

### Introductions

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### **Objectives**

- Develop an effective sustainment strategy
- Manage your limited resources to continue the momentum behind a newly launched initiative
- Gain stakeholder buy-in to sustain a new initiative

## BMS Case Study: Global Selling Skills

- Recognized need for global selling skills
  - Centralized resource
  - Customizable to local markets
- Developed in 2015
  - Global steering committee/core team
  - Global field rides
  - Piloted in two key markets

- Launched in 2016
  - Global live train-thetrainer
  - Local market customization
  - Launched by local trainers and first-line managers

### **Discussion Question**



What are some challenges you have faced sustaining a learning program after you have launched it?

## **BMS Challenges**

- Global legal and compliance approval process
- Competing priorities
- Identifying sustainment needs or programs
- Integration with all other systems

## **Key Thought for Sustainment**

The three most important groups to sustainment:

- Learner
- 2. Learner's manager Arguably the most important
- 3. Learner's resource suppliers (marketing, analytics, training, etc.)



Sustainment Plan

Senior Management Support Global Advisory Board

## **Global Advisory Board**

Trusted group of global advisors who provide feedback, outline needs, and support implementation of the program

- Representation by key global markets
- Respected training leaders or other key stakeholders
- Need to be candid but supportive

Part of the solution, not the problem

# BMS Global Steering Committee Experience

## Senior Management Support

Support all sustainment programs by making them a priority and holding management accountable

- Convinced early of the value of sustainment Return on investment approach
- Trained on the value of sustainment Development is a process, not an event!
- Socialization of key senior management stakeholders to the sustainment strategy

# Gaining BMS Senior Management Support and Socialization

### Sustainment Strategy and Plan

- Initially, focus on the learner's manager –
   Sustainment tools
- 2–3-year plan
- Components of a sustainment plan:
  - Objectives
  - Time and events
  - Ownership
  - Senior management champions

Best time to create a sustainment plan is prior to launch

# **BMS Sustainment Strategy and Plan**

### **Discussion Question**



What are key elements of a global sustainment strategic plan?

# Activity: Best Practices for Sustaining Global Learning

- Divide into small groups
- Share or brainstorm best practices for sustaining a global learning initiative
- Share key findings with the large group

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