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# Course I Climate change policy framework & Agroforestry, Business Innovation

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Sustainable Pathways for Seas and Oceans



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# Climate Change and Sustainable Development

## Climate Change: How is it caused?

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- Climate change is real and human activities are the main cause (IPCC)
- The concentration of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere is directly linked to the average global temperature on Earth (IPCC)
- The concentration has been rising steadily, and mean global temperatures along with it, since the time of the Industrial Revolution (IPCC)
  - Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen by 25% since 1958, and about 40% since the Industrial Revolution.
  - The most abundant greenhouse gas, accounting for about two-thirds of greenhouse gases, **carbon dioxide** (CO<sub>2</sub>), is largely the product of **burning fossil fuels** (IPCC)
- Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is responsible for more than 25% of the warming we are experiencing today.
  - It is a powerful pollutant with a global warming potential over **80 times greater than CO2** during the 20 years after it is released into the atmosphere. (Methane Emissions fact sheet, UNEP)







## The Consequences of Climate Change for the natural world

#### • High Temperatures:

• Global temperatures rose about 1°C from 1901 to 2020.

#### • Drought & wildfires

More frequent and severe droughts will increase the length and severity of the wildfire season, particularly in the Mediterranean region.

#### • Availability of freshwater

• The increase in sudden extreme rainfall is also likely to influence the quality and quantity of fresh water available, as stormwater can cause uncleaned sewage to enter surface water.

#### • Sea-level rise, coastal areas & floods due to thermal expansion of the oceans

- Sea level rise has accelerated from 1.7 mm/year to 3.2 mm/year since 1993.
- Glaciers are shrinking: the average thickness of 30 well-studied glaciers has decreased by more than 18 meters since 1980
- The Arctic's area covered by sea ice has shrunk by about 40% since 1979.
- Sea-level rise will increase the risk of flooding and erosion around the coasts.

#### **Biodiversity & Soils**

- Direct impacts include changes in phenology (the behaviour and lifecycles of animal and plant species), species abundance and distribution, community composition, habitat structure and ecosystem processes.
- Saline soils are expected to increase in coastal areas as a result of saltwater intrusion from the seaside because of rising sea levels and (periodically) low river discharges.







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# Examples of populations at higher risk of exposure to adverse climate-related health threats



## Agroforestry & Climate Change mitigation & adaptation

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- According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), more than 1.2 billion people around the world practice agroforestry on around 1 billion hectares of land.
- > Moreover, agroforestry can contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation by increasing:
  - ✓ carbon storage,
  - ✓ preventing deforestation,
  - ✓ increasing biodiversity conservation,
  - $\checkmark\,$  producing cleaner water and
  - ✓ controlling soil erosion, thus enabling agricultural lands to better cope with floods and drought events.
- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) recognise the potential of agroforestry to contribute to sustainable development, justifying increased investment in its development.





## Paris Agreement (2015)

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- The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change.
- It was adopted by 196 Parties at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on 12 December 2015. It entered into force on 4 November 2016.
- Its overarching goal is to hold "the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and pursue efforts "to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels" by the end of this century.
- To limit global warming to 1.5°C, greenhouse gas emissions must decline 43% by 2030.
- Starting in 2024, countries will report transparently on actions taken and progress in climate change mitigation, adaptation measures and support provided or received based on an **enhanced transparency framework (ETF)**. The information gathered through the ETF will feed into the **Global stocktake** which will assess the collective progress towards the long-term climate goals.
- The Paris Agreement is a **landmark** in the multilateral climate change process because, for the first time, a binding agreement brings all nations together to combat climate change and adapt to its effects.





## Sustainable Development Goals

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## Six Transformations to achieve the Sustainable Development

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Sustainable Development









## Transition to Sustainability



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## Transition to Sustainability

Policy

Models



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# Innovation From and idea to a start-up

What is innovation?







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# What is innovation?

Innovation is... seeing a version of the world that doesn't exist yet, and then painting a picture of what this looks like for the rest of the world

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# 1. PROBLEM SOLVING AND SYSTEMATIC INNOVATION

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## INVENTION

- The process of developing a new technology or capability.
- Invention can occur for its own sake, without serving a demand or specific need.

## INNOVATION

- The process of accurately representing a problem and finding a solution, thereby matching a capability (seed) with a problem (need).
  - In a start-up context, that solution will be something that customers want and will pay for.
  - In a non-profit context, it may be something that is highly valuable for the society that some entity will fund.







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## Technology Transfer is...

the process of moving a technology or capability developed in a laboratory or other research setting to a commercial use form through a start-up, large established business, or other organization.

This is also sometimes called **technology commercialization**, although some consider the terms to have separate meanings.







## A.OUTCOME-DRIVEN INNOVATION APPROACH

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## **Outcome-Driven Innovation Approach** *is...*

a framework and process of innovation that focuses on accurately representing customer needs in terms of the outcome they are trying to achieve or utility they are trying to derive, rather than the product that they are using.







### **B. LINKAGES-DRIVEN INNOVATION APPROACH**

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#### **TEMPORAL EXPANSION**

Creating a new activity within a customer's primary activity chain.

#### **SPATIAL EXPANSION**

Creating a new activity within an adjacent (nonprimary) activity chain.

#### **TEMPORAL RECONFIGURATION**

Improving or changing the structure of an activity in a customer's primary activity chain. This typically involves a shift in the boundaries of what activities are typically performed by the firm and what activities are typically performed by the firm's customers.

#### SPATIAL RECONFIGURATION

Improving or changing the structure of an activity in a customer's adjacent (non-primary) activity chain. This typically involves a shift in the boundaries of what activities are typically performed by the firm and what activities are typically performed by the firm's customers.

## A FRAMEWORK TO PROBLEM SOLVING

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#### PERSPECTIVES: HOW YOU DEFINE THE PROBLEM (LANDSCAPE)

HEURISTICS: HOW YOU FIND YOUR WAY (SOLUTIONS)

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B3. Generating Business and Operating Models Nike sells athletic clothes and shoes across the globe. However, recently, they created a bootcamp, in which individuals can train in groups for free (TBC).

Do you think that Nike created this bootcamp using which of the two approaches?

A. An outcome-driven innovation approachB. A linkages-driven innovation approach

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# 2. MATCHING NEEDS AND SEEDS

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#### **SEEDS-DRIVEN INNOVATION**

A process for innovation where the starting point is the capability that a technology can offer

#### **APPLICATIONS INNOVATION**

A term closely associated with seeds-driven innovation that describes the search for applications of a new technology or capability, or a new application for an existing technology or capability

#### **NEEDS-DRIVEN INNOVATION**

A process for innovation where the starting point is a deep understanding of a customer's needs and wants

#### **NEEDS STATEMENT**

A statement that expresses who the customer is, including information regarding: activities, behaviours, motivations, and specific problems experienced when trying to derive a benefit or utility. This is also sometimes called a market requirements document or MRD.

#### **FUNCTIONAL FIXEDNESS**

A cognitive bias that prevents people from seeing beyond the traditional applications for a product or technology.

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B4. Determining Readiness and Market Fit

B5. Financing your venture

B6: From Zero to Hero

B7: Case study

C. Circular Economy: How can I identify new market opportunities using Circularity concepts?

# Three Critical Parts of Technology Commercialization

Articulate	Identify	Adapt
Articulate what the technology does	Identify where the functions are needed	Adapt the technology (economically)

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## COMMERCIALISATION

The process of converting technological advancement into economical value

Parameters of commercialisation:





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# THE PROCESS OF FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS

A) Discovery	What are we looking for?
B) Search	Search for new application
C) Synthesis & Selection	Which ones are the most promising? Which ones could create the highest value for end users or customers?
D) Validation	What needs to be done to successfully apply our technology for this new application?







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## **THE PROCESS OF FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS** 1. Discovery stage





# PARAMETERS

# FUNCTIONS









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## **THE PROCESS OF FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS** 2. Search stage

**SUBJECT** 





ACTION





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OBJECT



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# **THE PROCESS OF FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS** 3. Synthesis & Selection

Our goal is to find patents that perform similar functions that ours, and then see if our technology could do better.

Which ones are the most promising?Which ones could create the highest value?







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# **THE PROCESS OF FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS** 4. Validation

- A) How easy or difficult is it to adapt our technology for new applications?
- B) What value does our technology bring?
- C) How big is the market?









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# CROWDSOURCING

## Today, crowds are available on demand

Example: a new formulation of fluoride for their toothpaste, which was dispersed into the atmosphere (Colgate-Palmolive)

InnoCentive: an online marketplace









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# CROWDSOURCING Marquee example

#### **Longtitude Prize in 1707**

They offered 20,000 pounds for anybody they could come up with a working solution to finding the longitude at sea.

Sir Isaac Newton as a chair of the prize committee

The winning solution for this ended up coming by the invention of a clock or chronometer that could actually keep track of time (John Harrison)







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# CROWDSOURCING

# >CROWDSOURCING

- A method of finding information or solutions to a problem by inviting ideas and solutions from a large set of experts (or laypeople, depending on the case) outside the boundaries of your firm or organization.
- Crowdsourcing is a relatively new term used to denote the practice of posting problems and inviting solutions over the internet, though the practice has been around for centuries in different forms. Innovation contests, competitions on technical and design challenges, and data analysis open challenges are all examples of crowdsourcing.





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>Why is it that the crowd can outperform the most elite institutions?







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# Crowdsourcing framework

"...GOING TO THE CROWD FOR SOLUTIONS, CAN, IN FACT, OPEN UP DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND HEURISTICS THROUGH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS FROM DIFFERENT KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS. CROWDS CAN DO THIS SYSTEMATICALLY, AND TODAY CROWDS ARE AVAILABLE ON DEMAND." -- Karim Lakhani







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# Crowdsourcing framework









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**IDEA GENERATION** 







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Innovation Main parameters of value Functions



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# 3. GENERATING BUSINESS AND OPERATING MODELS

A. Climate

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# **Business** architecture







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# Business model

## **BUSINESS MODEL**

A component of the business architecture that describes how your firm creates value for its customers and captures some of that value as revenue.

VALUE CREATION	VALUE CAPTURE
The process of providing economic, social, and emotional benefits (value) for a customer or society.	The process by which a firm captures or recovers some of the value it has created in the market and for its customers in the form of revenue.
- DIFFERENTIATION	
- FOCUS STRATEGY	- MARGIN
- NETWORK EFFECT: An effect observed in certain products	- LICENSING
and services, where the value of the product or service	- SUBSCRIPTION
increases as more users use it.	- PAY PER USE
e.g. Facebook and Uber are examples of platforms that	- ADVERTISING SUPPORTING SYSTEM
exhibit network effects.	- TRANSACTION FEES
- COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES/ASSETS	- REVENUE SHARING
- PERSUNALISATION	- OUTCOMES-BASED

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# Operating model

#### **OPERATING MODEL**

A component of the business architecture, which details the resources at your disposal and how your firm will deliver value to your customers and implement your business model.

The major elements of the operating model are your firm's structure, assets, and capabilities.

 An element of your firm's operating model, which describes the nature of your value offering.

• For instance, you may be a product firm, a service provider, or a platform.

## STRUCTURE

### ASSETS

• The unique physical, informational, and intellectual resources that your startup may possess that allow you to implement your business model.  The special knowledge and abilities that allow your firm to deliver a value proposition and drive your firm's core competency.

## CAPABILITIES

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# EXAMPLE: Blockbuster & Netflix (1)











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Value Capture

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# EXAMPLE: Blockbuster & netflix(2) business model

Blockbuster	Netflix 2.0
"Hollywood" Hits	Streams
Store/Locations	On demand
Recommendations	"Unlimited" supply of content
Curation	Recommendations via collaborative filtering

Blockbuster	Netflix 2.0	
Rental \$	Subscription (all you can eat)	
Late fees		
Rewind fees		**** ****
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# EXAMPLE: Blockbuster & netflix(3) operating model

Blockbuster	Netflix 2.0	
Store operations	4,000-5,000 employees	
Design/Location (9,000 stores)	Data science	
Recruiting (84,000 employees)	Software development	
Logistics/Supply chain	Marketing	
Demand forecasting	Content development	
	Amazon Web Services	





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# New entrants

## Major challenge: market access

## => Strategy #1: Partner with established companies

### LICENSING ARRANGEMENT

- A contract between two organizations or individuals wherein one (the licensee) agrees to pay a fee for the use of intellectual property or other asset that the other (the licensor) owns the rights to.
- In a start-up context, its importance is also that it is a way for highly inventive organizations with strong R&D capabilities to earn revenues from the products resulting from their R&D activities, without having to directly manufacture and sell products or services to mass consumers.

#### JOINT-DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

 An agreement between two organizations to develop a new product, service, solution or business line.





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# New entrants

## Major challenge: market access

=> Strategy #2: License your breakthrough technology.

- Give a partner the permission to use your discovery in their broader product or system.
- This licensing approach is particularly helpful if your innovation is really a feature of some other company's well-entrenched, well-established product or system.







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# INCUMBENTS

Major challenge: launching breakthrough inventions that impact an existing business

=> Strategy: to spin off the breakthrough technology as a separate venture or business while these breakthroughs can be nurtured and developed independently, like a start-up.





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# IDENTIFYING YOUR MARKET

 ✓ What are the industries you're never going to play in because they don't match your core values.

✓ Which of these industries do you actually solve a real problem for?

- $\checkmark$  What is that pain point that you're solving?
- ✓ How big is this industry?
- ✓ How big is your play within it?







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# What is the main difference between a business and an operating model?



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