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### Introduction:

This training program is designed to equip professionals with the essential skills and knowledge required for effective strategic planning and decision-making. It empowers them to drive organizational growth, innovation, and competitive advantage.

# **Program Objectives:**

# At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the principles of strategic thinking and business planning.
- Develop skills in analyzing business environments and identifying strategic opportunities.
- Learn techniques for formulating and implementing effective business strategies.
- · Gain insights into aligning business plans with organizational goals and objectives.
- Enhance capabilities in monitoring and evaluating strategic initiatives.

# **Targeted Audience:**

- · Business Executives.
- Strategic Planners.
- · Managers and Team Leaders.
- Entrepreneurs.
- Business Development Professionals.
- · Organizational Consultants.

# **Program Outline:**

## Unit 1:

# Fundamentals of Strategic Thinking

- Overview of strategic thinking principles and frameworks.
- The importance of strategic thinking in business planning.



- Identifying and analyzing strategic opportunities and threats.
- Techniques for fostering a strategic mindset.
- Case studies on successful strategic thinking practices.

#### Unit 2:

# **Business Environment Analysis**

- Methods for analyzing the external business environment.
- Assessing industry trends, market dynamics, and competitive landscapes.
- Tools for internal environment analysis SWOT, PESTLE.
- Identifying key drivers of change and strategic implications.
- Practical exercises on business environment analysis.

### Unit 3:

# Formulating Business Strategies:

- Techniques for formulating effective business strategies.
- Aligning strategies with organizational vision, mission, and goals.
- Developing long-term and short-term strategic plans.
- Balancing strategic priorities and resource allocation.

### Unit 4:

### Implementing and Executing Business Plans:

- Best practices for implementing business strategies.
- Creating actionable plans and setting performance metrics.
- Overcoming challenges in strategy execution.
- Ensuring organizational alignment and stakeholder engagement.
- Real-world examples of successful strategy implementation.

### Unit 5:



# Monitoring and Evaluating Strategic Initiatives:

- Techniques for monitoring and evaluating strategic initiatives.
- Key performance indicators KPIs and metrics for strategic success.
- Conducting strategic reviews and making necessary adjustments.
- Learning from strategic outcomes and continuous improvement.
- Case studies on monitoring and evaluation of strategic initiatives.