



# "TIME TO RETHINK YOUR TALENT STRATEGY"

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TALENT STRATEGY

BUSINESS CAPABILITY
ACADEMY X

IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

SKILL INTELLIGENCE

ASSESSMENT CENTER

LEADERSHIP, STRATEGY TRAINING IVY LEAGUE CONTENT LIBRARY

RE SKILL UP SKILL
CROSS SKILL JOURNEYS

NATIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMS

COACHING, MENTORING, CONSULTING TECHNOLOGY, FUNCTIONAL SOFT SKILLS

**ESG PROGRAMS** 

VR ENABLED TRAINING PROGRAMS

LEARNING EXPERIENCE PLATFORM (LXP)

DIGITAL CONTENT
DEVELOPMENT WITH SME

IMMERSIVE LEARNING & METAVERSE

PRIVATE GEN AI SOLUTIONS

INTERNAL TALENT
MARKETPLACE

HIRE TRAIN DEPLOY SOLUTIONS

VR/MR CONTENT DEVELOPMENT THOUGHT LEADERSHIP EVENTS

TALENT

LEARNING SOLUTIONS PEOPLE SOLUTIONS

FUTURISTIC SOLUTIONS

WORLD'S LARGEST TALENT MARKETPLACE



ONE PLACE =
OVER
25+
solutions



#### Look forward to Staying connected





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#### **Profile Highlights**

- Talent Strategy Thought Leader, Expert in National Talent Acceleration Strategy
- Former Chief Learning Officer, Emirates Institute of Finance (EIF), UAE
- Architect of ETHRAA, Most acclaimed
   Nationalization upskilling project in MENA
   which became first CIPD global
   Nationalization case study in MENA
- Oxford Alumni, PhD Finance (UK)
- Fortune 500 Corporate & Investment Banker Newspaper Columnist

#### **Board Member & Advisor**

- UAE Govt Skills Committee Member:
  UAE Ministry of Education Financial sector Skills Committee (RNDC)
- Advisory Board Member: University of London South Bank
- Global Learning Council Member:
   CFTE, UK: World's leading Fintech
   Training Institution
- Future Skills Forum, Chair
- Advisor/ Board Member

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Global Voice in 3
Areas HR,
Consulting &
Education
Leadership



Cambridge
University
Published
MENA Specific
Talent
Framework



CIPD Case
Study
CLO of ETHRAA
First National
Talent Case
study in MENA



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## **CHANGING NATURE OF SKILLS**

#### **TECHNOLOGY IS 'EATING' JOBS BUT...**



1 in 8 roles in financial services are tech roles

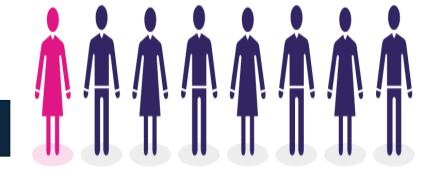
Tech Skills are important for each role

**Human Skills** continue to be critical for the future



#### **13 FUTURE SKILLS**

'FUTURE SKILLS REPORT 2024'



Technical

Behaviours

But everyone needs to know Tech



Software Development



Digital Literacy



Data Analytics & Insights



User experience



Machine learning / Al



Agile



Cyber security



**Technical** 

Behaviours



Creative Thinking



Coaching



Empathy



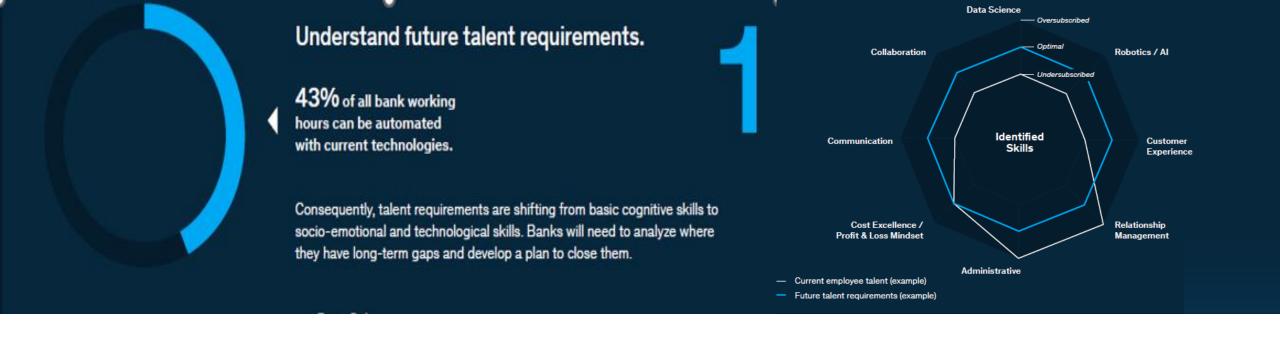
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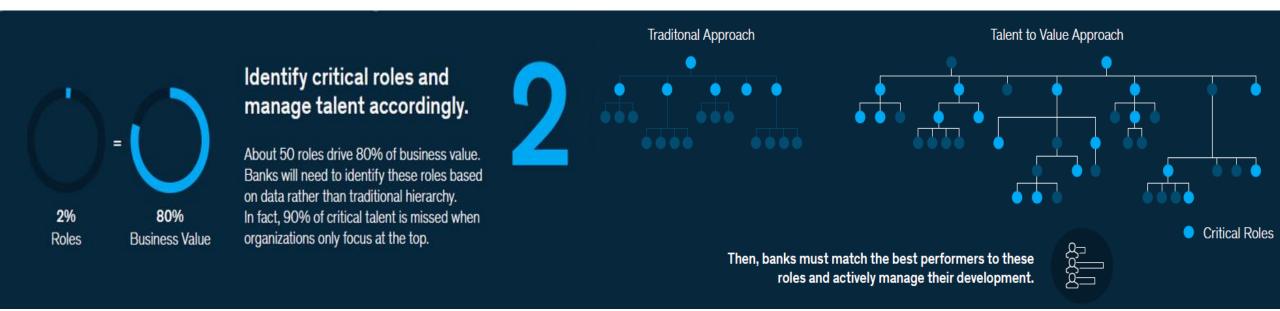
Relationship management



Teamwork



#### **McKinsey Future of Talent Report**









workforce skills to **change** by 2028





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CEOs worldwide see human capital as a top challenge, and yet

they rank HR as only the **eighth or ninth most important function** in an organization. Clearly, this is a **disconnect** that needs to be addressed.

To keep up with rapid change, CEOs need to bring HR to the forefront or risk being left behind.

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McKinsey Global Future Talent Readiness Survey Report

#### YOU WILL NEED TO RETHINK YOUR TALENT STRATEGY IF...





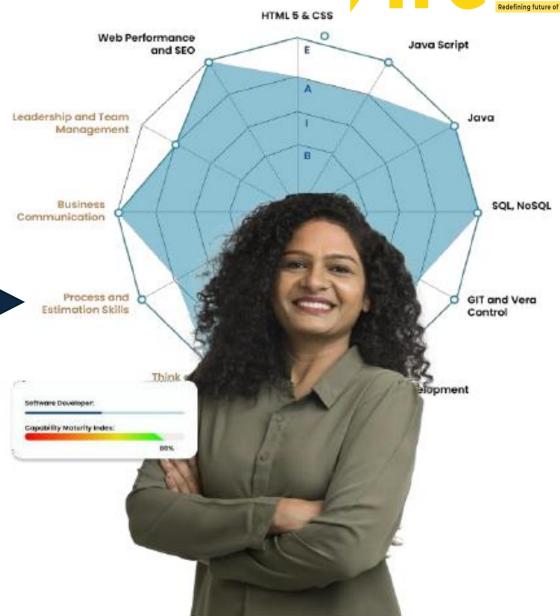
#### **Key Strategic Questions to HR & Business Leaders**

- Approximately 20%+ of your workforce could be in roles already redundant or would be redundant in next two years. Do you want to identify and redeploy them?
- **2. 45% of Core skills** of employees will change by 2028. Have you created your Internal Talent Marketplace for **Reskilling, Upskilling, Cross Skilling** on Priority?
- 3. Do you have a strategic **Talent Acceleration agenda** for your National Talent, especially to Reskill people in frontline roles, to avoid a major skills problem
- 4. Do you know the key Skill gaps, **especially functional skills gaps**, department wise and have addressed them?
- 5. Do you have a strategy to **manage the skill gaps** in the organization? Are you planning to Build, Borrow or Buy
- 6. Do you have a strategic **Al Learning** Strategy and **ESG Learning Strategy** in place?
- 7. Is **improving Productivity** and Efficiency a top priority of your Business leaders?
- 8. Do you **know the Critical job roles** in the organization and are you doing enough to get and retain best talent there?
- 9. Are you still struggling to deliver **learning initiatives** that is designed to build business capabilities and solves **business problems**?
- 10. Do you have a strategic plan for reimaging the future of work and learning



# SKILL INTELLIGENCE DASHBOARD FOR LEADERS

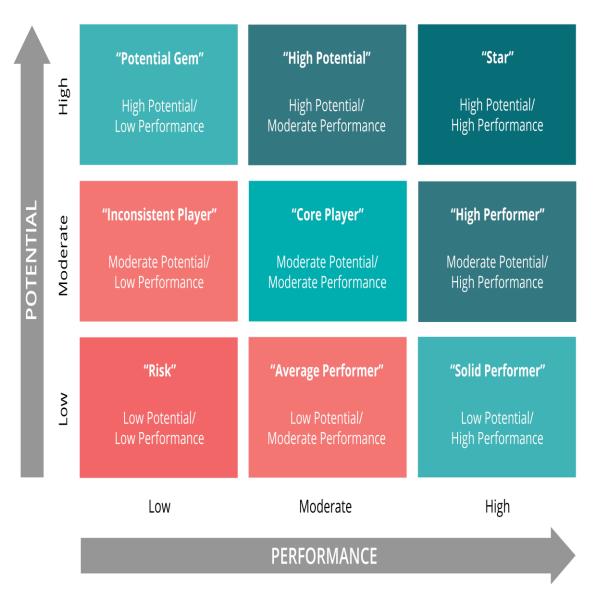
Know the gaps and frame the strategy



#### IDENTIFYING SKILL GAPS & CRAFTING L&D STRATEGY

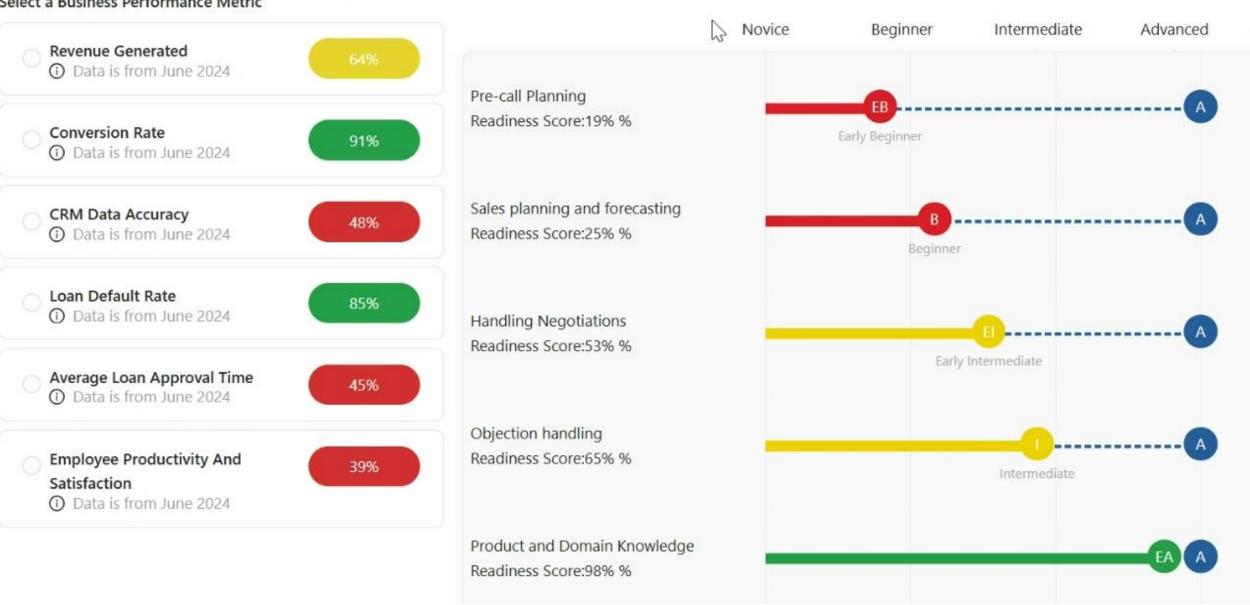


#### IDENTIFY, GROW, RETAIN TALENT



#### MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

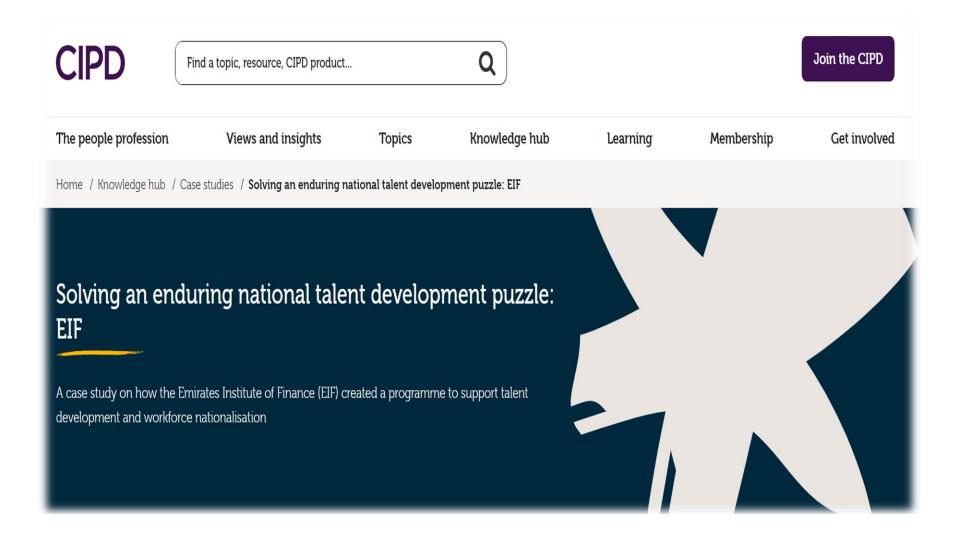
#### Select a Business Performance Metric





#### INTERNAL TALENT MARKETPLACE FOR 'NATIONAL TALENT ACCELERATOR'

Based on the most successful National Talent Upskilling Project which solved UAE's Five Decades old Specialist Talent shortage in Financial Sector



28+
Critical Position
Learning
journeys

250 Roles
Across 20

Specialist Critical Areas

80%+

Pass in
International
Professional
Qualifications by
'Fresh Graduate'
Learners

CIPD
Success Global
Case Study &
MENA Award

#### **INDUSTRY PROBLEMS**

#### **Before ETHRAA**

- Less than 2500 Nationals in 'Critical Areas' in Banking & Financial Sector in UAE, despite five decades of Banking sector
- Industry used to complain about lack of 'Qualified, Skilled nationals' for Critical areas
- **3. Less than 10**% of them were 'Internationally Professionally Qualified'
- Graduates entering workforce need jobs which are sustainable with Career growth Opportunities', not Retail Banking jobs. Graduate attrition in year 1 at high double digits
- **5. Sustainability Risk** on the Financial system in the long run
- 6. Nationals needed in the **Future Critical Areas** like Technology, Fintech, ESG
- 7. Strong **pipeline of Talent** needed for Leadership roles in 10-15 years

Before

After

#### **OUTCOMES**

#### **After ETHRAA**

- I. New 2000 Nationals started careers in 'Critical Areas' in Banking & Financial Sector in UAE, doubling workforce in Critical areas just 2 years. 50% roles in Critical areas by 2026
- 2. Solved industry problem at scale. **Globally** benchmarked National Talent Capability
- 3. 50 % of Critical Workforce of them were 'Internationally Professionally Qualified'
- **4.** Career journeys of 2000 learners launched in Specialist Areas. Graduate Attrition down to low single digits.
- Helped to reduce risk of not Qualified people running critical job functions in Financial sector
- 6. New Pipeline of **Future Ready Talent** Launched
- 7. Future Leaders of UAE Financial Sector Talent pool identified and to be grown through







#### YES... INVESTMENT IN TALENT, IF WELL STRATEGIZED, IS A GAME CHANGER

#### **RE SKILL**

Reskill: Moving Employees to a totally new area

#### **BENEFITS**

- Re deploy employees, especially in roles becoming redundant
- Internal mobility from Operations to Business or business enabling functions, thus increasing profits
- Identify and grow High Potential Talent
- Improve Employee Engagement, Burn out, Retention
- Increase Productivity, Revenues & Profits

#### **CROSS SKILL**

- Cross Skill: Employees acquire skills in a new complimentary area
- Ensures significant cost saving
- Ensures multi dimensional skills which is critical for organizations today
- Thus, a cost saver and productivity booster

### ETHIHAD AIRLINE ABUDHABI PILOTS TRAINED FOR BOTH A350/A 380





AIRBUS 380

AIRBUS 350

Make Bold Futuristic Investments in Talent strategy – It is NOT a cost, it is a cost saver and productivity booster

Takeaway 5

Skill Intelligence: Identify, monitor, act on the Skill gaps, critical roles. Embrace best Global practices and capabilities

Takeaway 4

Business landscape in is getting disrupted.

Become a 'Future ready' Institution

Takeaway 3

Having HR Plans & Policies, Training Policies, Recruitment Policies or many such policies doesn't make a 'Talent Strategy'

Takeaway 2

CEOs/ Boards/ Regulators should prioritize Skill based Talent Strategy as a topmost Priority

Takeaway 1



