

Welcome to our workshop

- Thank you
- Workshop focus

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Why am I here?









- 20 different countries + United Nations
 - We speak different languages
 - We have very different histories
 - We have different forms of Government
 - Our countries have different economic circumstances
 - And range in population from just over 600,000 to 257 million
 - Our national cultures differ



But we are also the same - our people



- 'technical' people
- sometimes more interested in numbers than they are in each other
- conceptual and strategic thinkers AND extremely operational
- driven by a purpose
- Not naturally thoughtful about the organisation
- Sometimes not naturally outgoing
- Sometimes on the autism or aspergers spectrum



And our organisations face the same challenges -



- loss of key staff to other organisations,
- rapidly changing world of data,
- more demands from governments,
- customers want more speed,
- diminishing resources,
- more competition,
- changing technologies machines and automation

And we face the same dilemmas as a result



- media battle experts and evidence VS influencers and opinion
- simplistic public and political opinion VS actual complexity
- Increasing pace of work to meet changing demands VS risk to data quality
- pressures to open up our data VS increased risk others will misuse it.
- rise of the machines VS more focus on our human connections and relationships
- Use our expertise to correct falsehoods VS loss of our 'independence

ABS – 3 things



- 1. A workplace where everyone can contribute their best leading to a high performing organisation.
 - Inclusion and Diversity
 - Learning focus
 - Collaboration by instinct
 - Managing high and low performance



- 2. A workplace that is attractive to those people we need to keep and those we need to join us from elsewhere
 - Conditions and place of employment
 - Employer brand
 - How we treat each other
 - The quality of our leadership and management
 - Our purpose



- 3. A workplace that focuses on meeting the needs of internal and external customers to ensure we continue to add value, and deal with increasing competition
- Customer focussed mindset
- Self awareness and willingness to listen and change

Workshop on Culture Evolution



- Passionate people
- Not all the answers
- You will need to fill in the gaps
- Common purpose
- 5 or 6 practical things we can do immediately and in the next few years.

A group of like minded colleagues if you need them anytime





- Outcomes provide advice to HLG-MOS meeting in November
- Practical focus on the contribution of organisational culture to
 - High Performance
 - Attraction and Retention of staff
 - Customer Service

