

KEY TOPICS FOR AFRICA: STREAM 3 Diversity – A top priority?

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WHY DIVERSITY



Reason No 1 (the actual reason)

Reason No 2 (the better selling reason)

THE VALUE OF DIVERSITY & INCLUSION





Organizations with higher numbers of women at senior levels outperform financially; higher operating margins and market capitalization



Diverse teams outperform homogenous in more innovative business decisions.



Increased customer satisfaction AND improved talent retention; higher productivity due to improved employee motivation and efficiency.

Credit Suisse analyzed more than 2,500 companies over 7 years: companies with more than 1 woman on their board have outperformed those with no women on their board by 26% **since 2005** INNOVATION

- → Credit Suisse (2012). Gender diversity and corporate performance
- → McKinsey & Company (2010). Women Matter: Women at the top of corporations: Making it happen

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



At Ericsson, we are committed to **diversity and inclusion** because it drives innovation and leads to high performing teams and superior business results.

Our definition of diversity **extends beyond** gender, race, nationality, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age and other established parameters, **to include** diverse experiences, family situations, functional backgrounds, and more.

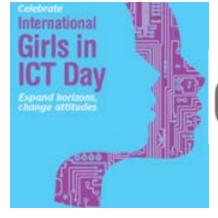
RAISING AWARENESS GENDER





















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RAISING AWARENESS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

















... and Inclusion is making the mix work.



What is disability?

Disability is a health, psychological or social condition that on its own context shows a great diversity and typology and that, despite it implies functional and/or structural deficiencies and participation restrictions in one or more

Why is it important for Ericsson to work towards disability? Ericsson strives to be a workplace that respects and appreciates individual differences. Diversity acknowledges the differences everyone brings to the workplace and inclusion confirms that each and every one is valued and



RAISING AWARENESS 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In order to reduce inequalities we must work with inclusion in all strands of diversity. We need to learn to embrace our differences and appreciate the equal value of everyone. I am proud to be an ambassador for this Global Sustainable Development Goal.

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BUSINESS CASE REGION SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

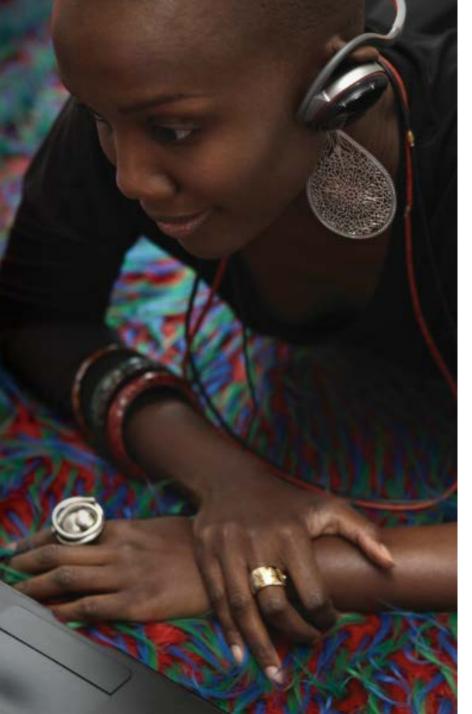


Objectives

- Drive the global gender agenda
- Drive general diversity & inclusion
- South Africa: BEE
- New and targeted areas



43 countries
2.6k employees
MBB, OSS/BSS,
Cloud, IP, TVM,
MS...
22% females
(globally)



BUSINESS CASE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Challenges

- Scarce talent
- Business not able to support (pressure to fill roles asap)
- Cultural and legal challenges (gender, LGBT, etc.)
- Biases

STRATEGY SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



Focus on Gender. Long term strategy. Regional objectives, locally driven.

- > Female hiring targets across the countries / units (top down!)
- General awareness among the staff (social media, newsletters, poster, internal TV ads etc.)
- Unconscious Bias training
- Girls in ICT days / TechnoGirls, etc.
- > Targeted recruitment (referral program, targeted adverts etc.) & development
- Surveys among female employees to improve satisfaction
- Mentoring circles
- Localization programs
- > Etc.

OUTSIDE ERICSSON - TRENDS



- > ICT industry is battling globally to attract & retain females, trying various programs, e.g. unconscious bias training, changed recruitment process etc.
- "Femvertising" (e.g. Proctor & Gamble Always #LikeaGirl)
- > Embracing diversity, e.g. LGBT health insurance
- High attention to sexism and immediate outcries on social media (e.g. BIG, Tim Hunt, etc.)
- Diversity mainstreaming in everydays communication Emoji's (gender, race, culture, LGBT)
- Reduced gender segmentation for children (Woolworth clothes, Target toys)

KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Start with the strategy why do you want more diversity in your company and where do you want it?
- Involve everyone (top down)
- Targeted approach vs sprinkler strategy
- Measure on a regular basis
- Don't expect changes overnight
- Don't make assumptions, speak to your employees
- Keep up with it!

QUESTIONS





