Inclusion to create value: a strategic issue for enterprises



- More ideas and innovations
- Needs and expectations from diverse customers meet
- Reduces attrition and increases the company's attractiveness
- Fosters confidence and motivation of employees







### Diversity & Inclusion policy: HR issue

### Counting and analyzing figures to understand some gaps before actions, initiatives

- Purpose : Fairness, justice, social climate, increasing diversity profiles
- From bottom to top, whatever the functions
- Process : attract, recruit, train, promote AND FIXING WOMEN
- → Perspective of structural change
- Focus on the internal perspective

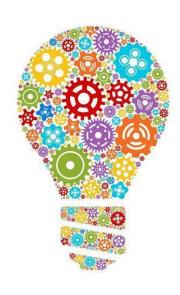


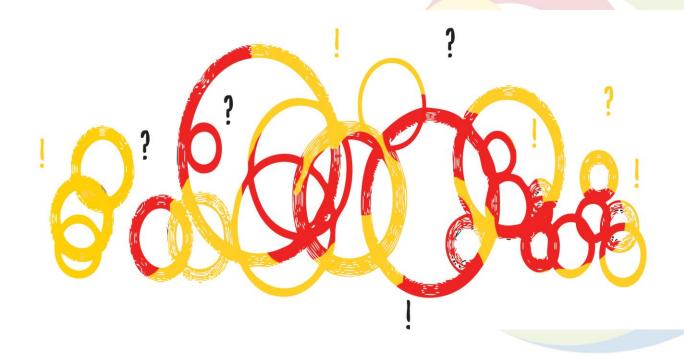




# Diversity & Inclusion foster innovation – value creation

#### **A Human Process**







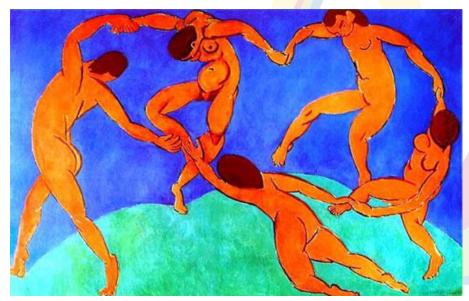




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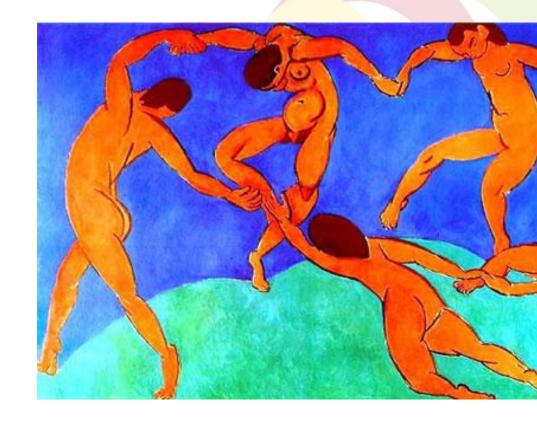


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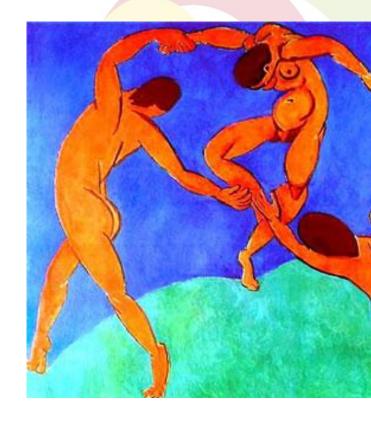
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4<sup>th</sup> condition

To focus on the customers and the ecosystem





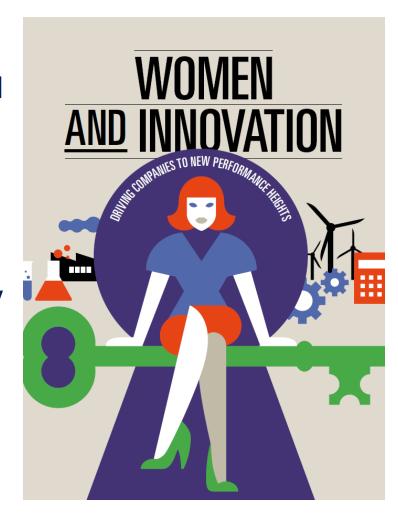




### Take away

#### Rethinking the working group dynamics

- Are men and women equally involved
   ? Is time & space open to
   collaborative work, confrontations?
- 2. Is the leader equipped with gender diversity know-how?
- 3. What framework to insure the quality of interactions?
- 4. Do the decision makers care about impact on men and women? Care about meaning and benefit of the work: why, for who, with who?









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