



# Sustainability in times of crisis

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## Objectives & Learning Outcomes

Completion of the module will enable you to:

- Promote understanding of business sustainability: Help participants understand the importance of sustainability in the business context, including its relationship to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and environmental stewardship
- Develop sustainable management skills: Train professionals to implement sustainability strategies, identify opportunities to reduce environmental impact, Promote ethical practices and comply with social responsibility standards

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- Understand the basic principles of sustainability in the business context.
- Deepen knowledge of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Acquire knowledge of good governance, ethics and sustainable finance.
- Understand the role of entrepreneurship for sustainable development and related policies.

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# **Sustainability plans, resilience and empowering women entrepreneurs**



## **Sustainability plans, resilience and empowering women entrepreneurs**

In times of crisis, it is crucial for companies, especially those led by women, to have sustainability and resilience plans in place. These plans allow you to deal with disruptions effectively, creating long-term environmental, social and economic value. Empowering women entrepreneurs is critical, increasing their participation in leadership positions and helping them scale their business initiatives. This holistic approach contributes to the progress and well-being of communities and future generations.

# Components of a Sustainability Plan

## Social Dimension

Contribution to the well-being of communities and development of fair labor practices.

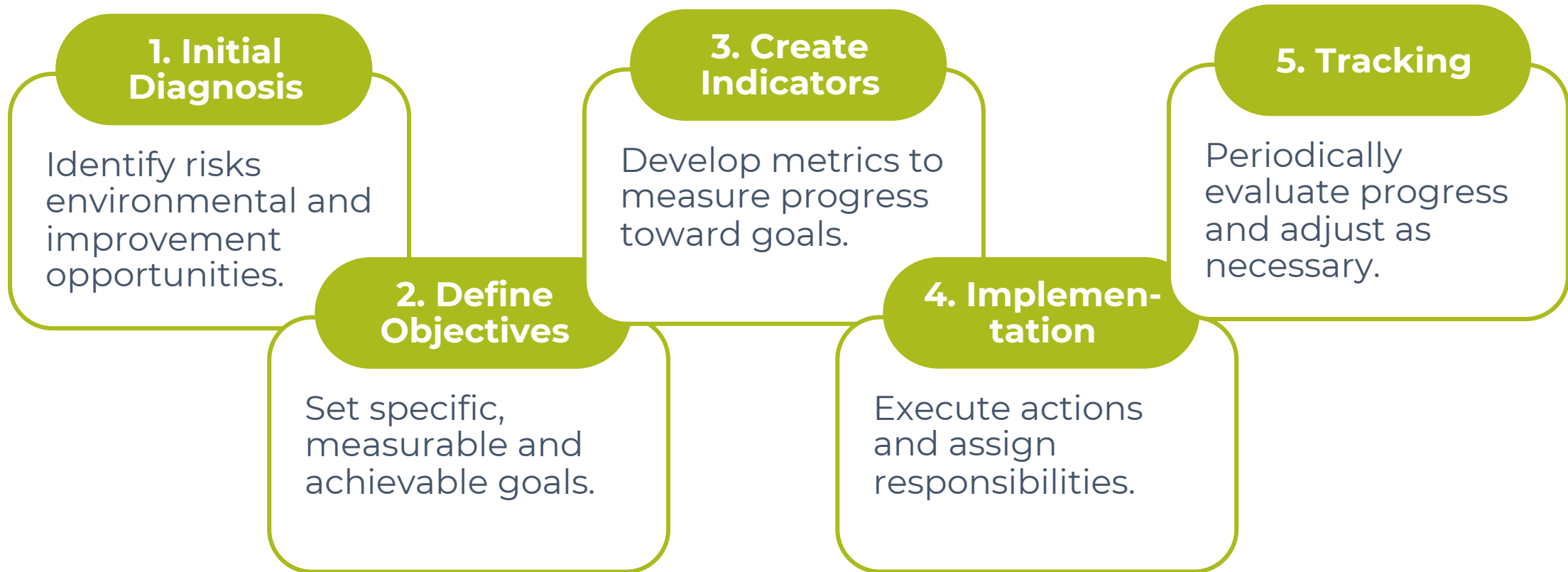
## Economic Dimension

Focus on profitability finance and creation of economic value to long term.

## Environmental Dimension

Use of sustainable materials, renewable energies and reduction of carbon emissions.

# Steps to Implement a Sustainability Plan



# Advantages of Implementing a Sustainability Plan

## 1. Improved Brand Image

Strengthens the company's reputation with clients and stakeholders

## 2. Savings and Cost Reduction

Promotes efficiency and optimization of resources.

## 3. Competitive advantage

Attracts conscious consumers and improves market position.

## 4. Legal compliance

Ensure compliance with regulations and avoid sanctions.

# Enterprise Risk Management

## Risk Identification

Analyze possible obstacles and factors business-specific risk.

## Strategies development

Create plans to mitigate risks and prepare for unexpected situations.

## Implementation of Measures

Apply concrete actions such as diversification and contingency plans.

## Continuous monitoring

Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of strategies and adjust as necessary.

# Tools for Risk Analysis

## 1. Analysis Questionnaire:

Standardized questions to identify potential risks



## 2. Flowchart:

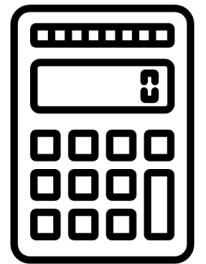
Graphic representation of processes to identify critical points.

## 3. Ishikawa's diagram:

Visual analysis of causes and effects of risks.

## 4. Quantitative Evaluation:

Assignment of numerical values to risks for prioritization.



# Business Resilience

## **Adaptability**

Ability to quickly adjust to changes in the environment.

## **Learning**

Draw lessons from experiences and apply them.

## **Growth**

Use challenges as opportunities to improve and expand.

# Characteristics of Resilient Companies

## **Structural Flexibility**

Ability to create  
and remove  
structures easily

## **Focus on the employee**

Prioritizing staff  
well-being and  
development

## **Effective communication**

Fostering open  
communication and  
cooperation

## **Perception Analysis**

Regular evaluation  
of the work  
environment

# Post-Pandemic Business Priorities



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# Creating a Sustainable Strategy



**Featured competencies:** Women leaders excel in initiative, agility of learning, inspiration and relationship development

**Leadership style:** More collaborative and participatory approach, combining styles for effective transformational leadership

**Crisis management:** Greater effectiveness in making quick decisions and building trust during critical situations

**Proven results:** Countries led by women showed less impact during the first wave of Covid-19

# **Sustainability in Business**

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In a world affected by climate change, corporate sustainability becomes crucial. Businesses are adopting strategies to reduce their environmental impact, considering ESG metrics and aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

# Examples of Business Sustainability

## 1. Energy management

Improve efficiency by using alternative energy sources and considering the carbon footprint.

## 2. Sustainable infrastructure

Implement infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, preserves water resources and eliminates waste.

## 3. Efficient Supply Chains

Operate dynamic and efficient supply chains to promote a circular economy, encourage reuse and eliminate waste.

## 4. Sustainable Development

Enabling sustainable development by assessing risks and improving resilience while following external regulations and development goals.

# Importance of Business Sustainability

## Ethical and Financial Imperative

Sustainability is fundamental to the strategy and operations of all companies. Employees seek to work for companies with an environmental purpose, and consumers are willing to pay more for products from responsible brands

## Stakeholder Demands

Create plans to mitigate risks and prepare for changing situations. Governments, investors, employees and customers are demanding greater corporate responsibility. Many economies are developing environmental impact disclosure requirements.

## Attractive for investors

The rise of sustainable investment and criteria indicates that sustainable business is more attractive to responsible investors. Investment in SDG assets is projected to reach 53 billion in 2025.

# Benefits of Business Sustainability

## Competitive advantage

Being recognized as a sustainable company improves brand presence and attracts conscious consumers

## Attractive for investors

Most personal investors plan to consider sustainability factors in their decisions

## Regulatory compliance

Implementing sustainable solutions helps meet new requirements and sustainable development goals.

## Talent acquisition

A sustainable reputation attracts and retains employees who seek purpose-driven companies.



# Creating a Sustainable Strategy



1. **Clear vision:** Ensure that stakeholders have an agreed vision for the sustainable future of the business.
2. **Prioritization of actions:** Identify the main challenges and opportunities, prioritizing critical actions.
3. **Gradual implementation:** Follow an approach with measurable objectives over time to implement the sustainable vision throughout the organization.
4. **Concrete initiatives:** Start with initiatives that generate tangible and measurable results, demonstrating the value of sustainability

# Focus Areas in Corporate Sustainability



**Climate Risk Management:** Consider the impact of climate change on business operations and prepare for disruption.

**Resilient Infrastructure:** Ensure that infrastructure is designed and managed with resilience in mind.

**Sustainable Supply Chains:** Implement solutions for greater visibility and traceability in the supply chain.

**Emissions Reduction:** Drive the transformation towards decarbonization by improving the efficiency and resilience of the energy network

## Examples of Business Sustainability

-  **Adaptability:** Set sustainability goals and clear KPIs, creating an SDG database baseline to monitor progress.
-  **Optimize assets Incorporate:** AI into processes and operations to optimize waste management and energy efficiency.
-  **Green Technology.** Implement efficient IT infrastructure and work with suppliers committed to sustainability.
-  **Sustainable supply chain:** Ensure the provenance of materials and manage emissions reductions throughout the supply chain

## Examples of Business Sustainability

Challenge	Description
Customer availability	Balancing sustainable supply with market appetite
Cost	Higher initial investments for sustainable practices
Systemic inertia	Prioritize sustainability over other short-term goals
Lack of tools	Lack of knowledge and experience to implement solutions

# Post-Pandemic Business Priorities



## **Female Leadership**

Women like Mónica Chao lead initiatives like WAS to raise sustainability to the strategic level in organizations.



## **Green Entrepreneurship**

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## **Technological Innovation**

Laura Fernández creates digital academies for women, reducing the gender gap in sustainable technological sectors

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Business sustainability has evolved from being an ethical option to becoming a strategic necessity.

Companies that integrate sustainable practices into their business model not only comply with regulations, but also improve their competitiveness and reputation.

# Self-assessment test

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**Thank you for your attention!**



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