# Change Management: What to Consider

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"Change is not only likely, it's inevitable."

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# Why Do We Need Change?

- Perceived problem or crisis
- External factors
  - Economic forces
  - Increasing compliance

#### Internal Factors

- Improve efficiency
- Improve job performance

## **Initiation of Change**

#### Effect on organization

- Job performance
- Moral issues

### Effect on staff

- Fear, hope, uncertainty, stress
  - Resistance
  - Change in status quo
  - Perceived or real loss
  - Lack of understanding and trust

# Models for Change

### • Vision > Needed Change > New Goals > Plan

#### • Key concepts

- Participation/Empowerment of Staff
- Innovativeness/New Ideas/Creativeness
- Proactiveness
- Communication

## Factors to Consider

### People

- Us/them
- How to deal with loss
- Back to business

### Organization

- Creating value
- Establishing balance
- Control systems

