Regional Competitiveness and the Role of Business

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What is Competitiveness?

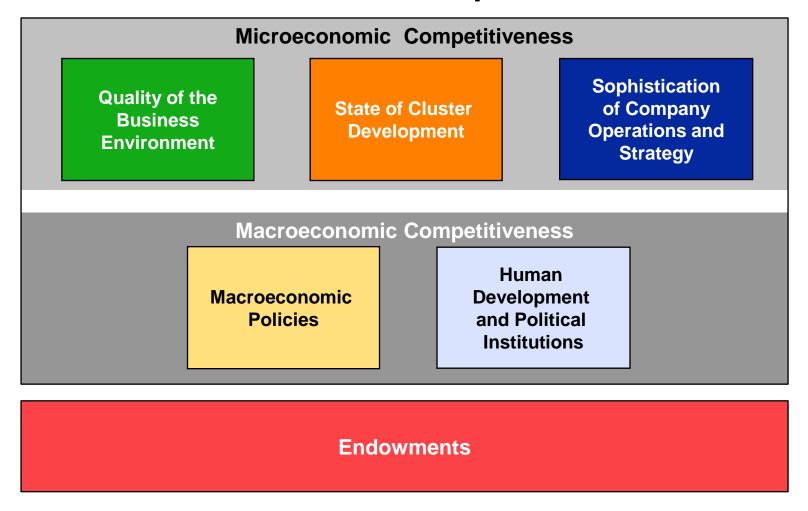
A nation or region is competitive to the extent that firms operating there are able to **compete successfully** in the global economy while supporting **rising wages** and living standards for the average citizen

- Competitiveness depends on the long term productivity with which a nation or region uses its human, capital, and natural resources
 - Productivity sets sustainable wages, job growth, and standard of living
 - It is not what industries a nation or region competes in that matters for prosperity, but how productively it competes in those industries
 - Productivity in a national or regional economy benefits from a combination of domestic and foreign firms



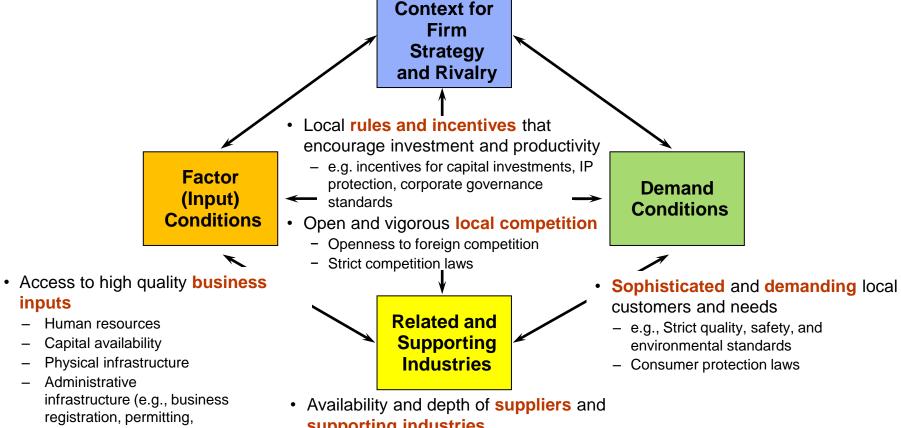
- Nations and regions compete to offer a more productive environment for business
- Competitiveness is not a zero sum game

What Determines Competitiveness?



- Productivity ultimately depends on improving the microeconomic capability of the economy and the sophistication of local competition
- Macroeconomic competitiveness sets the potential for high productivity, but is not sufficient
- Endowments create a foundation for prosperity, but true prosperity is created by productivity in the use
 of endowments

Improving the Quality of the Business Environment



- supporting industries
 - Quality of collaboration organizations (e.g., trade associations)



Many things matter for competitiveness

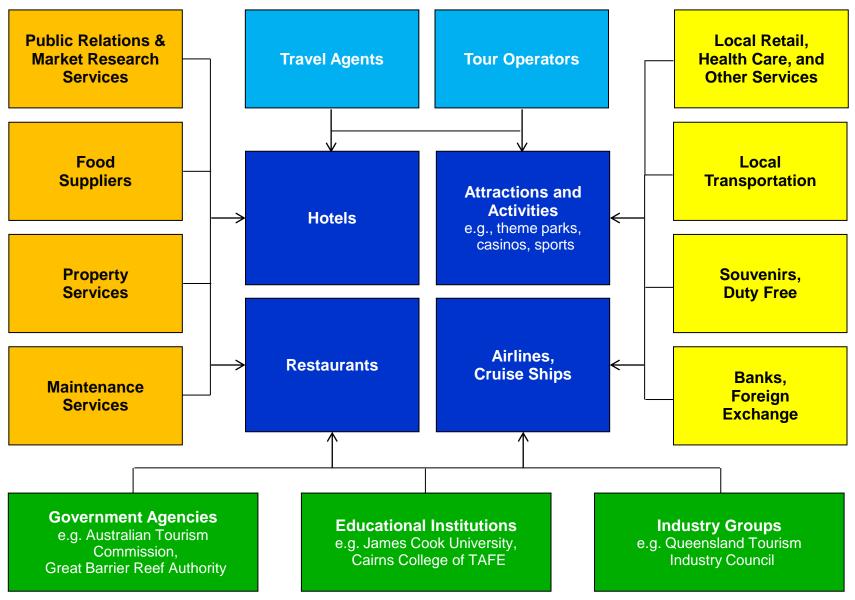
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infrastructure

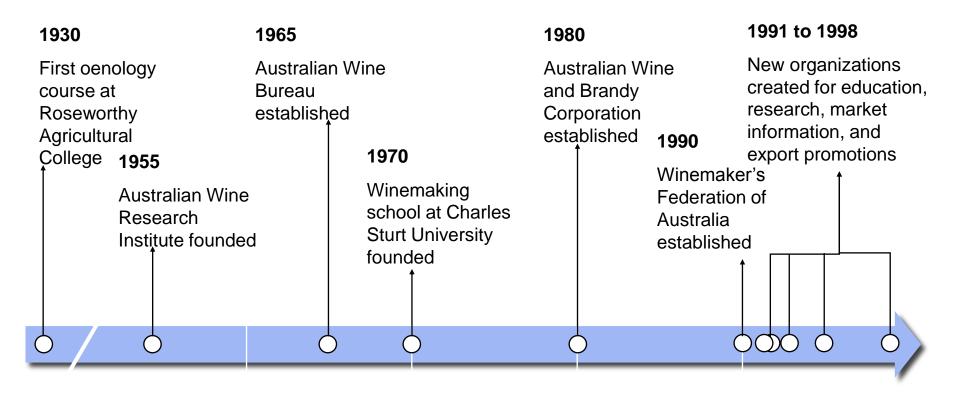
Scientific and technological

Successful economic development is a process of successive upgrading, in which the business environment improves to enable increasingly sophisticated ways of competing

Building and Upgrading Clusters Tourism Cluster in Cairns, Australia

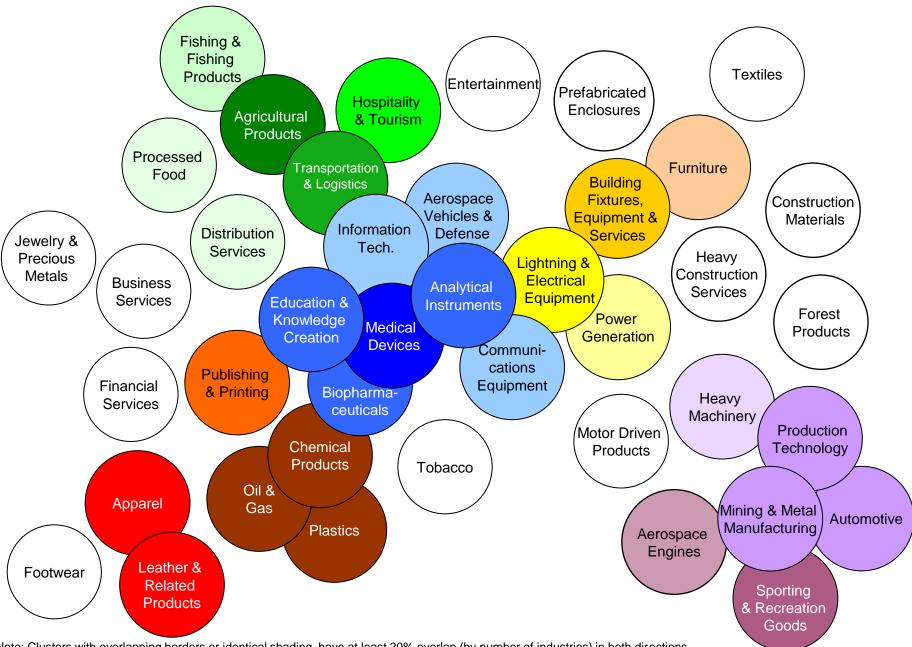


How Clusters Emerge and Develop The Australian Wine Cluster"> The Australian Wine Cluster

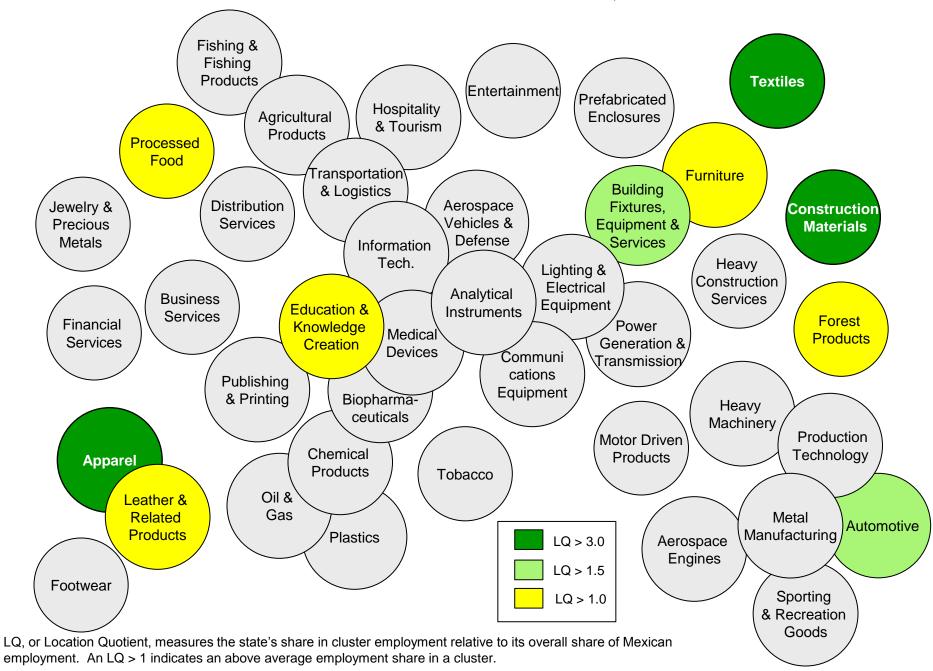


1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s and 2000s
Import of European winery technology	Recruiting of experienced foreign investors, e.g. Wolf Bass	Continued inflow of foreign capital and management	Creation of large number of new wineries	Surge in exports and international acquisitions

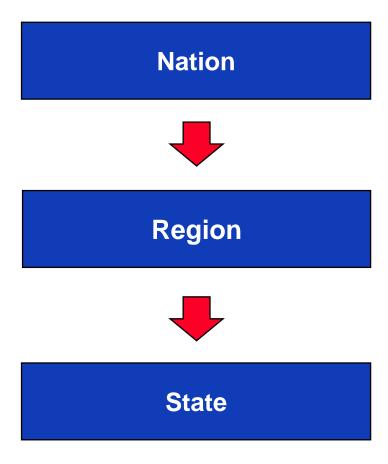
Clusters and Economic Diversification



Puebla Cluster Portfolio, 2008



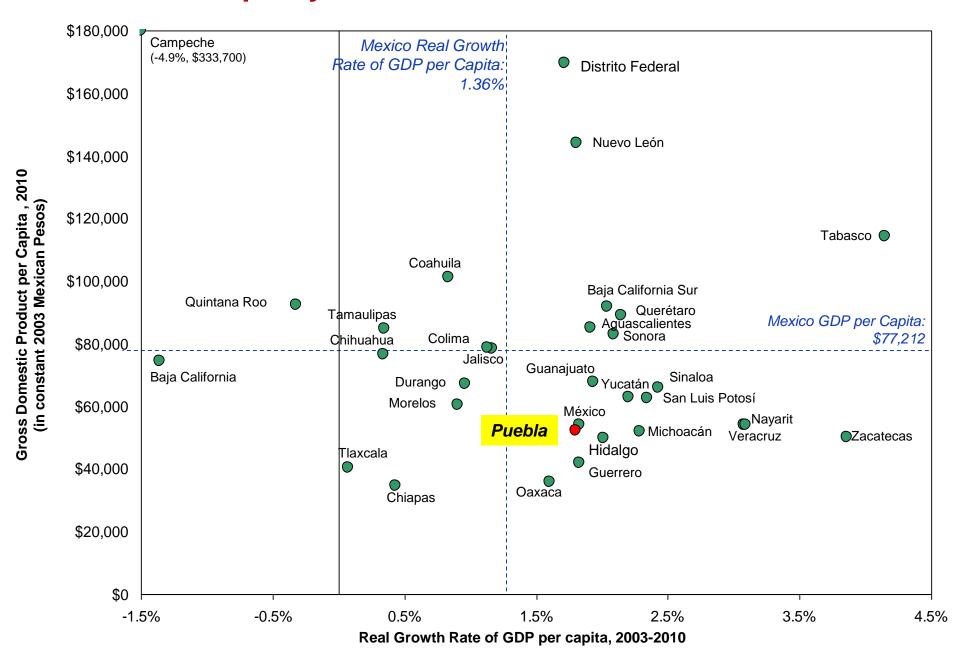
Geographic Influences on Competitiveness



Regions and Competitiveness

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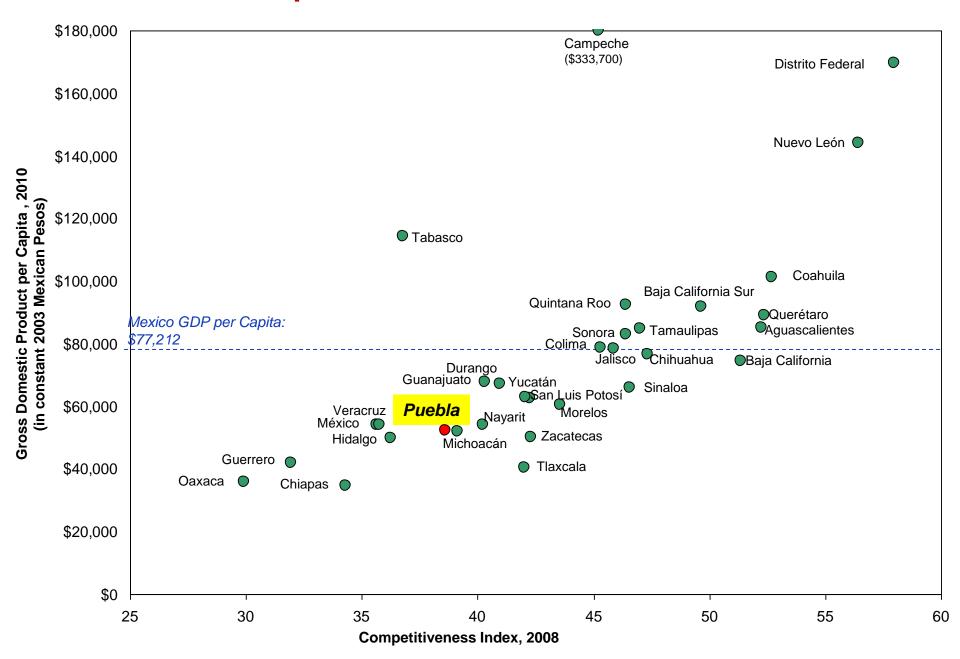
Prosperity Performance in Mexican States



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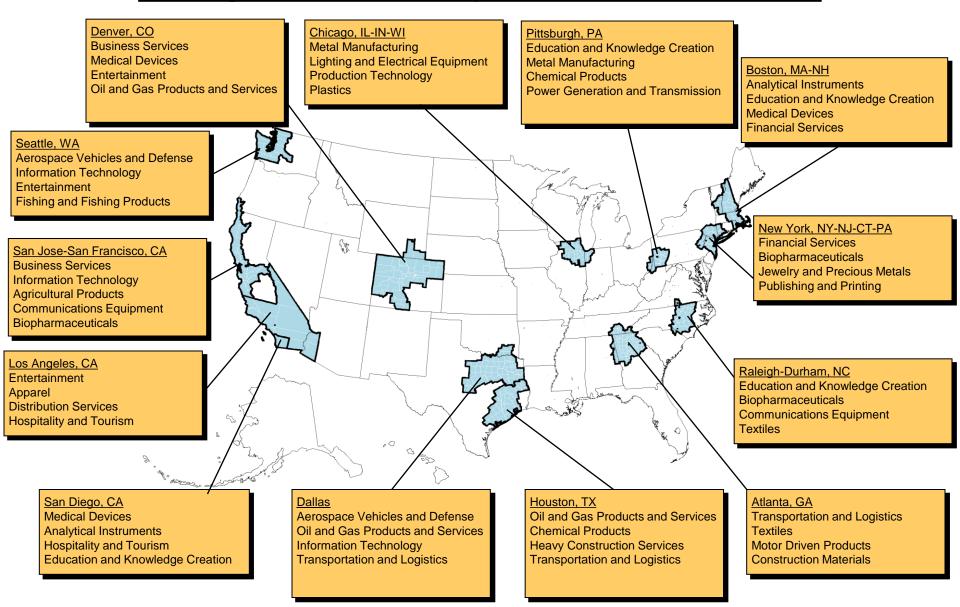
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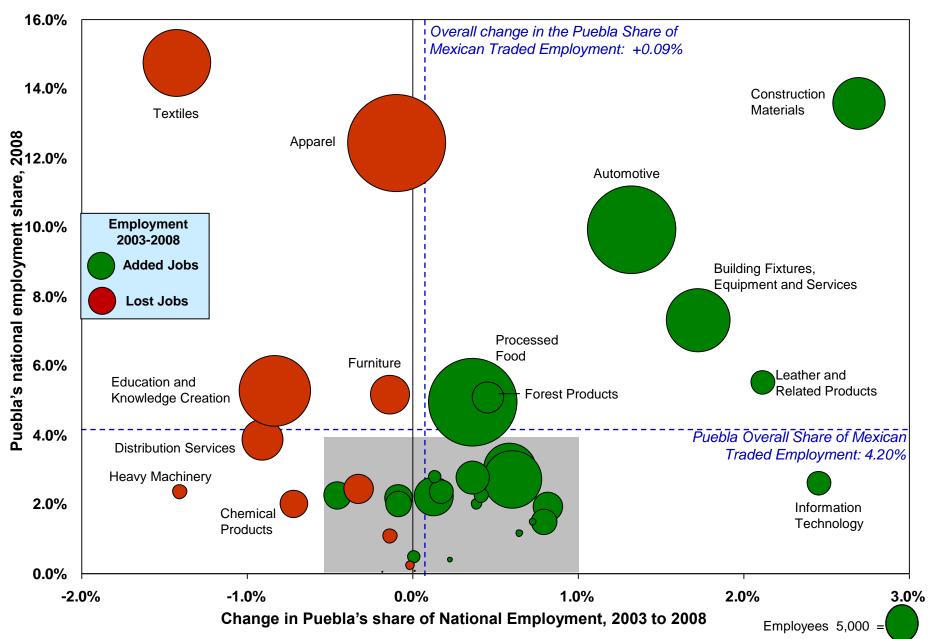
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Specialization of Regional Economies Leading Traded Clusters by U.S. Economic Area, 2008

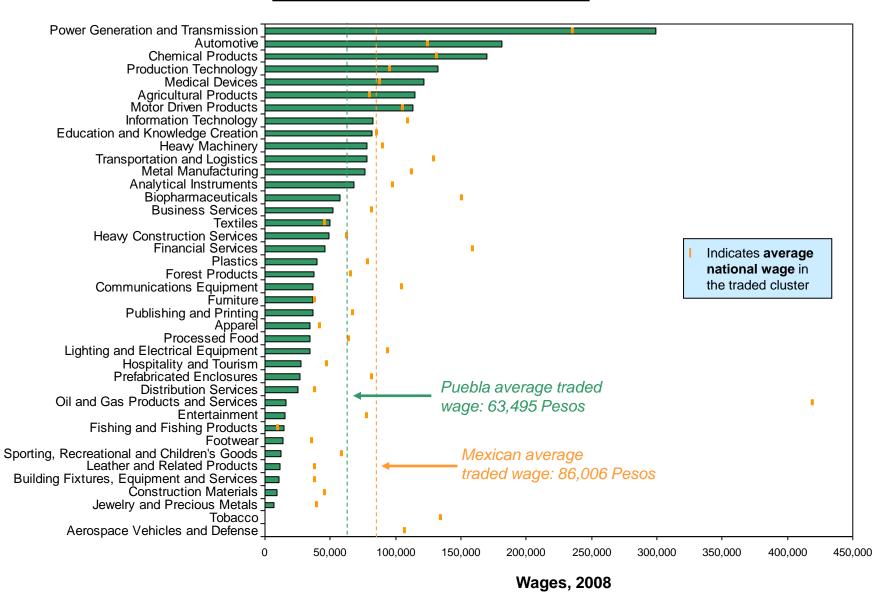


Source: Prof. Michael E. Porter, Cluster Mapping Project, Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School; Richard Bryden, Project Director.

Traded Cluster Composition of the Puebla Economy



Puebla Wages in Traded Clusters vs. National Benchmarks



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Strong Clusters Drive Regional Performace Research Findings

- Presence of strong clusters
- Breadth of industries within each cluster
- Strength in related clusters
- Presence of a region's clusters in neighboring regions



- Job growth
- Higher wages
- Higher patenting rates
- Greater new business formation, growth and survival



- Build on the region's existing and emerging clusters rather than chase hot fields
- Economic diversification usually occurs within clusters and across related clusters

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- Cluster strength directly impacts regional performance
- Each region needs its own distinctive competitiveness strategy and action agenda
 - Business environment improvement
 - Cluster upgrading

Creating a Regional Economic Strategy

Regional Value Proposition

- What is the **distinctive competitive position** of a geographic area given its location, legacy, existing strengths, and potential strengths?
 - What unique strengths as a business location?
 - For what types of activities and clusters?
 - And what roles with the surrounding regions, nation, and the broader world?



Developing Unique Strengths

- What elements of the business environment can be unique strengths relative to peers/neighbors?
- What existing and emerging clusters can be built upon?



Achieving and Maintaining Parity with Peers

 What weaknesses must be addressed to remove key constraints and achieve parity with peer locations?



Priorities and sequencing are necessity in economic development

The Evolution of Regional Economies San Diego

Hospitality and Tourism Sporting Goods Climate and **Transportation** Geography and Logistics **Power Generation** Communications **Aerospace Vehicles** Equipment and Defense **U.S. Military** Information Technology **Analytical Instruments Education and Knowledge Creation Medical Devices Biotech / Pharmaceuticals Bioscience** Research **Centers** 1930 1950 1970

1990

1910

Harnessing the New Process of Economic Development

Competitiveness is the result of both **top-down** and **bottom-up processes** in which many companies and institutions take responsibility

Old Model

 Government drives economic development through policy decisions and incentives



New Model

 Economic development is a collaborative process involving government at multiple levels, companies, teaching and research institutions, and private sector organizations

Puebla's Regional Competitiveness Initiative





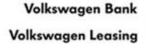
















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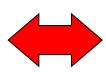
Company Sophistication and Economic Development



Assimilating, attaining, and extending best practices



Do the same thing better



Strategic Positioning

 Creating a unique and sustainable competitive position



Do things **differently** to achieve a **different purpose**

Competing on Strategy IKEA, Sweden

Value Proposition

- Young, first time, or price-sensitive buyers with design sophistication
- Stylish, space efficient and compatible furniture lines and accessories at very low price points.

Distinctive Activities

- Modular, ready-to-assemble, easy to ship furniture designs
- In-house design of all products
- Wide range of styles which are all displayed in huge warehouse stores with large on-site inventories
- Self-selection by the customer
- Extensive customer information in the form of catalogs, explanatory ticketing, do-it-yourself videos, and assembly instructions
- IKEA designer names attached to related products to inform coordinated purchases
- Suburban locations with large parking lots
- Long hours of operation
- On-site, low-cost, restaurants
- Child care provided in the store
- Self-delivery by most customers

Business and Society: Why the Disconnect?

Company
Profitability and
Growth

Social and
Economic
Development

- Companies (and investors) have adopted a narrow model of economic value creation
 - Meeting conventional needs of conventional customers
 - Profit improvement through downsizing, outsourcing, relocating, and globalizing
 - Optimization within traditional company boundaries
 - Emphasis on capital structure instead of real value creation
 - Driving revenue through acquisitions instead of new business creation
 - Societal issues treated as outside the scope of business



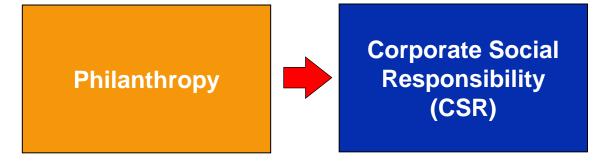
- Huge societal needs go unmet
- Growth and innovation suffer

The Role of a Company in Its Communities

Philanthropy

 Donations to worthy social causes

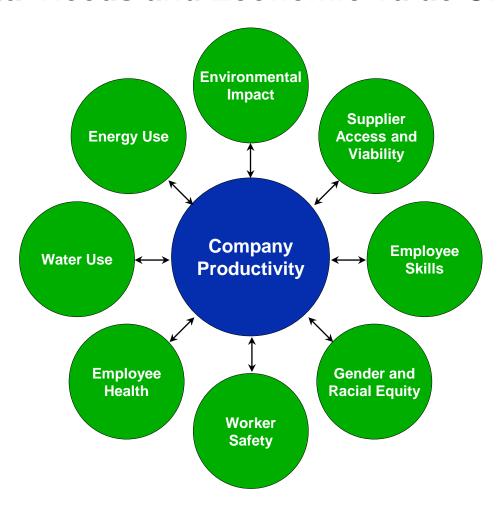
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- Good corporate citizenship and compliance with community standards
- · "Sustainability"

Societal Needs and Economic Value Creation



- Social deficits create economic cost
- External conditions shape internal company productivity
- Social needs represent the largest market opportunities
- There is a growing congruence between economic value creation and societal objectives

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Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Creating Shared Value (CSV)

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 Integrating societal improvement into economic value creation itself

The Concept of Shared Value

Shared Value: Corporate policies and practices that enhance the competitiveness of the company while simultaneously advancing social and economic conditions in the communities in which it sells and operates

- Create economic value by creating societal value
 - What is good for the community is good for business
- Use capitalism to address social problems
- All profit is not equal. Profit involving shared value enables society to advance and companies to grow faster



 Incorporating societal issues into strategy and operations is the next major transformation in management thinking

Moving to Shared Value

CSR



CSV

- Values: "doing good," good citizenship, philanthropy, and sustainability
- Discretionary
- Separate from profit maximization
- Agenda externally determined
- Impact is limited by the corporate footprint and CSR budget

- Value: economic and societal benefits relative to cost
- Integral to competing
- Essential to profit maximization
- Agenda is business specific
- Mobilizes the entire company budget

Example: Fair trade purchasing

Example: Transforming procurement to increase quality and yield

In both cases, **compliance** with laws and ethical standards and reducing harm for corporate activities are **assumed**

Levels of Shared Value

- Reconceiving customer needs, products, and markets
- Redefining productivity in the value chain
 - How the organization conducts its business
- Enabling local cluster development

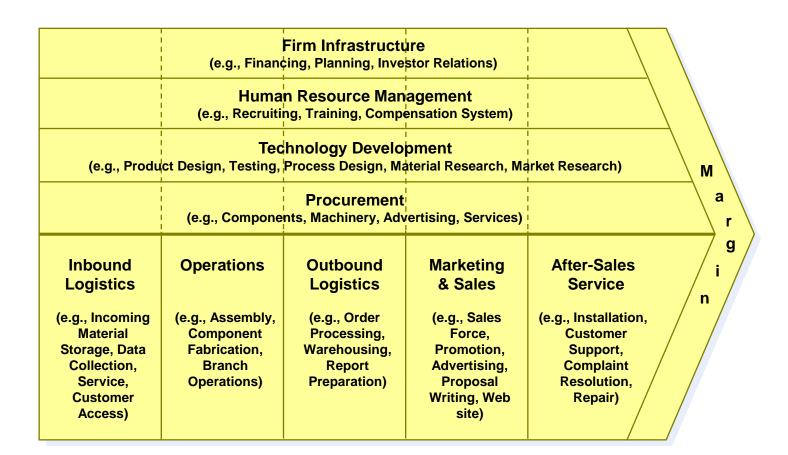
Creating Shared Value in Products and Markets Novo Nordisk in China

- Diabetes training programs for physicians in partnership with government, NGOs, and opinion leaders
 to promote the latest thinking on diabetes prevention, screening, treatment, and patient communication
 - The program has trained 55,000 physicians to date, each treating approximately 230 patients
- Diabetes education programs for patients focusing on prevention, lifestyle changes, and effective use
 of insulin products
 - Television, radio, and print media campaigns about diabetes prevention, detection, and treatment
 - Changing Diabetes Bus program to raise patient awareness and provide on-site advice
 - NovoCare telephone hotline and NovoCare Club providing ongoing support to members
- Product design that reflects Chinese patient demographic and culture
 - Formulation with appropriate insulin dosage to reflect lighter body weight
 - Product name Nuo He Ling means "commitment, harmony, and effectiveness" in Chinese



- Since 1994, Novo Nordisk market share increased from 0% to 63% and China became the Company's third largest market, with revenues of \$935 million in 2011
- Company efforts saved China 140,000 life years by 2010 and \$2,317 of total lifetime costs per patient

Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain

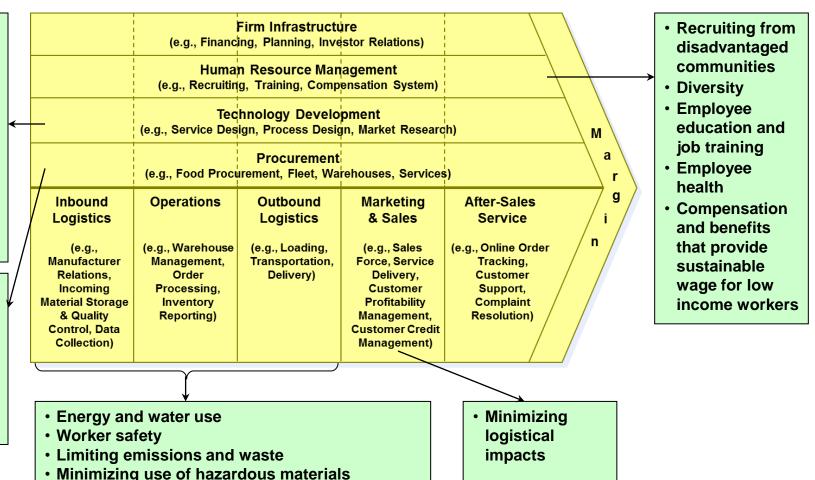


- Purchasing
- Energy use
- Resource use

- Logistical efficiency
- Employee productivity
- Location of facilities / supply chain

Identifying Opportunities for Shared Value in Food Services <u>The Value Chain</u>

- Research on nutritional value
- Less or more biodegradable packaging
- Enhancing research partnerships with colleges and universities
- Value adding procurement practices with farmers and other vendors
- Vendor education and training



Cluster Development in the Company's Major Locations

- A strong local cluster improves company growth and productivity
 - Local suppliers
 - Supporting institutions and infrastructure
 - Related businesses
- Companies, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the cluster and the local business environment



 Local cluster development strengthens the link between a company's success and community success

Enhancing Cluster and Community Development Nespresso

- Implementing shared value in sourcing premium coffees from farmers in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, and Ghana
- Upgrading the cluster
 - Supporting local cluster development in coffee growing regions, including establishment of cluster institutions
 - Partnering with stakeholders

SHARED VALUE

FARMS	COMMUNITY	NESPRESSO
Better yields	 Economic development 	Stable supply
Better prices	 Environmental sustainability 	Better quality
Better processing		 Reinforces strategic positioning



The three levels of shared value are often mutually reinforcing

Creating Shared Value Implications for Government and Civil Society

- Government and NGOs often assume that trade-offs between economic and social benefits are inevitable
- Government and NGOs will be most effective if they enable shared value by business

Implications for NGOs

 NGOs bring unique expertise, implementation capacity, and relationships of trust with communities

A New Type of NGO

TechnoServe Promotes the development of agricultural clusters in more than 30 countries
 RootCapital Provides financing to more than 400,000 farmers and businesses

• **Bill & Melinda** Forms partnerships with global corporations to foster agricultural clusters **Gates Foundation**

Implications for Governments

- Governments should make platform investments in public assets and infrastructure to enable shared value by business
- Government should regulate in a way that reinforces and rewards shared value in business, rather than working against it

The Purpose of Business

- There is an opportunity to transform thinking and practice about the role of the corporation in society
- Shared value gives rise to far broader approaches to economic value creation
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of innovation, productivity growth, and economic growth
- Businesses acting as businesses, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society
- A transformation of business practice around shared value will give **purpose** to the corporation and represents our best chance to **legitimize business again**

Summary and Next Steps

- Create a shared understanding of competitiveness
 - Productivity driven
 - Cluster-centric
- Develop a second-generation strategy for Puebla which identifies the unique competitive position of the state as a platform for competitiveness
 - Sequence and prioritize action items
- Establish Sintonía as the coordinating organization to develop an overall strategy, action priorities, and ensure effective implementation
- Engage the private sector more effectively in cluster development and improving the state business environment
- Embrace the creating shared value model as a way to engage business to addressing the social and environmental problems of the state
- Develop metrics for assessing and reporting progress