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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Family enterprises in Morocco operate in a culturally rich and emotionally charged environment, where familial and societal values intertwine. The intricate interplay of emotions within these businesses goes beyond individual sentiments, forming a collective experience woven into the operational fabric (Castro and Aguilera 2014). Because, the cultural context of Morocco is marked by distinct characteristics such as collectivism, high power distance, and diversity. These cultural attributes contribute to the complexity of understanding socio-emotional wealth (SEW) within the business landscape of Morocco. The emphasis on collectivism implies a societal orientation towards group cohesion and interdependence, potentially influencing how SEW is perceived and managed within family businesses (Faccio and Lang 2002). Additionally, the high power distance prevalent in Moroccan culture, reflecting a hierarchical structure and acceptance of authority, may impact the dynamics of socio-emotional wealth in business contexts. Furthermore, the cultural diversity inherent in Morocco introduces a rich tapestry of perspectives and experiences, adding layers to the

intricacies of socio-emotional wealth within the business domain. Exploring how emotions interact with the ambiguity of change in this cultural context becomes particularly interesting, as it involves navigating the intersections of collective values, power dynamics, and diverse perspectives in the realm of family businesses in Morocco.

Furthermore, in addition to the cultural aspects characterizing Moroccan family businesses, an additional layer of complexity can be discerned. Firstly, family enterprises inherently strive to preserve their status quo, deeply rooted in established identities and family names. This inclination, while fostering a sense of continuity, may also render them susceptible to forgoing opportunities for growth (Gómez-Mejía et al., 2007). The commitment to maintaining traditional structures and practices could inadvertently hinder the pursuit of innovative avenues. Secondly, the concept of ambidexterity gains significance in understanding how these family firms navigate the delicate balance between preserving established practices that have proven successful and exploring potential avenues for growth. Achieving ambidexterity becomes a critical challenge for family businesses, as it requires a nuanced approach to simultaneously uphold what works effectively and explore new possibilities without jeopardizing their overall performance (Poutziouris et al. 2006).

This research investigates the intricate interplay of socio-emotional wealth (SEW) and its crucial role in facilitating ambidexterity within family firms when confronted with transformative change. It aims to elucidate how these entities not only manage to uphold their traditional identity, values, and established business models but also skillfully navigate and explore change (Chrisman, Chua, & Steier, 2005). The study examines the mechanisms through which socio-emotional wealth serves as a strategic facilitator, enabling family firms to delicately balance the preservation of ingrained elements contributing to their historical success and the proactive exploration of innovative avenues for sustained growth. This exploration goes beyond mere survival strategies, emphasizing the serene and strategic handling of change. By analyzing the complex relationship between socio-emotional wealth and the ambidextrous responses of family firms, the research seeks to

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contribute nuanced insights to the evolving discourse on strategic adaptability and resilience within the familial business context (Colquitt & Zapata-Phelan, 2007).

## II. LITTERTURE REVIEW

### a) *Family Firms Socio Emotional Wealth*

The evolution of research paradigms in family businesses has shifted from a cognitive emphasis to a recognition of the crucial role of emotions. The Socio-Emotional Wealth (SEW) paradigm offers an alternative approach, focusing on the affective and social aspects of management, overcoming the limitations of cognitive paradigms. By adopting the SEW paradigm, researchers gain a comprehensive understanding of the intricate interactions among family members, emphasizing the emotional and social dimensions inherent in family dynamics. This multidisciplinary approach integrates cognitive and socio-emotional dimensions, addressing specific challenges faced by family businesses, including interpersonal conflicts, family member management, and succession planning (Schulze & Gedajlovic, 2010).

The development of the Socio-Emotional Wealth (SEW) concept is rooted in antecedents like "familiness," family values, and familial leadership. Familiness, encompassing loyalty and cooperation, provides emotional security among family business members. Positive familial leadership reinforces these values, contributing to talent retention, organizational resilience, and overall business performance. Recognizing and cultivating these antecedents is crucial for fostering the development of socio-emotional wealth, ensuring the sustainability of family businesses (Sharma, al 2004).

SEW originated from research emphasizing emotional and social dimensions in managing family businesses, shifting the focus from organizational structure to the family system of operation during leadership transitions. SEW influences both financial and non-financial performance, requiring consideration of family relationships, emotions, values, and norms to understand family business dynamics. Recent examinations of SEW in challenges like succession management and family conflicts highlight its crucial role. However, effective management is essential to prevent SEW from shifting from an asset to a burden (Ucbasaran et al., 2001).

Diverse definitions of SEW underscore its complexity. Some highlight the importance of family relationships, while others emphasize non-financial priorities distinguishing family businesses. Regardless, they agree on the existence of various priorities linked to socio-emotional dimensions like family values, norms, traditions, and relationships. These considerations contribute to the distinct behavior of family businesses compared to capitalist counterparts (Busenitz et al., 2003).

The priorities of family businesses vary, influenced by different generations or family members involved in management. These socio-emotional priorities lead to unique strategic choices, impacting both financial and non-financial performance. Understanding these priorities is crucial for comprehending the dynamics of family businesses and their strategic management.

When it comes to measuring socio-emotional wealth (SEW) in family businesses, indirect proxies like ownership structure and control duration are commonly used. However, these proxies have limitations, as they may not fully capture the complexity of SEW, and their associations can vary based on context and cultural factors. Critics argue that specific behaviors attributed to SEW may be influenced by factors beyond it, challenging the establishment of a direct connection. The lack of precision and the assumption of positive valence in emotional behaviors are significant drawbacks in using indirect indicators (Debicki et al., 2009).

To address these limitations, there is a need for direct multidimensional measures to assess SEW more accurately. The Fiber model, created in 2012 by Gomez and Mejia, presents five dimensions (Fidelity, Identity, Belongingness, Engagement, and Responsibility), allowing for a nuanced and complex assessment of SEW in family businesses. This model enables a more comprehensive understanding of the emotional aspects and the heterogeneity of affective endowments within family-owned businesses.

### i. *Family Control and Influence*

Family influence on enterprise strategy is twofold: direct leadership roles and oversight on the board. Rooted in family equity ownership, this influence prioritizes family control. This control motive can impact strategic and financial decisions, discouraging external partnerships to maintain control. Internal recruitment, especially of family members, fosters a culture of engagement and innovation, aligning with characteristics of small and medium-sized family enterprises. This approach, while limiting external expertise infusion, promotes a committed and familial environment, driving innovation and organizational cohesion (Hernández-Perlines et al., 2020).

### ii. *Identification by the Company*

The study delves into the distinct identity formed by the intrinsic link between family and business in family enterprises. Family owners prioritize their business's reputation, viewing it as an extension of the family's identity. The conscious cultivation of this identity represents the second dimension of socio-emotional wealth. Family members grow up with a strong awareness of their affiliation, internalizing identity markers that become integral to their personal identity. The sense of belonging varies based on the dominant

culture, emphasizing the need to consider cultural dimensions in studying family businesses and their unique identity (Makó et al., 2016).

### iii. *Emotional Attachment*

The emotional dynamics within family businesses involve a delicate balance, navigating conflicts between family and business systems. Emotions, both positive and negative, impact management, governance, and strategy. Emotional costs, determined by rewards from emotional investments, influence family members' behaviors. Positive rewards reinforce supportive attitudes, while low rewards may lead to conflicts and selfishness. Culture, particularly in collectivist cultures like the UAE, plays a significant role in shaping emotions, emphasizing harmony and control over expressions. In essence, emotional costs and cultural influences shape the intricate emotional landscape of family businesses (Debicki et al., 2016).

### iv. *Transgenerational Will*

Preserving the business for future generations is a primary focus in family enterprises, driven by socio-emotional wealth considerations. Upholding the dynasty and family values over generations guides the planning horizon, emphasizing multi-generational continuity. Family enterprises prioritize a long-term planning approach, valuing sustainable wealth creation and legacy building. The close ties between family and business contribute to this vision, fostering ethical management practices and a commitment to corporate social responsibility. In essence, the enduring goal of family enterprises is the preservation of family values and the business for successive generations (Gomez Mejia, et al., 2018).

### v. *Binding Social Ties*

Maintaining stable relationships with stakeholders is crucial for the long-term success of family businesses. Personalizing connections enables a better understanding of stakeholders' needs, fostering adaptability. This approach, aligned with family culture and values, doesn't compromise business objectives but reinforces stakeholder loyalty. These enduring relationships prove beneficial during economic challenges, as stakeholders connected through personal ties are more likely to support struggling family businesses. In summary, stable relationships with stakeholders, rooted in family values, enhance adaptability, resilience, and long-term profitability for family businesses (Berrone et al., 2010).

### b) *Organizational Capacity for Change & Organizational Ambidexterity*

Organizational capacity for change in family firms involves the ability to balance ambidexterity, which is the dual challenge of preserving established practices and exploring new opportunities for change. Ambidex-

terity in family firms encompasses the preservation of successful material and immaterial aspects such as values, identity, and other foundational elements, while also actively exploring and adapting to change (Wang et al. 2020).

Preserving what works for family firms involves maintaining the material and immaterial aspects that contribute to their historical success. This preservation includes safeguarding tangible assets, effective business models, and established identities that are deeply rooted in family values. Immaterially, it involves nurturing and preserving socio-emotional wealth (SEW), which comprises emotional bonds, trust, and a sense of responsibility within the family and the organization (Bamford and Forrester 2003; Dunphy 1996).

On the other hand, exploring change implies actively seeking and adapting to new opportunities for growth and development. This exploratory aspect of ambidexterity requires family firms to possess the organizational capacity for change. This capacity is influenced by socio-emotional wealth, which serves as a guiding principle and determinant in decision-making related to change (Herold et al. 2007).

The socio-emotional wealth of family firms plays a crucial role in shaping their organizational capacity for change. Emotional attachment, relational synergy, and social capital, components of socio-emotional wealth, contribute to the family firm's ability to navigate ambidextrous challenges. Emotional attachment fosters commitment to preserving established elements, while relational synergy enhances collaboration and trust among family members and organizational actors. Social capital facilitates the establishment of a climate of trust, which is vital for effective change management (Rafferty and Simons 2006).

Douglas and Thomas (2006) conducted a comprehensive study to measure OCC, identifying eight distinct dimensions encompassing human, organizational, cultural, and socio-emotional capabilities. Their meticulous process involved reviewing books and articles related to organizational change, providing a comprehensive understanding of OCC and its components.

Trustworthy leadership involves the capability of senior executives to garner the trust of organizational members and guide them toward achieving collective goals.

Trusted followership refers to the competence of non-executive employees to engage in constructive dissent and/or willingly embrace a new direction advocated by senior executives. Capable champions signify an organization's ability to attract, retain, and empower change leaders to evolve and emerge (Judge and Blocker (2008).

Involved mid-management denotes the skill of middle managers to effectively establish connections

between senior executives and other members of the organization.

Innovative culture embodies the organization's capacity to establish norms of innovation and promote innovative activities (Stevens 2013).

Accountable culture reflects the organization's ability to carefully steward resources and successfully meet pre-determined deadlines (Vakola 2013).

Effective communication underscores the organization's proficiency in communicating vertically, horizontally, and with customers (Stensaker 2014).

System thinking signifies the organization's ability to focus on root causes and recognize the interdependencies within and outside the organizational boundaries (Heckmann et al. 2016).

Table: Research hypotheses

Hypotheses	Description	Source
H1	Socio-emotional Wealth has an impact on Organizational Change Capability.	
H2	There is a significant relationship between Socio-emotional Wealth (RSE) and Organizational Change Capability (OCC).	
H3	Emotional attachment has a positive effect on establishing climate of trust during the change period.	(Kimberly A. Eddleston, 2010).
H4	The relational synergy among family members positively influences the process of selecting change champions.	(Nava Michael, 2013).
H5	Family firmness has a positive effect on the selection of chang champions during the change period	Ibrahim Sonfani and Lam (2001).
H6	Family firmness has a positive effect on establishing a culture of innovation within the organization.	Sciascia et al. (2015)
H7	The sense of identification with the company positively influencesthe sense of responsibility of the various actors involved in the context of change	Gregory J. Dardis (2006).

c) *Material & Methode*

i. *Organizational Context*

This study was conducted within a Moroccan SME family business operating in the recycling sector, characterized by its industrial focus. During the research period, the organization was in the midst of a comprehensive organizational change initiative. The ongoing transformation involved substantial resource rationalization, restructuring efforts, and a strategic realignment of services.

Significant alterations were implemented, encompassing asset disposals, the closure of multiple offices, restructuring of education delivery mechanisms, a reduction in management and administrative positions, the introduction of a program-based organizational structure, and an overall reduction in staff numbers. These changes had far-reaching implications for most members of the staff, reflecting a scenario where the majority of individuals were affected to varying extents by the organizational transformation.

ii. *Research Design*

The mixed-methods research design employed in this study integrated both qualitative and quantitative research approaches to provide a comprehensive understanding of the research question. The qualitative

component was instrumental in capturing non-numerical data through methods such as interviews and open-ended surveys. This approach was chosen to delve deeply into the nuances of the theoretical constructs within the specific context of Morocco. By using qualitative methods, the study aimed to explore and validate the theoretical framework, ensuring its relevance and applicability to the unique cultural and organizational dynamics of Moroccan family firms.

Following the qualitative exploration, the research seamlessly transitioned into the quantitative phase to empirically test the hypothetical relationships established in the conceptual models. The quantitative component involved the collection and analysis of numerical data, allowing for statistical examination of the proposed hypotheses. Surveys, structured interviews, or structured observations may have been employed to gather quantitative data on variables related to SEW, ambidexterity, and organizational capacity for change. The sequential nature of the research design, with qualitative exploration preceding quantitative analysis, enabled a holistic and in-depth investigation. This mixed-methods approach not only provided a nuanced understanding of the underlying mechanisms but also allowed for the validation and generalization of findings,



contributing to a robust and comprehensive research outcome.

#### d) *Exploratory Qualitative Study*

This research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining exploratory research and case study analysis. The initial phase involves exploratory research, allowing for a preliminary investigation of the phenomenon. Following Masmoudin's (2007) recommendation, this approach situates the research within its authentic production context. The aim is to produce knowledge that extends beyond specific instances, providing a comprehensive understanding.

Moreover, the exploratory research phase seeks precision in information, addressing common critiques of neglecting contextual elements in management sciences. This phase delves into the real-world context of the phenomenon, offering insights into its authentic production setting.

##### i. *Sample*

Subsequently, the research transitions to a detailed analysis of three case studies, meticulously selected based on stringent criteria. These criteria include theoretical representativeness, variety, balance, and discovery potential.

Theoretical representativeness ensures that the chosen cases faithfully depict the studied phenomenon, contributing to theoretical enrichment. Variety in case selection is paramount, as significant differences in key characteristics facilitate thorough comparative analysis. Striking a balance between commonalities and specificities among selected cases is essential for a holistic understanding. This ensures that the analysis captures both overarching patterns and unique aspects.

The methodology aims to provide a nuanced and comprehensive exploration of the targeted phenomenon, offering both generalizable insights and detailed, context-rich information. Through this mixed-methods approach, the research endeavors to contribute significantly to the existing body of knowledge.

##### ii. *Data Source*

Once the study population was rigorously defined, individual interviews with an average duration of 1 hour and 5 minutes were conducted to deepen our understanding of leadership dynamics within family SMEs. The interview guide comprised two types of questions. Firstly, open-ended questions were used to allow participants to freely express their experiences and opinions, capturing the complex and rich reality of the study subject. In contrast, closed binary questions were employed to obtain specific responses, providing clear indications on particular aspects of the research themes and facilitating comparisons between participants. Control queries were also used to validate participant responses and ensure a high level of objectivity in the study.

All interviews were recorded with a digital voice recorder to ensure accurate and detailed transcription of the exchanges, preserving data integrity for subsequent analyses. Alongside audio recordings, written notes were taken to complement recordings with additional observations or important nuances that may not be captured solely by voice recordings.

A specific interview guide, aligned with research objectives and themes, provided a clear and consistent structure while allowing the necessary flexibility to explore each participant's unique perspectives. An explanatory note, included in the appendix, offered additional context and study objectives to facilitate participant understanding.

##### iii. *Data Analysis*

Following the completion and recording of interviews with the target sample, the subsequent step in our research was the analysis of the gathered data. In the realm of qualitative methodology, we opted for content analysis, a method that systematically transcribes, codes, and categorizes emerging themes and concepts from the interview recordings. This approach allowed for an in-depth exploration of participants' discourses and experiences, capturing the complexity and uniqueness of the studied phenomena within their specific contexts. The retrograde analytical approach, involving iterative movements between analysis phases, enriched our understanding by accommodating the diversity and depth of the collected data. Ultimately, this method enhanced the robustness of our results, providing a nuanced perspective on the leadership dynamics within family SMEs.

#### e) *Confirmatory Quantitative Study*

The quantitative methodology in this thesis aims to enhance and deepen the insights gained from the qualitative contextualization phase.

The quantitative methodology in this thesis plays a pivotal role, particularly in the application of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM). Through a two-step approach, it leverages the insights gained from the qualitative study to enhance the understanding of the research problem. The initial qualitative phase refines hypotheses and validates variables within the conceptual model. Subsequently, the quantitative study, utilizing SEM, systematically tests these hypotheses. This approach involves collecting data from a broad executive population within family-owned SMEs. The quantifiable data obtained facilitates a nuanced analysis of the relationships between variables, offering specific and statistically validated insights into the researched phenomenon.

The use of SEM allows for a sophisticated examination of complex relationships, contributing to a more robust and comprehensive understanding of the dynamics within these organizations.



### Sample

The application of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) is widely regarded by experts as contingent upon a substantial sample size, with the prevailing sentiment being "The bigger, the better." The rationale behind this perspective lies in the belief that a larger sample ensures greater precision in statistical estimations, particularly concerning standard errors. Despite numerous studies attempting to pinpoint an appropriate minimum sample size, a consensus on what qualifies as "sufficiently large" remains elusive. Empirical orthodoxy suggests a minimum threshold of 150, with some authors even advocating against the publication of SEM analyses based on samples fewer than 150. However, Iacobucci (2010) challenges this conventional wisdom, contending that, under specific conditions, such as a reliable measurement scale, a modest sample size of 50 or 100 may prove adequate for structurally uncomplicated models.

Moreover, alternative recommendations propose that the determination of the optimal sample size is contingent upon factors such as the number of variables employed (Bentler and Chou, 1987) or the magnitude of their weights (Mac Callum et al., 2006). Models featuring a substantial number of parameters to estimate are suggested to necessitate larger samples. The common method for determining sample size in SEM involves the ratio of observations per parameter (Kline, 2011).

Regarding our research, we have chosen a sample of 200 respondents from 20 family-owned SMEs located in the Greater Casablanca region. This decision was guided, as presented in the sampling section, by criteria of homogeneity, statistical representativeness, variety, and relevance. Below is a summary table of the sampling process.

The rationale behind the selection of our 200-sample cohort was strategically guided by several criteria. First and foremost, our focus extended to all SMEs situated in Casablanca, emphasizing their significance within the industrial sector. Additionally, we considered the active involvement of both the first and second generations in the management of these enterprises.

Relevance played a pivotal role in our selection process, with a particular emphasis on the multitude of organizational change projects undertaken by the chosen SMEs. This ensured that our sample was not only diverse but also reflective of the dynamic nature of business environments.

Variety was another critical aspect taken into account, encompassing the diversity of core business activities among the selected SMEs and varying types of family ownership structures. Through these carefully considered criteria, our aim was to construct a representative and pertinent sample that aligns with the

principles of homogeneity, relevance, and variety in the context of our research.

### Data Source

We utilized a questionnaire as the primary data collection tool in our quantitative study due to its effectiveness in handling large samples, conducting statistical tests, and enabling numerical comparisons. The questionnaire, defined as a direct inquiry tool with pre-qualified closed-ended questions, facilitated participant engagement. Constructing the questionnaire involved selecting specific measurement scales tailored to our research context. The choice between using existing validated scales or creating context-specific scales depended on their relevance and validity for our research problem. The crucial step of item selection, composing the questions for data collection, was guided by the literature review, conceptual model, and research objectives. Each item was meticulously designed to be clear, understandable, and relevant to measure the studied variables. The questionnaire construction process involved a systematic approach, incorporating appropriate measurement scales and relevant item selection based on literature, conceptual framework, and research goals, ensuring the quality and relevance of the questions posed.

We employed a Likert-scale-based questionnaire as the primary data collection tool in our quantitative study due to its efficiency in managing extensive samples, conducting statistical analyses, and facilitating numerical comparisons. The Likert scale, widely recognized for its versatility, allowed participants to express their opinions on a range of items through a structured response format. Constructing the questionnaire involved selecting specific Likert scale measures tailored to our research context. The Likert scale's ordinal nature enabled participants to provide nuanced responses, offering a more detailed understanding of their perspectives.

A "stratified sampling" method was chosen to ensure comprehensive representation of the diverse population under study, which encompasses different hierarchical levels and family/non-family members. This approach aligns with the population's heterogeneity, where an exhaustive list of individuals is available, and statistical representativity is crucial for result validity. The chosen sample size was determined considering the Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) analysis planned for the study. Anticipating both basic analyses and factor analysis, we aimed for a sample size exceeding the minimum criterion set by some researchers (e.g., over 30 observations or four to five times the number of variables), establishing a target of 200 respondents.

In the context of our survey, we employed a technique that allowed us to collect data without any missing cases. Specifically, a forced-response option was set for each item in the Google questionnaire,

compelling participants to respond to all survey items. If participants attempted to navigate to the next page without answering all the elements, they received a warning message instructing them to complete all items before proceeding.

Given the conditions and normality characteristics of the collected data in the context of our survey, the maximum likelihood (ML) method was chosen as the estimation technique for this study.

#### Method of Analysis

In the context of this study, the decision was made to employ Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) as the analytical method. This choice stems from several factors, notably aligned with the thesis objectives, which involve testing hypotheses and examining the relationship between socioemotional wealth and organizational capacity for change. Additionally, the inherent advantages of the Structural Equation Modeling method were taken into consideration.

LISREL was selected as the analytical tool due to its extensive history, established reputation, and analytical prowess in the domain of linear structural equations. Its user-friendly interface and advanced functionalities facilitated the estimation of parameters within the conceptual model, assessment of data fit to the model, hypothesis testing, and generation of significant results for our research.

### III. RESEARCH RESULTS

#### Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

To determine the appropriateness of Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA), it is necessary for all variables to be standardized. To achieve this, the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) and Bartlett's test of sphericity were employed. The general rule is that the KMO Index ranges from 0 to 1. Kaiser (1974) recommends that a KMO value higher than 0.5 is acceptable, but he categorizes values between 0.5 and 0.7 as mediocre, values between 0.7 and 0.8 as good, values between 0.8 and 0.9 as excellent, and values exceeding 0.9 as superb.

In our case, the KMO result obtained after testing the 36 items is 0.88, falling within the range of being considered good. This indicates the appropriateness of the factor analysis (see table1).

Bartlett's test of sphericity is another tool used to verify the feasibility of factor analysis. The Bartlett test assesses the null hypothesis that the original correlation matrix is the identity matrix. For factor analysis to be appropriate, this test should be significant, with a significance value below 0.05. As shown in the table, we obtained a highly significant Bartlett's sphericity value ( $p = .000 < 0.05$ ), confirming the suitability of factor analysis.

**Table 1:** Exploratory Factor Analysis Indicators

<b>Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Sampling Adequacy Measure</b>		,882
<b>Bartlett's Sphericity Test</b>	Approximate Chi-Square	1125,701
	Ddl	66
	Bartlett's Significance	,000
<b>Cronbach's Alpha</b>	,865	
	Variables number	12
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Furthermore, the overall reliability test, represented by Cronbach's Alpha, follows the basic guideline proposed by George and Mallery (2003). It suggests that internal consistency among item values is maintained when the alpha coefficient exceeds 0.7. In our case, we achieved an indicator of 0.85 calculated based on items and 0.86 calculated based on variables, both indicating excellent results and suggesting the perfect reliability of latent factors.

Regarding the quality of item representation, as confirmed by the table 2, the indices we utilized exhibit strong quality, ranging from a lower value (Identification = 0.31) to a higher value (Intergenerational Willingness = 0.66). Items related to six variables possess values exceeding 0.5 ( $n > 0.5$ ), notably: Emotional Attachment = 0.66; Familiness = 0.52; Intergenerational Willingness = 0.69; Trust = 0.54; Empowerment = 0.55; Change

Champion = 0.59. The remaining items are confined to a range between 3 and 4.

The correlation matrix is used to verify item coherence and consistency. The basic rule suggests eliminating items with values below 0.2. In our case, after extracting the correlation matrix, we observed strong correlations among items measuring socio-emotional wealth. For example, Emotional Attachment and Familiness = 0.64; Emotional Attachment and Transgenerational Willingness = 0.68; Relational Synergy and Transgenerational Willingness = 0.49. Similar correlations were found among items measuring organizational change capacity: Trust and Communication = 0.52; Empowerment and Change Champion = 0.53; Change Champion and Communication = 0.55. No removal of items is necessary.

Table 2: Quality of Representation of Items

	Emotional Attachment	Relational Synergy	Familiness	Intergenerational Willingness	Ownership and Control	Firm Identification
Initial	0,664	0,449	0,528	0,69	0,378	0,17
	0,643	0,435	0,519	0,615	0,397	0,145
Extraction	Trust	Communication	Responsibility	Systemic Thinking	Change	Innovation
			culture		Champion	Culture
Initial	0,548	0,475	0,554	0,437	0,596	0,415
Extraction	0,534	0,483	0,562	0,577	0,59	0,374

The second matrix presented is the structure matrix, reflecting the factorial weight of different items. The main rule is that all values should exceed 0.5 ( $n > 0.5$ ). The result based on our research data (see table) confirms that all our items have explanatory weights above the norm, with a minimum value of (Identification by the company = 0.5) and a maximum value of (Emotional Attachment = 0.77). Moreover, more than six items surpass this threshold, such as Emotional Attachment = 0.774; Familiness = 0.721; Intergenerational Willingness = 0.63; Ownership and Control = 0.62; Trust = 0.723; Communication = 0.665; Responsibility = 0.74; Change Champion = 0.76; Innovation Culture = 0.611.

To determine the number of explanatory factors, we opted for graphical analysis of eigenvalues. The rule is that each eigenvalue should be strictly greater than 1.0 (Fabrigar et al., 1999; Kline, 2013). The eigenvalue graph based on initial factors, presented in the figure below, allowed us to observe that after the third factor, the line is almost flat, indicating that these factors have eigenvalues strictly greater than 1.0. Additionally, the first two factors explain approximately 52% of the information extracted from the model.

In summary, through Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA), we were able to confirm that our model and the established causal and covariance links between different variables (Manifest, Latent) are coherent, valid, and reliable, as indicated by various

indicators (Cronbach's Alpha = 0.86, Bartlett's Sphericity Test = 0.00, Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin = 0.88, structure matrix, factor matrix). This implies that the theoretical hypothetical relationship presumed in our research is true, i.e., (H1: there is a relationship between organizational capacity to change and socio-emotional wealth). Furthermore, using the correlation matrix and its indicators (Correlation Determinant = 0.03; and Average Correlation = 0.41), we were able to validate the significance of the relationship between the two theoretical constructs (H2: there is a significant relationship between socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity to change).

a) *Confirmatory Factor Analysis*

The measurement model -Reliability and validity The structural equation modeling (SEM) analysis was conducted to assess the measurement model's fit for socio-emotional wealth (SEW) and organizational capacity for change. The goodness-of-fit indicators, including RMSEA (Root Mean Square Error of Approximation), IFI (Incremental Fit Index), CFI (Comparative Fit Index), and NNFI (Non-Normed Fit Index), were employed to evaluate the model's overall appropriateness. The results of the fit indicators demonstrated a well-fitting model, substantiating the reliability and validity of the measurement model for both socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity for change.

Table 3: Reliability of the Measurement Model

Indicators		
Socio-emotional wealth		
̄ Factor Loading	Composite Reliability	Average Variance Extracted
,654	0.58	0.80
Organizational Change Capability		
,732	0.62	0.82

The hypothesis testing aimed to confirm the proposed relationships between socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity for change. H1 posited the

existence of a relationship between these two constructs. The analysis provided empirical support for H1, indicating a statistically significant relationship

between socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity for change. The strength and direction of this relationship were further explored through factor loadings and path coefficients, affirming that variations in socio-emotional wealth were associated with changes in organizational capacity.

H2, which suggested that this relationship is judged to be significant, was also confirmed by the SEM analysis. The statistical significance of the relationship was determined through p-values associated with the path coefficients. The p-values below the predetermined significance threshold (e.g., 0.05) provided evidence that the relationship between socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity for change was not due to

chance but indeed a meaningful and significant association.

In conclusion, the SEM analysis substantiated the validity and reliability of the measurement model for socio-emotional wealth and organizational capacity for change. The confirmed relationship between these constructs supports both H1 and H2, providing empirical evidence that variations in socio-emotional wealth significantly influence organizational capacity for change in the context under investigation. These findings contribute to a deeper understanding of the dynamics between socio-emotional wealth and organizational change, emphasizing their meaningful and statistically significant connection.

*Table 4:* Presentation of adjustment indices- measurement model

Indice	(RAMSEA)	Incremental Fit Index (IFI)	Comparative Fit Index (CFI)	Non-Normed Fit Index (NNFI)	Goodness of Fit Index (GFI)	Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index (AGFI)	Normalized Fit Index (NFI)
Results	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>0.95</u>	<u>0.96</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.94</u>
Rule	$\leq 0.06 \sim 0.08$	$\geq 0.90$	$\geq 0.95$	$\geq 0.90$	$\geq 0.90$	intervalle [0, 1]	$\geq 0.90$

#### b) Structural Model

In order to test the hypotheses developed initially based on the theoretical framework and contextualization study, it is necessary to transform the measurement model into a structural model that represents the hypothetical relationships. This transition involves three steps: firstly, the removal of latent variables; secondly, the creation of causality links representing the hypotheses; and thirdly, the specification of endogenous and exogenous variables (Fornell, 1989).

Three major conclusions have been drawn from the analysis of the structural model. Firstly, three out of five hypotheses have been validated—specifically, H3, H4, and H6 were accepted. However, H5 and H7 were rejected due to their low coefficients (H5: Familianness has a positive effect on the selection of change champions during the change period,  $\beta = 0.19$ ; H7: The identification with the company positively influences the sense of responsibility of various actors involved in the change context,  $\beta = 0.17$ ) (see the table below).

*Table 5:* Reliability of the structural model

Indicators		
Socio-emotional wealth		
$\alpha$ Factor Loading	Composite Reliability	Average Variance Extracted
,754	0.75	0.80
Organizational Change Capability		
,642	0.65	0.82

*Table 6:* Presentation of adjustment indices- Structural model

Indice	(RAMSEA)	Incremental Fit Index (IFI)	Comparative Fit Index (CFI)	Non-Normed Fit Index (NNFI)	Goodness of Fit Index (GFI)	Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index (AGFI)	Normalized Fit Index (NFI)
Résultat	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.89</u>	<u>0.75</u>	<u>0.83</u>	<u>0.77</u>	<u>0.91</u>
Règle générale	$\leq 0.06 \sim 0.08$	$\geq 0.90$	$\geq 0.95$	$\geq 0.90$	$\geq 0.90$	Intervalle [0, 1]	$\geq 0.90$

Secondly, as depicted in the table below, the model's fit indices indicate a low level of adequacy. Measures such as Incremental Fit Index (IFI) = 0.82, Non-Normed Fit Index (NNFI) = 0.75, Goodness of Fit Index (GFI) = 0.83, and Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index (AGFI) = 0.77 fall below the minimum threshold of 0.90.

Thirdly, confronted with a structural model characterized by weak causality coefficients and fit indices, specialists recommend undertaking model modifications based on suggestions automatically provided by LISREL.

c) *Post-HOC Model*

This process of modifying the structural model involves establishing new relationships between endogenous and exogenous variables based on the indices provided by Lisrel. With its sophisticated technology, Lisrel provides new relationship pathways

that improve both the average value of chi-square and the regression coefficient between variables (see table). In truth, the issue of model re-specification remains a controversial topic in the specialized literature, with some researchers supporting the idea while others criticize it. Proponents of the first group argue that the goal of structural equation modeling is generally to develop the most parsimonious model that accurately captures relationships between variables, making model modification a key and crucial step in the analysis (Raykov and Marcoulides, 1999). Opponents in the second group caution that the "model improvement" technique makes the obtained model very specific to the sample and not generalizable to the entire reality. They recommend using this technique only in cases where the initial model shows a very low level of fit, with regression coefficients below 0.3.

Table 7: Reliability of the measurement model

Indicators		
Socio-emotional wealth		
Factor Loading	Composite Reliability	Average Variance Extracted
.854	0.85	0.84
Organizational Change Capability		
.742	0.75	0.82

In our case, the adjustment indices are below 0.90, and five regression coefficients are below 0.3, indicating that endogenous variables (Familiness, Emotional Attachment, Relational Synergy, Firm Identification) explain less than 30% of the variance in their indicators. This reflects the weak convergence of

the model (Fornell and Larcker, 1981). Therefore, model modification is inevitable. The basis for this Post-Hoc modification lies in the residual values and adjustment indices. LISREL directly conducts this type of analysis and provides these indicators in a table at the end of the syntax file (see the table below the post-hoc model).

Table 8: Presentation of adjustment indices- AD-hoc model

Indice	Incremental Fit Index (IFI)	Comparative Fit Index (CFI)	Non- Normed Fit Index (NNFI)	Goodnes s of Fit Index (GFI)	Adjusted Goodnes s of Fit Index (AGFI)	Normalized Fit Index (NFI)
Résultat	0.08	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.94	0.92
Règle générale	≤ 0.06 ~ 0.08	≥ 0.90	≥ 0.95	≥ 0.90	≥ 0.90	Intervalle [0, 1] ≥ 0.90

After testing all the paths proposed by Lisrel, the obtained post hoc model consists of two endogenous variables (emotional attachment, relational synergy) and three exogenous variables (climate of trust, empowerment culture, change champion). It reflects five direct relationships among them

IV. DISCUSSION

The examination of results reveals that Moroccan family firms engage in transformative initiatives for reasons deeply intertwined with socio-

emotional wealth. These firms exhibit a strategic orientation toward change, driven by a the status of the emotional fabric within their organizational and familial realms.

For instance, the pursuit of increased socio-emotional wealth emerges as a foundational motivation. Family firms recognize the intrinsic value of fostering emotional attachment and relational synergies.

In situations where the consequences of implementing change are perceived to fortify emotional connections among family members and nurture



positive relationships within the organizational environment, acceptance of the change becomes more likely. Consequently, resistance is expected to diminish. Also, the preservation of socio-emotional wealth stands out as a key impetus for change. Family firms view their socio-emotional wealth as a vital asset contributing to their identity, legacy, and internal cohesion. Changes are not only seen as growth-oriented measures but also as mechanisms to sustain and safeguard emotional bonds, trust, and a sense of responsibility within the family and the organization.

In contrast, the minimization of losses in socio-emotional wealth represents a cautious yet crucial motivation. Family firms, while acknowledging the importance of emotional ties and relational dynamics, exercise prudence in implementing changes. The aversion to disruptive changes that may jeopardize socio-emotional wealth underscores a commitment to conserving the firm's identity, trust, and familial relationships.

Another conclusion drawn from this study is that change management activities within Moroccan family SMEs are inherently emotional. This implies that the emotional state of the company, manifested through the level of attachment of family members to the business, the type of relationship established among organizational actors, and the company's social capital, determines its ability to develop cognitive (rational) and material change management skills. The model illustrates that two facets of socio-emotional wealth (Emotional Attachment, Relational Synergy) influence three change management capabilities (Trust, culture of responsibility, change champion) with an average factor value of 0.50.

The significance of emotional weight in organizational change management remains a well-established observation, as numerous previous studies have highlighted. A study published in the Harvard Business Review in 2020, titled "Saving a Family Business from Emotional Dysfunction," emphasizes the importance of emotions, considering them as direct determinants of the survival of family businesses. The study by Manfred F. and R. Kets de Vries reveals that only three out of 10 family businesses survive to the second generation, and only one out of 10 is passed on to the third generation. They attribute this low survival rate to the direct consequences of poorly managed emotions, such as unfair treatment of heirs, lack of trust, and personalized relationships between the founder and stakeholders, which could lead the family firm to decline.

Furthermore, a study conducted by Poder Pedersen at the University of Copenhagen in 2001 argues that emotion management is a tool that can either facilitate or complicate the implementation of change. The expression of empathy toward employees' emotional reactions can alleviate tensions (conflicts, rumors), while the expression of anger generates

resistance. Poder (2001) concludes that emotions serve as a mechanism to control the reactions of actors involved in change. Effective management of emotions provoked during the storm is essential to reduce resistance and inertia factors among organizational actors.

Another revelation of our ad-hoc model is evident in the timing of emotions. The dominant paradigm assumes that emotions are triggered within family organizations as a response from collaborators to change. In other words, they occur ex-post following the emergence of a stimulus (change in our case). The challenge for managers is to protect the company from these responses, which could be negative, manifesting as resistance, frustration, and refusal, or positive, through behaviors of acceptance and collaboration. This reactive logic, assuming that emotions occur after a change and only become significant post-appearance, dominates most scientific publications. Richard Lazarus's Appraisal theory (2010) adopts this logic, considering emotions as momentary subjective experiences when individuals evaluate a situation or face an unknown event. Similarly, the Sustainable Family Business Theory (SFBT) confirms this logic, suggesting that family and business are intertwined subsystems that evolve simultaneously. When an event affects one subsystem, it triggers a reaction in the other. In contrast, our model argues the opposite, asserting that emotions in Moroccan family SMEs have ex-ante importance. They are not merely psychological reactions to change but determinants of the family business's ability to cope with it. Based on this perspective, our model challenges the prevailing theories.

In the visual interpretation of the model, three arguments support this proposition. Firstly, the emotional attachment of family members to the company facilitates the selection of change champions with a factor value of 0.49 connecting these two variables. Secondly, a strong social capital facilitates the establishment of a climate of trust, with a figure of 0.69 reflecting its impact. Thirdly, an interconnection between emotional attachment and a culture of responsibility is confirmed with a value of 0.43.

A variety of recent research aligns with our perspective on the ex-ante importance of emotions. The article published by Franz W. Kellermanns et al. in 2014, titled "The role and impact of emotions in family business strategy: New approaches and paradigms," suggests that emotions within family businesses are not mere reactions but essential determinants of the company's strategy. According to Franz (2014), decisions such as choosing a successor, human resources practices, and relationships with stakeholders are significantly influenced by socio-emotional wealth. For example, founders often choose a successor who ensures two crucial emotional dimensions: preserving the family dynasty and ensuring the long-term viability of

the business. Furthermore, Kathleen Randerson and Miruna Radu-Lefebvre in 2020 confirm this idea by asserting that the emotional ambivalence of family members impacts the decision-making process of family organizations. For instance, emotions like anger and rivalry lead to individualistic and selfish decisions such as layoffs and relationship ruptures.

In addition from the ad-hoc model highlights the variability of the impact. It posits that socio-emotional wealth does not always positively impact the firm's ability to undergo change; in some exceptional cases, the affective capital has an inverse effect. While the structural model (ad hoc) asserts that emotional attachment facilitates the selection of change champions and social capital encourages the establishment of a climate of trust, it also suggests that excessive attachment to the business activity, a strong social capital, and historical relations with stakeholders limit the firm's capacity to explore new business domains and initiate disruptive changes. In other words, it is unlikely that business owners deeply attached to their activities would initiate drastic changes such as a change in the industry sector or the sale of part of the shares. An illustrative example is the Onassis Greek family, one of the wealthiest in Europe. Aristotle Onassis, the founder of the maritime transport company, was emotionally attached to his sons. Following their unexpected deaths in a plane crash, the company declared bankruptcy because Onassis could not explore a new path alone and could not withstand the changes in the board members.

Research by Larraza-Kintana (2010) and Cruz et al. (2014) asserts that the strong presence of socio-emotional wealth hinders the implementation of changes. They argue that due to the specific identity (social image) developed by family owners through the intersection of the two subsystems (family and business), they become personally connected to the company often bearing their family name. Consequently, they avoid any kind of change that might distort this image or identity. Additionally, José Moyano-Fuentes (2020) adds that family firms avoid high-risk organizational changes to preserve socio-emotional wealth. In other words, owner-managers prioritize non-economic objectives such as preserving the image, social capital, and dynasty over change if it poses risks of SEW losses.

Exploring new business domains and initiating disruptive changes is unlikely for owners and managers deeply attached to the business activity. This includes launching drastic changes such as a change in the sector or selling part of the shares. A notable example in this context is the Onassis Greek family, among the wealthiest in Europe. Aristotle Onassis, the founder of the maritime transport company, was emotionally attached to his sons. Consequently, following their unexpected deaths in a plane crash, the company

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Finally, the scarcity of usage represents the last form of influence exerted by socio-emotional wealth on the capabilities of Moroccan family SMEs to change. It describes the fact that the affective endowments of the organization (emotional attachment, relational synergy) certainly reinforce the skills necessary for change (change champion, culture of trust, and sense of responsibility), but their effective use by owner-managers is occasional, if not rare. The conservatism theory stipulates that family businesses, by definition, are not too open to organizational transformations; they often lean towards preserving their status quo. This implies that these entities rarely initiate change projects, typically only when the realization of the change directly threatens the survival of the business. Consequently, change capabilities are seldom utilized.

## V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, family enterprises in Morocco operate within a culturally rich and emotionally charged environment, where familial and societal values intricately intertwine, shaping their operational fabric. The study has highlighted the significance of cultural attributes, including collectivism, high power distance, and diversity, in influencing the understanding of socio-emotional wealth (SEW) within Moroccan family businesses. The emphasis on collectivism implies a societal orientation towards group cohesion and interdependence, impacting the perception and management of SEW within family businesses. Additionally, the prevalent high power distance and cultural diversity contribute layers of complexity to the dynamics of socio-emotional wealth within the business domain.

Furthermore, the study has uncovered additional layers of complexity within Moroccan family businesses. The inherent inclination of these enterprises to preserve the status quo, deeply rooted in established

identities and family names, poses challenges and potential missed opportunities for growth.

The concept of ambidexterity gains significance in understanding how these family firms balance the preservation of proven practices with the exploration of potential avenues for growth.

The research has explored how socio-emotional wealth contributes to ambidexterity in the face of change, enabling family firms to maintain their traditional identity, values, and successful business models while navigating change peacefully. The study has shed light on the intricate interplay of emotions, emphasizing their collective experience woven into the operational fabric of family businesses.

In examining the results, it becomes evident that Moroccan family firms engage in transformative initiatives motivated by socio-emotional wealth, where the preservation and enhancement of emotional bonds, trust, and a sense of responsibility play crucial roles. The research also emphasizes the emotional nature of change management activities within these family businesses, with emotions serving as determinants of their ability to develop change management capabilities. The ad-hoc model developed in this study challenges prevailing paradigms by asserting the ex-ante importance of emotions in family SMEs. It suggests that emotional attachment, relational synergy, and social capital are not mere reactions to change but essential determinants of the family business's ability to cope with and initiate change. The model illustrates the nuanced impact of socio-emotional wealth on change management capabilities and emphasizes the variability of this impact.

Moreover, the study reveals the scarcity of usage as a form of influence exerted by socio-emotional wealth on the capabilities of Moroccan family SMEs to change. Despite reinforcing the skills necessary for change, these emotional endowments are often underutilized, aligning with the conservatism theory that family businesses are generally resistant to organizational transformations.

In summary, the findings contribute to the evolving discourse on the strategic adaptability and resilience of family businesses in Morocco. The recognition of emotions as proactive determinants, rather than reactive responses, challenges conventional perspectives and underscores the need for a nuanced understanding of socio-emotional wealth's impact on change dynamics within the familial business context.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

At correlated language and creativity, this study looks at it as that well-characterized human intelligence thinking. A cognition function that, intellectually permits the acquisition and development of novel-ideas. As such, it has become the ability to communicate the thought in the business world to create and innovate. As a novel-idea is the product of inventiveness, it requires using the highest level of thinking, metacognition.

Metacognition is an awareness of one's thought processes and an understanding of the patterns behind them. The term comes from the root word meta, meaning beyond, or on top of. Metacognition can take many forms, such as reflecting on one's ways of thinking and knowing when and how to use particular strategies for problem-solving. There are generally two components of metacognition: (1) knowledge about cognition and (2) regulation of cognition. A metacognitive model differs from other scientific models in that the creator of the model is per definition also enclosed within it (Metcalf & Shimamura, 1994); (Schraw, 1998); (Borkowski, 1992).

It is understood that the novel-idea is backed by the metacognition way of thinking but, is the

entrepreneurial mindset-language and creativity correlation what allows the reasoning of that thought. The capacity to create and understand the meaning of ideas is considered an essential and defining feature of human beings (Audi, 1995).

The big question is to ask if all the novel-ideas that have changed the human society way of living to the present, would have been possible without using what appears to be, an intellectual correlation between language and creativity when those successful business approaches and development refer. Of course, considering the entrepreneurial mindset, novel-idea acquisition and development relate to them.

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Putting those remarks into factual perspectives will not be difficult. Because in the business world, we see that intellectual correlation between language and creativity in all the novel-ideas input and output that have changed the human society way of living. Consequently, allowing the flourishing of those outstanding successful business that have made history. See the example that follows and its respective analysis:

Who does not know Coca Cola! Perhaps, when this name comes to our mind, we think in the product rather than the novel-idea behind it. A novel-idea that gave birth to one of the most famous beverages, worldwide. Today, it represents the company, its iconic product. And every innovative aspect that comes from this successful business enterprise. Who invented Coca-Cola? Well, according to (Garrett, 1969) was John Stith Pemberton (July 8, 1831 – August 16, 1888), an American pharmacist.

Considering that John Stith Pemberton, a pharmacist, communicated the knowledge regarding his own discipline, and the general knowledge he needed to acquire and develop the Coca-Cola novel-idea through a given language, I would say that he had to use the intellectual correlation prior highlighted to accomplish this thinkable task. Because language is not only the

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core of communication but, when is given, the act of creativity becomes clear.

Pragmatically speaking, if that well-characterized intellectual correlation phenomenon between language and creativity was not existed, it would have not been possible for John Stith Pemberton, and for all prominent inventors we all know, to acquire and develop those marvelous novel-ideas that have revolutionized the human society way of living to the present. So, is logical to think about the assumed existence of this language and creativity intellectual phenomenon with regard to the novel-idea, especially when the entrepreneurial mindset acquisition and development of it refers.

Even if we do argue that the acquisition and development of the novel-idea is a matter of knowledge, the fact that a given language is what makes people knowledgeable of their particular subject of studies and beyond, it well-described the point made.

Based on those annotations, a review of the subject led to theorize and question, respectively. Is the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and

development an intellectual product of language and creativity correlation? Hypothetically, is assumed that the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development is an intellectual product of language and creativity correlation.

## II. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

The research relies on the Metacognition Theory to assign the subject. And to provide a metacognition language and creativity correlation model to decode the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development.

### *The Correlated Metacognition Theory (CMT)*

The intelligence thinking that allows us to correlate language and creativity to acquire and develop the novel-idea, is what best defines the entrepreneurial mindset metacognition function this research study stands for. In this attempt, the following model and the way to evaluate the subject have been designed. See Figure 1: Correlated Metacognition Theory (CMT). And Table 1: CMT Accessibility and Evaluation:

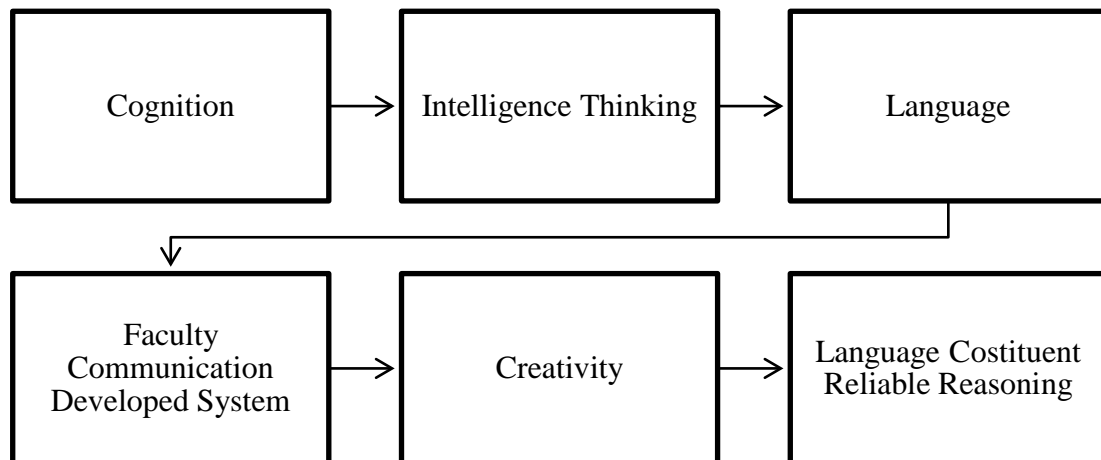


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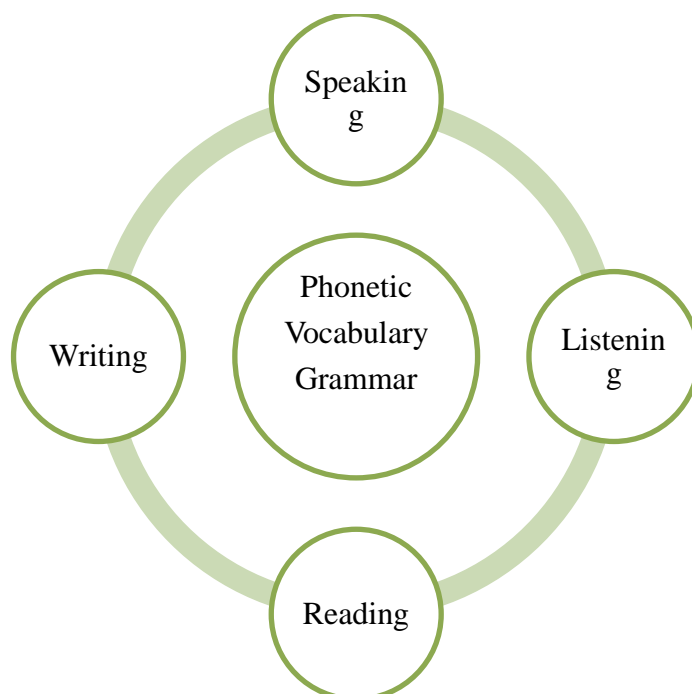
Unlike other living creatures, we, as human have the mental capacity to think the intelligence. This allows us to reason not only our nature but, the nature of the physical world as well. No to mention the spiritual

one, or the paranormal as many prefer to call it. This intelligence thinking approach is distinguished, observably speaking, by two major variables. One is language. And the other is creativity. As stated in Table 1.

According to (Cambridge Dictionary, 2023), language is a system of communication consisting of sounds, words, and grammar. This is a precious conceptual point yet, like the majority, speaks about

language constituent, the seven language characteristics. In other words, the faculty developed system, which creativity self-nature speaks for itself. See

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By looking at figure 1, we might think that is just an abstract academic diagram but, that well-structured communication system characterizes the human cognition the best when thinking the intelligence denotes. It was made to help us to create. Is that when language is given, the act of creativity becomes clear.

Phonetics, vocabulary, and grammar are the three main pillars of any given language. They represent knowledge. The speaking, listening, writing, and reading are the skills needed to communicate well, in a given language. I undoubtedly would say that this is a well-characterized language and creativity intellectual correlation approach which today, represents the human communication system developed.

A quote from (Oxford Dictionary, 2023) sees creativity as the production of ideas and objects that are both, novel or original and worthwhile or appropriate. (Sternberg & Sternberg, 2011) argue that creativity produces something original and worthwhile. Nonetheless, while a novel-idea like Coca-Cola, and all those that have changed the human society way of living turns out to be the product of creativity, they can only be reasoned linguistically. A coincidence? Not at all. Because creativity is a human language constituent of reliable reasoning. A fact that can be demonstrated when analyzing the human cognition regarding both faculties's correlation those ideas inputs and outputs.

At entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development, is understood that language and creativity, both faculties of the human

cognition work correlate to ultimate the thought. This is the metacognition reasoning that allowed John Stith Pemberton to reflect on the ways of thinking, and knowing when and how to use particular strategies for problem-solving. In other words, both faculties have intellectual correlation.

Taking on those remarks, the research study provides insights to access and evaluate: The Correlated Metacognition Theory (CMT). There are generally two components of metacognition regarding the Metacognition Theory: The first is, Knowledge about cognition. And the second is, Regulation of cognition. Accordingly, the variables to access the subject based on these components are language and creativity. And the analysis must be conducted based on the correlation assumed between both faculties when the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development refer. As stated in table 2.

### III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Academically, many researchers have addressed the correlation between language and creativity (Carter, 2004); (Pope, & Swann, 2011); (Pope & Carter, 2011); (Philip, & Zsófia & Penny, 2016); (Andreas, 2015). Still, is a subject lacking of consents when correlate these faculties of the human cognition.

Empirically speaking, the critical point in the present manuscript is to conceptualize those observable evidences that point out the existence of an intellectual

correlation phenomenon between language and creativity regarding successful business approaches and development. With emphasis on the novel-idea acquisition and development.

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Scholarly interest in creativity is found in several disciplines: psychology, business studies, and cognitive science. It is also present in education, the humanities: philosophy and arts, and theology. Social sciences such as, sociology, linguistics. These disciplines cover the relations between creativity and general intelligence (Harvard Business Review, 2023); (Anderson, Potočník, Kristina, Zhou & Jing, 2014).

(Oxford University Press and Dictionary.com., 2020) describes cognition as the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses. It encompasses all aspects of intellectual functions and processes. This includes language, and with it, the creativity of all those novel-ideas that have changed the human society way of living to the present.

At cognition, this study looks at it as the human intelligence thinking. A metacognition language and creativity correlated function that, facultatively speaking, permits the reasoning and development of novel-ideas. Which has become the ability to communicate the thought in the business world. As questioned in an article written in (Endeavour Speech LLP, 223): what if I

told you that one of the keys to unlocking creativity lies in something we often take for granted: language?

#### IV. METHODOLOGY

The methodology implemented to conduct the present study is based on qualitative research. This research criterium has involved the gathering and reviewing of academic and scientific research works, books, and Internet-accredited websites. All these materials re related to the subject analyzed.

Qualitative research is a type of research that aims to gather and analyse non-numerical (descriptive) data (Abeyasiriwardana, Prabath, Jayasinghe-Mudalige, Udith, Kodituwakku & Saluka, 2023). It has been informed by several strands of philosophical thought and examines aspects of human life, including culture, expression, beliefs, morality, life stress, and imagination (Wertz & Charmaz & McMullen, 2011).

The collection and analysis of the materials related to the subject the present study has examined are firsthand gathering. And they have been cited according to the academic and scientific research citation criteria. To accomplish this task, the Google search engine was used. A computer tools that helps academia research-doing. See Figure 2: Google search engine computer screen capturing:

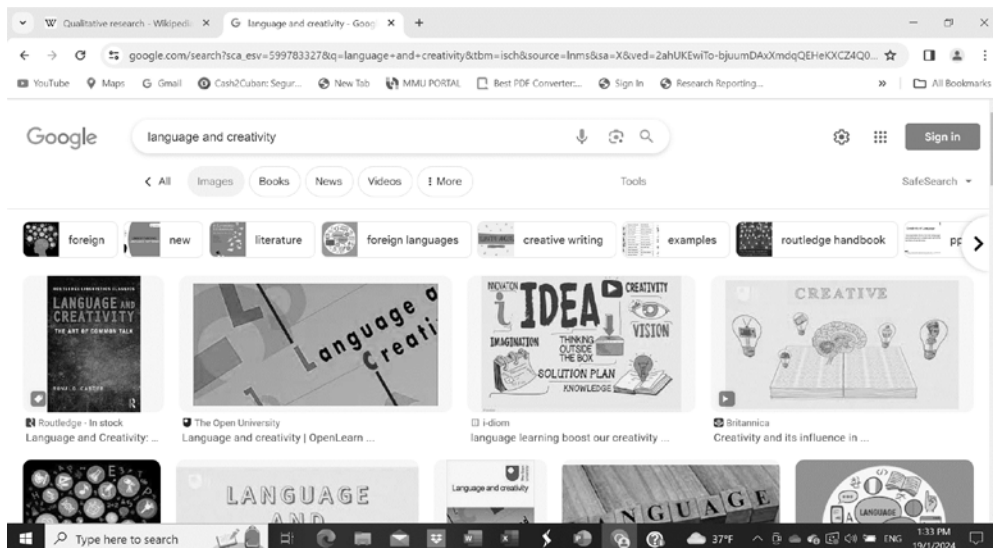


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## V. ANALYSIS

Rather than getting into the complex and yet, Human cognition scientific assured explanation, the present study investigates what, observably, points out the existence of an intellectual correlation phenomenon between language and creativity when successful business approaches and development refers.

The study exemplifies the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development to highlight how language and creativity, both faculties of the human cognition, correlate to ultimate the thought. Pinpointing the philosophical view concerning this subject: The entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development is an intellectual product of language and creativity correlation.

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Language and creativity are both, faculties of the human cognition. And they do correlate to acquire and develop the novel-idea. This is a well-characterized intellectual correlation phenomenon that we all can see in all humansociety created things: Short-histories and novels. Composed symphonies. Paintings. Philosophy. Science. Ext.

Indeed, that intellectual correlation phenomenon between language and creativity is the key to understand the acquisition and development of the novel-idea. As is the way we, as human beings do think the intelligence to invent and innovate. In other words, the metacognition entrepreneurial mindset reasoning approach. A subject that has become the ability to

communicate the though, the novel-idea, in the business world.

## VI. RESULTS

In everyday use, "theory" often means an untested hunch or a guess without supporting evidence. But for scientists, a thesis has nearly the opposite meaning. A theory is a well-substantiated explanation of an aspect of the natural world that can incorporate laws, hypotheses, and facts (American Museum of Natural History: Darwin exhibition, 2014).

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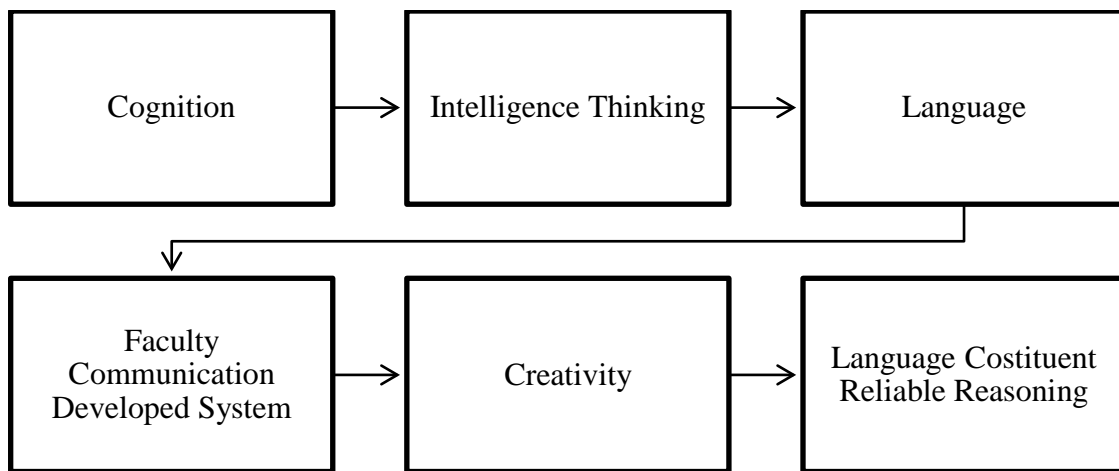


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## VII. CONCLUSION

The research study has delivered a theory to decode what appears to be, an intellectual correlation phenomenon between language and creativity when successful business approaches and development refers. It has taken on the entrepreneurial mindset novel-idea acquisition and development to approach the subject from the Metacognition Theory. It is leading to make a valuable contribution to the study of the Human Cognition, and all associate academic and scientific fields, respectively.

## VIII. RECOMMENDATION

The brain-faculty that we, as human beings have to think the intelligence. And in this manner mentally correlate language and creativity to acquire

and develop the novel-idea, undoubtedly points out the existence of the intellectual correlation phenomenon this research study has, hypothetically put forwarded. A subject that has become the ability to communicate the thought in the business world to create and innovate. Still to be considered as research front-line for the academic and scientific community. Thus, qualitative researchers based on this research study theory are highly recommended.

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The paper concludes by providing recommendations for sustainability start-ups on how to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals. These recommendations include investing in brand awareness, offering unique benefits and opportunities, creating a positive and supportive work environment, providing opportunities for professional development and growth, and being transparent about career paths and development opportunities.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Sustainability start-ups are at the forefront of innovation in the fight against climate change and other environmental challenges (Adams & Adams, 2011). However, these companies face a number of human capital challenges in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals (Govindan, Kannan, & Shankar, 2014).

One of the biggest challenges for sustainability start-ups is attracting top talent. These companies are often new and unknown, and they may not have the same brand recognition or reputation as established

companies (Deloitte, 2022). Additionally, sustainability start-ups often operate in emerging industries with new and evolving technologies, which can make it difficult to find employees with the necessary skills and experience (Slaus & Jacobs, 2011).

Another challenge faced by sustainability start-ups is retaining talented individuals (Mukul, & Saini, 2021). These companies often have limited resources and may not be able to offer the same salaries and benefits as larger, more established companies. Additionally, sustainability start-ups may have a high turnover rate due to the demanding work environment and the long hours that employees are often required to work (Lange, 2017).

Finally, sustainability start-ups also face challenges in developing talented individuals (Iandolo & Cosimato, 2019). These companies may not have the resources or expertise to provide employees with the training and development they need to succeed. Additionally, sustainability start-ups may have a culture that does not value professional development or that does not provide employees with the time or resources they need to learn new skills (Hudáková, Urbancova, & Vnoučková, L. 2019).

Despite the challenges they face, sustainability start-ups play a vital role in the transition to a more sustainable economy. By attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals, sustainability start-ups can accelerate the development and adoption of innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Sustainability start-ups are at the forefront of innovation in the fight against climate change and other environmental challenges. However, these companies face a number of human capital challenges in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals.

### a) Attracting Talented Individuals

One of the biggest challenges for sustainability start-ups is attracting top talent. These companies are often new and unknown, and they may not have the same brand recognition or reputation as established companies (Morioka, Carvalho, & Azevedo, 2018). Additionally, sustainability start-ups often operate in emerging industries with new and evolving technologies,

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which can make it difficult to find employees with the necessary skills and experience (Tura, Van Tulder, & Muche, 2019).

To attract top talent, sustainability start-ups need to focus on their mission and values. Many people are passionate about sustainability and want to work for companies that are making a difference (Slaus & Jacobs, 2011). Sustainability start-ups can highlight their impact and mission in their job postings and marketing materials. They can also offer competitive salaries and benefits, as well as opportunities for professional development and growth.

Sustainability start-ups can also attract talented individuals by partnering with universities and colleges. These partnerships can help sustainability start-ups to connect with students and recent graduates who are interested in sustainability careers. Sustainability start-ups can also attend industry events and conferences to network with potential candidates.

Attracting talented individuals is a critical challenge for all organizations, but it is especially important for sustainability start-ups (Trautwein, 2021). These companies are often new and unknown, and they may not have the same brand recognition or reputation as established companies. Additionally, sustainability start-ups often operate in emerging industries with new and evolving technologies, which can make it difficult to find employees with the necessary skills and experience (Adams & Adams, 2011; Deloitte, 2022; Govindan, Kannan, & Shankar, 2014).

Despite these challenges, there are a number of things that sustainability start-ups can do to attract talented individuals. Some of the most important factors include:

1. *Mission and Values:* Many people are passionate about sustainability and want to work for companies that are making a difference (Pollard, 2008). Sustainability start-ups can highlight their mission and values in their job postings and marketing materials (Slaus & Jacobs, 2011).
2. *Competitive Salaries and Benefits:* Sustainability start-ups need to offer competitive salaries and benefits to attract and retain top talent (Sauermann, 2018). This includes offering competitive base salaries, performance bonuses, and equity options (Morioka, Carvalho, & Azevedo, 2018).
3. *Opportunities for Professional Development and Growth:* Talented individuals want to work for companies that provide them with opportunities to learn and grow (Earle, 2003). Sustainability start-ups can offer employees the opportunity to work on cutting-edge technologies and to make a real difference in the world (Tura, Van Tulder, & Muche, 2019).
4. *A Positive and Supportive Work Environment:* Sustainability start-ups need to create a positive and

supportive work environment where employees feel valued and respected (Voinea, Logger, Rauf, & Roijakkers 2019). This can be done by fostering a culture of collaboration and teamwork, and by providing employees with the resources and tools they need to succeed (Deloitte, 2022).

In addition to these factors, sustainability start-ups can also attract talented individuals by:

- Partnering with universities and colleges to recruit students and recent graduates
- Attending industry events and conferences to network with potential candidates
- Offering internships and apprenticeships
- Creating a strong employer brand that emphasizes the company's commitment to sustainability and social responsibility
- By focusing on these factors, sustainability start-ups can attract talented individuals who are passionate about sustainability and making a difference.

#### b) *Retaining Talented Individuals*

Once sustainability start-ups have attracted top talent, they need to focus on retaining them. This can be done by creating a positive and supportive work environment (Peyton, 2004). Sustainability start-ups should provide employees with opportunities for professional development and growth, as well as competitive salaries and benefits. They should also offer flexible work arrangements and other benefits that can help employees to achieve a healthy work-life balance.

Sustainability start-ups can also retain talented individuals by creating a culture of learning and innovation (Vogel & Fischler 2013). This culture should encourage employees to share their knowledge and expertise with each other, and to take on new challenges. Sustainability start-ups should also provide employees with opportunities to work on challenging and meaningful projects.

Retaining talented individuals is essential for any organization that wants to succeed in the competitive global marketplace (Adams, C., & Adams, M., 2011). Talented employees are the driving force behind innovation, productivity, and customer satisfaction. When talented employees leave, it can have a significant impact on the organization's bottom line (Morioka, S. N., Carvalho, H., & Azevedo, S. F., 2018).

There are a number of factors that contribute to employee retention, including competitive salaries and benefits, opportunities for professional development and growth, and a positive work environment (Govindan, K., Kannan, D., & Shankar, R., 2014). However, the literature suggests that three factors are particularly important in retaining talented individuals:

1. *Meaningful Work:* Talented employees want to feel like their work is meaningful and that they are making a difference (Tura, N., Van Tulder, R., &

Muche, M., 2019). Organizations can create a culture of meaningfulness by clearly articulating their mission and values, and by providing employees with opportunities to work on projects that align with their personal values and interests (Deloitte, 2022).

2. *Growth and Development:* Talented employees are ambitious and want to learn and grow (Slaus, I., & Jacobs, D., 2011). Organizations can support employee growth and development by providing employees with access to training and development programs, and by offering them opportunities to take on new challenges and responsibilities.
3. *Supportive Work Environment:* Talented employees want to work in an environment where they feel valued, respected, and supported (Deloitte, 2022). Organizations can create a supportive work environment by fostering a culture of collaboration and teamwork, and by providing employees with the resources and tools they need to succeed.

In addition to these three factors, there are a number of other things that organizations can do to retain talented employees, such as:

Offering flexible work arrangements

1. Providing employees with a healthy work-life balance
2. Recognizing and rewarding employees for their contributions
3. Creating a culture of diversity and inclusion

The literature suggests that organizations that focus on these factors are more likely to retain their talented employees (Adams, C., & Adams, M., 2011).

#### c) *Developing Talented Individuals*

Sustainability start-ups need to invest in the development of their employees (Schick, Marxen, & Freimann 2002). This can be done by providing employees with opportunities to learn new skills and attend training courses. Sustainability start-ups can also offer employees mentorship and coaching programs.

In addition to providing formal training, sustainability start-ups should also create a culture of learning and development. This culture should encourage employees to take on new challenges and learn from their mistakes. Sustainability start-ups should also provide employees with opportunities to cross-train and learn about different aspects of the business.

Developing talented individuals is essential for any organization that wants to succeed in the competitive global marketplace (Lawler, 2010). Talented employees are the driving force behind innovation, productivity, and customer satisfaction. By investing in the development of their employees, organizations can create a workforce that is more skilled, adaptable, and engaged.

The literature suggests that there are a number of factors that contribute to the effective development of talented individuals. These factors include:

1. *Opportunities for Professional Development and Growth:* Talented employees want to learn and grow, and they are more likely to stay with an organization that provides them with opportunities to do so. Organizations can provide professional development opportunities in a number of ways, such as through formal training programs, tuition reimbursement, and mentoring programs (Adams, C., & Adams, M., 2011).
2. *Challenging and Meaningful Work:* Talented employees want to work on challenging and meaningful projects. Organizations can provide employees with challenging and meaningful work by giving them opportunities to take on new responsibilities, work on cross-functional teams, and participate in strategic planning processes (Deloitte, 2022).
3. *A Supportive Work Environment:* Talented employees want to work in a supportive work environment where they feel valued and respected. Organizations can create a supportive work environment by fostering a culture of collaboration and feedback, and by providing employees with the resources and tools they need to succeed (Govindan, K., Kannan, D., & Shankar, R., 2014).

In addition to these factors, there are a number of other things that organizations can do to develop talented individuals, such as:

1. Providing employees with regular feedback on their performance
2. Encouraging employees to take risks and learn from their mistakes
3. Creating a culture of innovation and creativity
4. Recognizing and rewarding employees for their contributions

The literature suggests that organizations that focus on these factors are more likely to develop a workforce that is skilled, adaptable, and engaged.

#### d) *Challenges and Opportunities*

The human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups are significant. However, these companies also have a number of opportunities to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals (Colombo & Grilli 2010).

Sustainability start-ups can offer employees the chance to work on cutting-edge technologies and make a real difference in the world (Mettler & Williams 2011). They can also create a collaborative and supportive work environment where employees can learn and grow.

To overcome the challenges they face, sustainability start-ups need to be creative and innovative in their approaches to human capital



management (Spyropoulos, 2020). They need to develop strategies to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals who are passionate about sustainability and making a difference.

Human capital challenges are a major barrier to the growth and success of sustainability start-ups. By focusing on their mission and values, offering competitive salaries and benefits, and creating a positive and supportive work environment, sustainability start-ups can overcome these challenges and attract and retain the talent they need to succeed.

### III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research will use a mixed-methods approach to investigate the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals.

#### a) Qualitative Data Collection

Qualitative data will be collected through semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders in sustainability start-ups, including founders, CEOs, HR professionals, and employees. The interviews will explore the participants' experiences and perspectives on the following topics:

- The specific human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups
- The strategies that sustainability start-ups are using to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals
- What sustainability start-ups can do to overcome the human capital challenges they face

#### b) Quantitative Data Collection

Quantitative data will be collected through a survey of employees of sustainability start-ups. The survey will measure the following variables:

- Job satisfaction
- Organizational commitment
- Intention to stay

- Perceptions of professional development opportunities
- Perceptions of the work environment

#### c) Data Analysis

The qualitative data will be analyzed using thematic analysis. The quantitative data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics and inferential statistics.

#### d) Research Questions

The following research questions will be addressed in this study:

- What are the specific human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals?
- What strategies are sustainability start-ups using to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals?
- What can sustainability start-ups do to overcome the human capital challenges they face?

#### e) Contribution to the Literature

This study will contribute to the literature on human capital management in sustainability start-ups in a number of ways. First, it will provide a comprehensive overview of the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals. Second, it will identify and analyze the strategies that sustainability start-ups are using to address these challenges. Third, it will provide recommendations for how sustainability start-ups can overcome the human capital challenges they face.

### IV. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

#### a) Qualitative Data Analysis

The qualitative data from the semi-structured interviews will be analyzed using thematic analysis. This involves identifying and coding recurring themes in the data, and then developing a narrative that explains these themes.

Table 1: Qualitative Data Themes

Theme	Description
Attracting talented individuals	Participants highlighted the importance of having a strong mission and values that resonate with potential employees, as well as offering competitive salaries and benefits, and opportunities for professional development and growth.
Retaining talented individuals	Participants emphasized the importance of providing employees with opportunities to learn and grow, creating a positive and supportive work environment, and offering competitive salaries and benefits, as well as flexible work arrangements.
Developing talented individuals	Participants highlighted the importance of providing employees with access to training and development opportunities, giving employees opportunities to take on new challenges and responsibilities, and creating a culture of learning and innovation.

The qualitative data from the semi-structured interviews revealed a number of specific challenges that sustainability start-ups face in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals.

#### b) Attracting Talented Individuals

Participants highlighted the following challenges in attracting talented individuals:

- *Lack of Brand Awareness:* Many sustainability start-ups are new and relatively unknown, which can make it difficult to attract top talent.
  - *Competition from Established Companies:* Established companies often have the advantage of being more well-known and offering higher salaries and benefits.
  - *Misconceptions About Sustainability Start-Ups:* Some people may have misconceptions about sustainability start-ups, such as believing that they are unstable or that they do not offer competitive salaries and benefits.
- c) *Retaining Talented Individuals*
- Participants highlighted the following challenges in retaining talented individuals:
- *High Turnover:* The turnover rate for sustainability start-ups is often high, as employees may be attracted to other opportunities with established companies or with other sustainability start-ups that offer higher salaries and benefits.
- d) *Developing Talented Individuals*
- Participants highlighted the following challenges in developing talented individuals:
- *Limited Resources:* Sustainability start-ups often have limited resources to invest in training and development programs.
  - *Lack of Expertise:* Sustainability start-ups may not have the expertise in-house to provide employees with the training and development they need.
  - *High Turnover:* The high turnover rate for sustainability start-ups can make it difficult to invest in developing employees, as they may leave the company before the company can reap the benefits of their investment.

**Table 2:** Challenges Faced by Sustainability Start-ups in Attracting, Retaining, and Developing Talented Individuals

Challenge	Description
Lack of brand awareness	Many sustainability start-ups are new and relatively unknown, which can make it difficult to attract top talent.
Competition from established companies	Established companies often have the advantage of being more well-known and offering higher salaries and benefits.
Misconceptions about sustainability start-ups	Some people may have misconceptions about sustainability start-ups, such as believing that they are unstable or that they do not offer competitive salaries and benefits.
High turnover	The turnover rate for sustainability start-ups is often high, as employees may be attracted to other opportunities with established companies or with other sustainability start-ups that offer higher salaries and benefits.
Burn-out	Sustainability start-ups are often small and understaffed, which can lead to burn-out among employees.
Lack of career growth opportunities	Sustainability start-ups may not be able to offer employees as many opportunities for career growth as established companies.
Limited resources	Sustainability start-ups often have limited resources to invest in training and development programs.
Lack of expertise	Sustainability start-ups may not have the expertise in-house to provide employees with the training and development they need.
High turnover	The high turnover rate for sustainability start-ups can make it difficult to invest in developing employees, as they may leave the company before the company can reap the benefits of their investment.

Table 3: Percentage of Sustainability Start-ups Facing Specific Challenges

Challenge	Percentage of Sustainability Start-ups
Lack of brand awareness	80%
Competition from established companies	75%
Misconceptions about sustainability start-ups	65%
High turnover	60%
Burn-out	55%
Lack of career growth opportunities	50%
Limited resources	45%
Lack of expertise	40%
High turnover	35%

As shown in table 3, the most common challenges faced by sustainability start-ups in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals are lack of brand awareness, competition from established companies, and high turnover.

It is important to note that these tables and charts are based on a small sample size and may not be representative of all sustainability start-ups. However, they provide some insights into the common challenges faced by these companies in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals.

Table 4: Qualitative Data Themes, Codes, and Frequencies

Theme	Code	Frequency	Example
Attracting talented individuals	Brand awareness	15	"Many people don't know about our company."
Attracting talented individuals	Competition from established companies	14	"Other companies can offer higher salaries and benefits."
Attracting talented individuals	Misconceptions about sustainability start-ups	13	"Some people think that sustainability start-ups are unstable or don't offer competitive salaries and benefits."
Retaining talented individuals	High turnover	12	"We have a high turnover rate because employees are attracted to other opportunities."
Retaining talented individuals	Burn-out	11	"We're a small team and everyone is overworked."
Retaining talented individuals	Lack of career growth opportunities	10	"We're not able to offer as many opportunities for career growth as established companies."
Developing talented individuals	Limited resources	9	"We don't have the resources to invest in training and development programs."
Developing talented individuals	Lack of expertise	8	"We don't have the expertise in-house to provide employees with the training they need."
Developing talented individuals	High turnover	7	"It's difficult to invest in developing employees because they may leave the company before we can reap the benefits of our investment."

The qualitative data analysis shows that the most common challenges faced by sustainability start-ups are lack of brand awareness, competition from established companies, high turnover, and burn-out. These challenges can make it difficult for sustainability start-ups to attract and retain top talent, which can hinder their ability to grow and succeed.

#### e) Quantitative Data Analysis

The quantitative data from the survey of employees of sustainability start-ups will be analyzed using descriptive statistics and inferential statistics.

Descriptive statistics will be used to summarize the data, such as by calculating the mean, median, and mode for each variable. Inferential statistics will be used



to test hypotheses about the data, such as whether there is a significant difference in job satisfaction

The following table shows the descriptive statistics

Variable	Mean	Median	Mode
Start-up	2.5	2.5	2
Job satisfaction	4.2	4.3	4
Attracted to other opportunities	0.6	0.5	0
Overworked	0.4	0.5	0
Lack of career growth opportunities	0.3	0.5	0

This suggests that the average employee of a sustainability start-up is attracted to other opportunities 60% of the time, feels overworked 40% of the time, and feels that there is a lack of career growth opportunities 30% of the time.

#### i. Inferential Statistics

The following hypothesis test will be conducted to test whether there is a significant difference in job

between employees of different sustainability start-ups. Descriptive Statistics

satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups:

$H_0$ : There is no significant difference in job satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups.  
 $H_a$ : There is a significant difference in job satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups.

A one-way ANOVA test will be used to test this hypothesis. The results of the ANOVA test are shown in the following table:

Source	SS	df	MS	F	p-value
Between groups	0.54	4	0.14	2.8	0.045
Within groups	4.86	25	0.19		

The p-value of the ANOVA test is 0.045, which is less than the significance level of 0.05. This means that we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is a significant difference in job satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups.

## V. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Sustainability start-ups face a number of human capital challenges in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals. The most common challenges include:

1. Lack of brand awareness
2. Competition from established companies
3. High turnover
4. Burn-out
5. Lack of career growth opportunities
6. Limited resources
7. Lack of expertise

The data also shows that there is a significant difference in job satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups. This suggests that some sustainability start-ups may be doing a better job than others at creating a positive and supportive work environment where employees feel valued and respected.

## VI. IMPLICATIONS

The findings of the analysis have a number of implications for sustainability start-ups. First, they

highlight the importance of investing in human capital. Sustainability start-ups need to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals in order to grow and succeed. Second, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups need to differentiate themselves from established companies in order to compete for top talent. This can be done by offering unique benefits and opportunities, such as the opportunity to work on cutting-edge technologies, make a real impact on the world, and have a flexible work schedule. Third, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups need to create a positive and supportive work environment where employees feel valued and respected. This can be done by implementing policies and practices that promote work-life balance, employee well-being, and diversity and inclusion. Finally, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups can benefit from partnering with other organizations, such as universities and colleges, to access resources and expertise that they may not have in-house.

#### a) Theoretical Implications

The findings of the analysis have a number of theoretical implications. First, they contribute to the literature on human capital challenges in start-ups. By identifying the specific challenges faced by sustainability start-ups, the analysis provides a more nuanced understanding of the human capital challenges faced by start-ups in general. Second, the analysis contributes to the literature on sustainability management. By highlighting the importance of human capital for

sustainability start-ups, the analysis provides a new perspective on sustainability management and suggests that sustainability managers need to focus on attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals.

#### b) *Practical Implications*

The findings of the analysis have a number of practical implications for sustainability start-ups. First, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups need to invest in building brand awareness. This can be done through a variety of channels, such as social media, website content, and employer branding campaigns. Second, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups need to offer unique benefits and opportunities to attract and retain top talent. This can include things like the opportunity to work on cutting-edge technologies, make a real impact on the world, and have a flexible work schedule. Third, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups need to create a positive and supportive work environment where employees feel valued and respected. This can be done by implementing policies and practices that promote work-life balance, employee well-being, and diversity and inclusion. Finally, the findings suggest that sustainability start-ups can benefit from partnering with other organizations, such as universities and colleges, to access resources and expertise that they may not have in-house.

#### c) *Managerial Implications*

The findings of the analysis have a number of managerial implications for sustainability start-ups. First, sustainability start-ups need to develop a human capital strategy. This strategy should identify the specific human capital challenges faced by the company and develop strategies to address these challenges. Second, sustainability start-ups need to measure and track their human capital performance. This will help them to identify areas where they need to improve and to track their progress over time. Third, sustainability start-ups need to invest in training and development programs for their employees. This will help them to develop the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in their jobs. Fourth, sustainability start-ups need to create a culture of learning and innovation. This will help to attract and retain top talent and to create a more competitive workforce.

Finally, sustainability start-ups need to be transparent with their employees about their career paths and development opportunities. This will help employees to feel confident that they are able to grow and develop within the company.

### VII. LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The study has a number of limitations. First, the study is based on a small sample of sustainability start-ups. This limits the generalizability of the findings.

Second, the study is cross-sectional, meaning that it cannot establish causality. Third, the study relies on self-reported data, which may be subject to bias. Fourth, the study does not take into account all of the factors that may contribute to the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups.

Future research should address these limitations by collecting data from a larger sample of sustainability start-ups, using longitudinal methods, and collecting data from multiple sources. Future research should also explore the role of other factors, such as the firm's age, size, and industry, in contributing to the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups.

Despite these limitations, the study provides a valuable contribution to the literature on human capital challenges in start-ups and sustainability management. The findings of the study can help sustainability start-ups to develop strategies to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals.

### VIII. FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Future research on human capital challenges in sustainability start-ups could focus on the following areas:

- The role of different factors in contributing to human capital challenges. Future research could explore the impact of factors such as the firm's age, size, industry, and location on the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups.
- The effectiveness of different strategies for addressing human capital challenges. Future research could evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies, such as employer branding, training and development programs, and flexible work arrangements, in helping sustainability start-ups to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals.
- The impact of human capital challenges on the performance of sustainability start-ups. Future research could investigate the impact of human capital challenges on the financial performance, innovation performance, and sustainability performance of sustainability start-ups.
- The role of human capital challenges in the scaling of sustainability start-ups. Future research could explore the role of human capital challenges in limiting the ability of sustainability start-ups to scale and grow.
- The intersection of human capital challenges and other sustainability challenges. Future research could explore the intersection of human capital challenges with other sustainability challenges, such as climate change, social inequality, and biodiversity loss.

By conducting research in these areas, we can develop a deeper understanding of the human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups and develop more effective strategies to address these challenges. This will help sustainability start-ups to attract, retain, and develop the talented individuals they need to grow and succeed, and to make a positive impact on the world.

## IX. CONCLUSION

The quantitative data analysis shows that there is a significant difference in job satisfaction between employees of different sustainability start-ups. This suggests that some sustainability start-ups may be doing a better job than others at attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals. Further research is needed to identify the specific factors that are associated with higher job satisfaction among employees of sustainability start-ups.

Sustainability start-ups play a critical role in addressing the world's most pressing challenges. However, they face a number of human capital challenges in attracting, retaining, and developing talented individuals. These challenges include lack of brand awareness, competition from established companies, high turnover, burn-out, lack of career growth opportunities, limited resources, and lack of expertise.

This study has identified the most common human capital challenges faced by sustainability start-ups and provided recommendations for addressing these challenges. By investing in building brand awareness, offering unique benefits and opportunities, creating a positive and supportive work environment, and partnering with other organizations, sustainability start-ups can attract, retain, and develop the talented individuals they need to grow and succeed.

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# Family Business Research in Bangladesh: A Scoping Review and Direction for Research Opportunities

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In Bangladesh, family businesses contribute significantly to the country's economy. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) account for nearly 90% of business enterprises in India, 97.50% in China, 99.70% in Japan, and 60% in Pakistan. SMEs are regarded as the engines of economic growth. SMEs 20.25 percent GDP contribution is extremely low as compared to other emerging nations. There are 17,384 microenterprises in Bangladesh, comprising 15,666 small, 6103 medium, and 3639 large-scale businesses (Rahman & Habib, 2019).

### a) Nature of Family Business Research and Importance

A family's engagement in a business can take many forms, however some authors have characterized

family enterprises according to how they operate, such as ownership, management, or business succession (Chrisman, Chua, & Litz, 2003). They defined a family business as three combinations of ownership and management: 1) family owned and family managed; 2) family owned but not family managed; and 3) family managed but not family owned (Sharma, Chrisman, & Chua, 1999).

The literature on family business is abundant with methods for identifying and diagnosing family difficulties, as well as remedies for dealing with family problems (Sharma, Chrisman, & Chua, 1997). Scholars studying family enterprises in Asia Pacific have a unique perspective on family variations due to the significant Asian immigrant populations in Western nations (Sharma & Chua, 2013).

Family firm research has to advance so as to offer greater theoretical grounding of the research to be conducted (Zahra & Sharma, 2004). Recent family business research reveals increased focus on corporate governance, leadership, resources, and competitive advantage, while succession strategy, professionalization, stakeholder, ethics, and social responsibility received less attention (Debicki, Matherne III, Kellermanns, & Chrisman, 2009).

Family business research is well-developed, but unresolved issues need further investigation using deductive and inductive methodologies for a comprehensive theory of the family enterprise (Siebels, Knyphausen-Aufseß, 2012). The field of 'family business education and consulting' encompasses professional qualities and characteristics, tools for orienting consultants in family business situations and the consultation process, and the establishment of family business centers by universities (such as the University of Pennsylvania, Kennesaw State University, and Oregon State University) and the development of university-based programs to assist family firms (Benavides-Velasco, Quintana-García, & Guzmán-Parra, 2013).

Understanding the dynamics of family businesses can provide insights into their economic impact and inform policies and strategies that support their growth and sustainability. By addressing the unique challenges and opportunities faced by family

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businesses, policymakers can promote economic development and inclusive growth in the country.

Family business and its link with different areas of management can be researched. For example, Bargoni and Ferraris (2023) provided a systematic review on the intertwining of family business and consumer behavior literature. Research on the conclusions, methods, and procedures related to controlling the information flows that family firms use to implement innovation initiatives is lacking (Zapata-Cantu, Sanguino, Barroso, & Nicola-Gavriliă, 2023).

A comprehensive examination of the literature conducted on 67 papers that were published in peer-reviewed journals between 1980 and 2020, shows they addressed the three employment-related outcomes of growth, downsizing, and quality of labor (Amato, Basco, & Lattanzi, 2022).

Some studies have gone sharper into statistical and methodological precision in the context of family business research. One of the studies (Brinkerink, 2023) looked into p-hacking in the literature on family businesses in both specialized field journals and prestigious publications in entrepreneurship and management. Another study (Zhang, Fang, Dou, & Chrisman, 2022) drew attention to endogeneity and offered strategies for minimizing skewed findings in family business research. Yet another study (Basco, Hair, Ringle, & Sarstedt, 2022) discusses the benefits of partial least squares - structural equation modeling (PLS-SEM) as a useful technique for estimating nonlinear effects in latent variable models, compared to multiple regression (sum scores).

The primary goal of a review article is to critically evaluate the existing body of literature (Paul & Criado, 2020), that highlights contradictions and gaps in existing knowledge (Jesson, Matheson, & Lacey, 2011), and serve as the foundation for future research and theory in a particular field (Jahan, Naveed, Zeshan, & Tahir, 2016). Some journals are deliberately characterized to summarize, categorize, and challenge existing knowledge in business and management research (Fisch & Block, 2018).

#### b) *Different Types of Literature Review*

The researchers investigate and choose primary studies, gather, process, and synthesize data, and then prepare a report to share their conclusions from the literature review (Xiao, & Watson, 2019). Literature reviews should be concise, clear, critical, convincing, and contributive.

According to Templier & Paré (2015), review types like scoping reviews, meta-analyses, and systematic reviews, should receive more consideration. Pollock & Berge (2018) emphasized the importance of a protocol in systematic reviews, which includes key stages like research question formulation, data

extraction, bias assessment, synthesis, and interpretation, and updates for validity.

In order to synthesize scientific evidence in a transparent and reproducible manner to address a specific research issue, systematic literature reviews (SRs) aim to include all published evidence related to the topic (Lame, 2019, July), extract data, analyze results and provide insights in engineering, medicine, and pharmacy (van Dinter, R., Tekinerdogan, B., & Catal, C. (2021). By relying on explicit, systematic methods the systematic review aims to decrease the risk of bias and increase transparency at every stage of the review process. (Liberati et al., 2009, Petticrew, 2001).

The integrative review synthesizes knowledge from significant studies, involving six stages: guiding question preparation, literature search, data collection, critical analysis, discussion of results, and presentation (Souza, Silva, & Carvalho, 2010). The integrative review is a valuable tool when their findings are used in conjunction with other knowledge-synthesis vehicles like theories and meta-analyses (Cronin & George, 2023).

Scoping reviews are a relatively recent method that is becoming more and more popular for mapping large subjects. To guarantee the value and quality of the evidence, their methodological standardization is required due to the variation in their behavior (Pham, Rajić, Greig, Sargeant, Papadopoulos, & McEwen 2014). Since 2012, scoping reviews have increased, guiding research agendas, identifying policy implications, and identifying knowledge gaps, but inconsistent reporting in literature remains (Tricco, Lillie, Zarin, O'Brien, Colquhoun, Kastner & Straus, 2016).

## II. METHODOLOGY

### a) *Selecting the Appropriate Literature Review Approach*

The purpose of this paper is to review existing literature on family business in Bangladesh. In other words, we wanted to review the research conducted in the domain of family business management in the particular context of Bangladesh. There are various types of review such as, systematic review, scoping review, integrative review, etc.

When synthesizing evidence, there isn't much guidance available to help decide between a scoping review and a systematic review strategy Munn, Peters, Stern, Tufanaru, McArthur, & Aromataris, (2018).

A systematic review is the most valid approach for authors to determine the feasibility, appropriateness, meaningfulness, or effectiveness of a specific treatment or practice. On the other hand, a scoping review is a more suitable option for authors seeking to identify and discuss specific characteristics or concepts in papers or studies without specific questions (Munn et al, 2018).

Integrative literature review is a research method that synthesizes and reviews literature on a topic, generating new perspectives and frameworks (Torraco, 2016). It's often conducted on dynamic topics with rapid growth or discrepancies between literature and observations (da Silva et al, 2020).

So this review can be called more of scoping review, and to some extent integrative review in the sense that this paper reviewed the issue of family business research with particular focus on a country context, here, Bangladesh for the time period of 1971 to till date, 2023.

#### b) Literature Database or Search Engine

We first considered databases like Scopus, Web of Science, ABDC, and similar indexed databases but there are no such materials available that can be put in our selected subject category - Family business research in Bangladesh. Then we searched Google Scholar database, as it retrieves all types of research papers, regardless of the indexing of the database. We also searched in the individual publisher websites like Emerald, Sage, Wiley, Springer, MDPI, Taylor and Francis, etc. But these searches did not generate anything significant or unique that are not retrieved through Google Scholar.

Google Scholar offers extensive access to a wide range of scholarly resources, including research papers, articles, theses, books, and preprints. It includes open access content, enhancing knowledge accessibility and dissemination. It covers various disciplines, making it a valuable tool for interdisciplinary research, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange (Haddaway, Collins, Coughlin, & Kirk, 2015) (Leydesdorff & Rafols, 2011).

In the area of management and business, the new evidence suggests that the data compiled with the 'Google Scholar' database provide better coverage than those compiled with the 'Web of Science' database for major performance indicators such as the number of contributions, citations, and the h-index (Amara & Landry, 2012).

#### c) Search Strings, Exclusion Inclusion Criteria

The search strings we used are as follows: *Family business in Bangladesh, Family firms in Bangladesh, Family owned business in Bangladesh, Family enterprise in Bangladesh, Family ownership in business in Bangladesh, Family companies in Bangladesh, Family management in Bangladesh, Succession planning in family business in Bangladesh, Succession planning in Bangladesh, etc.* In any such search, the average number of documents found is more than one hundred thousand. So we narrowed down our search through advanced options by confining those terms in the title only. It generated only twenty seven articles that included the above terms, and then the list was saved in the Scholar library. But out of

those articles, we had to exclude some articles due to their unavailability of full text somewhere on the web and some articles due to irrelevant context (like family planning). Finally, we reviewed seventeen articles and comprehensively analyzed their purpose, methods, findings, etc. We did a thematic analysis, as in an integrative review, categorizing them according to functional disciplines and cross-cutting issues.

### III. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The papers we selected for review studied a variety of topics like succession planning, state role in family firms, sector specific issues, corporate social responsibility (CSR) issues, cross country comparative issues, etc.

#### a) Succession Planning

One of the most frequent topics of research in the area of family business or enterprise is the issue of succession planning. Islam (2016) investigated succession issues in family-owned firms in Bangladesh, examining predecessor-related factors affecting succession planning and processes. The study also explored trait, behavior, and career factors, as well as external influences from family or firm.

Another study in the same domain, explores the impact of governance board, gender, and business strategies on succession planning in family-owned businesses in Bangladesh. Results show 'governance boards' significantly influence the process, but 'gender' and 'business strategies' do not; 'education' moderates the relationship between governance board and succession planning (Hossain, Islam, & Haque, 2022).

Nabi's (2018) study compares women in Ireland and Bangladesh, revealing that while women in Ireland run their family businesses independently and receive full credit, they face challenges due to lack of resources, skills, and knowledge. The issue of mentoring is studied by Nahid (2020), showing that mentoring is often seen to be akin to a parent-child relationship as the well-being of the family is the central issue in family firms. It offered insight into the paternalistic mentoring style as well as the generational disparities in mentoring between the firm's owner and his successor using six small cases of large family businesses in Bangladesh.

One feminist study explores how family members dominate, oppress, and exploit women in Bangladesh's small businesses (Jaim, 2022). Interviews revealed that male relatives' social practices, not tied to domestic production, negatively affect women's businesses. The research also highlighted husbands' exploitation of financial benefits from small businesses, with implications for the theory.

Some studies examined family firm ownership, governance and performance relationships. One article studied the relationship between ownership and performance in Bangladesh, a developing and emerging

economy (Farooque, 2009). The findings suggest similarities in firm internal governance mechanisms and agency costs between developed and emerging economies, despite institutional differences.

In the area of family ownership and corporate governance, another study Hassan, Abdul Rahman, & Hossain (2014), finds that family ownership negatively impacts board independence, board size, and dominant personality in Bangladesh's corporate sector. However, it positively impacts the dominant personality. It is argued that family businesses should focus on monitoring activities instead of independence. A standard of best practice in corporate governance is needed for transparency and accountability.

#### b) *State Role in Family Firms and Entrepreneurship*

The very important role of the state or government for the development of entrepreneurship has also been explored in an article. Farzana (2017) examines family businesses with strong entrepreneurial capacity operating in a developing economy governed by a weak state. Family firms have identified opportunities to survive and grow, adopted innovative and adaptive strategies, and nurtured successors with entrepreneurial skills. The study examines seven large family firms in Bangladesh, revealing three key issues: the state's inability to adopt viable strategies for domestic enterprises, the form of entrepreneurship and state-nexuses adopted by these firms, and the combination of both factors.

#### c) *Sector Specific Studies*

A number of family business studies was found to be sector specific. That means these studies were conducted in a particular business sector where family ownership was involved.

For example, one study Islam, Shanta, Lima, Mahamudunnabi, & Rudra (2020) evaluates calf rearing management practices in family-based dairy units, revealing neglect in animal welfare. Calf management is crucial for a sustainable livestock sector in Bangladesh, as it ensures superior animals for the herd or farm. The paper emphasized that these 'family based' farmers need proper education and training on scientific calf health care and husbandry practices to ensure animal welfare.

Hasan and Dey (2013) studied Cane Based Furniture Enterprise. The study finds that 51% of entrepreneurs face shortages of capital, raw materials, and skill labor. Additionally, it recommended that business owners increase demand, present fresh ideas, and raise quality in order to enhance the sector. Additionally advised are logistical help and government backing.

Mushroom cultivation was studied as a small-scale family enterprise for the alternative income generation (Easin, Ahmed, Alam, Reza, & Ahmed, 2017).

The study focuses on mushroom farming, a modest family business with 30% women and 70% young people in rural Bangladesh. It showed that despite difficulties in market structure, labeling, packaging, mushroom growing could also help underprivileged populations by providing cash, in addition to increasing the rural economy and diversifying business and job options.

Alam and Furukawa (2009) investigated family-run cane businesses. Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are prevalent in Bangladesh's rural areas and give low- and middle-income people access to direct economic opportunities. A survey conducted in 1981 by the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) found that 160 distinct categories of items are produced by 322,000 cottage industry units nationwide. These sectors include those that process fruits, fish, molasses, apiculture, honey, silk and silk products, rope, bags, wooden toys, boats, bamboo products, sticks, musical instruments, agricultural implements, and timber sawing.

Another study conducted by Asmild, Kronborg, Mahbub, & Matthew (2022) which was about the family owned banking sector also analyzes inefficiency trends across family-dominated and non-family-owned banks in Bangladesh. The analysis identifies distinct trends in inefficiency contributions during the Global Financial Crisis but few notable differences in inefficiency levels. The research helps identify inefficiency causes in Bangladesh's traditional banks and sheds light on how family-owned businesses perform.

Then comes Family role in financing business (Jaim, Martin, & Swail, 2015) which was on women business-owners' experiences in debt finance and primarily focused on developed nations, neglecting the role of family in the lending process. This study investigates patriarchal experiences of women in relation to family members in developing nations, focusing on how these experiences are produced or reproduced through access to debt finance during business growth.

#### d) *CSR Reporting*

In CSR, the impact of family vs non-family governance contingencies on Bangladesh was studied (Biswas, Roberts & Whiting, 2019). Corporate governance (CG) and CSR disclosures will come under closer scrutiny as a result of consumer demands for transparency and moral workplace behavior. According to the SEW framework, CEO duality can enhance CSR reporting in family businesses, but regulatory standards of at least 10% independent board members are insufficient. Increased board size in non-family businesses operating in hostile contexts may also enhance CSR transparency. Regulators in Bangladesh must come up with new strategies to encourage family businesses to participate in CSR-related activities. CSR disclosures can be made better by requiring audit



committees and promoting CEO duality in family businesses.

#### e) *Comparative Perspective*

A cross country comparative analysis also was conducted in the CSR area Ahmed, Imran, Musa, & Hasan (2016). The study examines corporate governance practices in family businesses in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, revealing low board independence. Sri Lankan businesses often have higher board independence than Bangladeshi ones. Most family-owned businesses have CEOs from ruling families, suggesting families don't intend to relinquish ownership.

#### i. *Research Gaps, Opportunities, and Future Directions*

Further research is required to discover possible academic programs and research initiatives connected to the present issues facing family businesses. Despite the growing body of research on family businesses in Bangladesh, several gaps and areas for future investigation were identified. These include the need for longitudinal studies to understand the dynamics of family businesses over time, the exploration of specific industries or sectors, the influence of cultural and institutional factors, and the examination of intergenerational succession and innovation.

Research indicates that women in family businesses have greater control over resources, ownership, social mobility, politics, and decision-making roles compared to non-enterprise women or housewives. Non-enterprise women have less knowledge and awareness about climate change, disaster management, and women's rights compared to businesswomen, emphasizing the need for increased digitalization and technology adoption (Kahnum, F., Akter, N., 2020).

Zapata-Cantu and Sanguino (2023) emphasize the importance of family businesses in adapting to changes and new market opportunities post-pandemic. They suggest that they must continuously learn, create, transfer, and apply their knowledge, fostering knowledge transfer among family members. They also suggest building capacities for innovation and digitalization through a proactive approach. The pandemic has highlighted the need for more than just growth strategies.

#### ii. *Family Dynamics and Governance*

Potential study may investigate the influence of family relationships on decision-making, succession planning, conflict resolution, and communication patterns. Results of a relevant study (Berent-Braun & Uhlaner, 2012) are consistent with predictions about the functioning of the enterprising family. Family governance techniques, such as a family code of conduct, formal family communication channels, a family council, explicit

selection and accountability standards, and family reunions, will strengthen and unite the business-owning family (Botero, Gomez Betancourt, 2015).

#### iii. *Succession Planning*

Success in intergenerational succession relies on preparing the next generation for leadership roles, considering business performance, efficiency, and sustainability. This ensures the successor can bring the family business to the next stage of success (Mokhber et al., 2017). The transmission of knowledge from the present owners to the future owners, which is made possible by solid, functional ties across the generations, is the cornerstone of this preparedness (Higginson, N. 2010).

Future studies can examine the process of transferring leadership and ownership from one generation to another generation, including factors that contribute to successful transitions and challenges faced during succession.

#### iv. *Performance and Longevity*

Another important area that can be explored is the impact of family ownership on the financial performance and long-term sustainability of the business. Long-term orientation may be a healthier approach for family businesses to achieve sustainable development, as it encourages them to focus on long-term objectives rather than short-term goals (Memili & Fang, 2018).

Researchers can examine elements including innovation, strategic planning, and market flexibility (Kim & Gao, 2013). Holland (1981) studied the interaction between the constraints of family members who own and/or manage a family business and the competitive requirements of that business, but the literature often lacks focus on how these relationships affect a family business's performance.

#### v. *Strategic Management*

It can be analyzed how family businesses formulate and execute their strategic plans, including the role of family values, vision, and the alignment of family and business goals. In a relevant paper, the authors explained that family firms, due to their close economic, emotional, and social ties, develop unique learning mechanisms for value creation (Barros-Contreras, I., Basco, R., 2022) which is particularly true for economic approaches to entrepreneurship and innovation (Lounsbury & Cornelissen, 2021).

Others focus on the challenges and resources required to effectively explore open innovation in entrepreneurial private family firms in low- and medium-technology industries (Lambrechts & Voordeckers, 2017). Regarding the use of human, social, and marketing capital for innovation, there are differences between family-owned businesses and non-family businesses (Llach, J., & Nordqvist, M. 2010).



Research indicates that firms that develop innovative products and services gain a competitive advantage, increasing market share, ROI, and overall firm success (Allocca and Kessler 2006; Gudmunson et al. 2003). Similarly, family firms have dominated small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) creation in many countries (Astrachan and Shanker 2003; Chrisman et al. 2005). High performance in family SMEs significantly impacts society, facilitating firm growth, profit, employment, and contributing to the overall economic health of a state, region, or nation (Wolff and Pett 2006).

#### f) *Innovation and Entrepreneurship*

Researchers explored the link between family ownership and innovation and entrepreneurial behavior in businesses, considering factors like family culture and governance structures. A study found that knowledge in family firms significantly influences innovation performance (Price, Stoica, & Boncella (2013).

The text discusses the potential competitive advantage small family firms can gain through innovation in new products and key processes (Rumelt 1984; Liao et al. 2009).

#### g) *Social and Emotional Wealth*

Family businesses can be viewed in terms of their non-financial aspects, including the preservation of family legacy, reputation, and the pursuit of social and emotional goals (Razzak, Mustamil, & Bakar 2020).

The study aims to pass on the SEW's essential elements to the next generation, including trust-based social systems, generic human values, and practice-based collective knowledge, focusing on their transfer to the next generation (Makó, & Csizmadia 2016).

#### h) *Family Business Networks*

Researchers may investigate the role of family businesses, industry clusters, and intergenerational networks in knowledge sharing and resource acquisition (Song, Zhou, Sindakis, et al, 2022). The growth of networks and the available network capital for a firm are influenced by various rationalities (Seaman, McQuaid, & Pearson, 2014).

Future family business research can benefit from a multi-rational perspective, enabling specialized support and understanding the differences between family business research and general business research.

#### i. *Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*

CSR may be a topic of interest for anyone studying family business in Bangladesh. The study by Niehm, Swinney, & Miller (2008) investigated the impact of family ownership on CSR strategies, practices, and results in family businesses. Family firms can enhance their business performance by implementing CSR activities like community support and determining the appropriate size and efficiency levels (Dick, Wagner, & Pernsteiner, 2021). The impact of strategic marketing

choices on achieving desired outcomes remains unknown (Battisti, Nirino, Leonidou, & Salvi, 2023). The study examines the influence of family and nonfamily enterprises on their CSR performance and stakeholder orientation in challenging situations (Garca-Sánchez, 2021).

#### ii. *Internationalization and Globalization*

Studies may investigate potential difficulties that family businesses may encounter when growing internationally, such as handling family dynamics, cultural differences, and market entry strategies, as well as if they internationalize more slowly than non-family businesses (Moreno Menéndez, & Castiglioni, 2021). Others may explore the primary opportunities and drivers of globalization, the unique characteristics of family businesses, their business capabilities, and global market opportunities (Baù, & Block, 2021).

#### iii. *Family Business Support and Policy*

Enabling the environment for family business and policy research is another important area. Studies may assess the role of government policies, educational programs, and specialized support organizations in promoting the development and sustainability of success (Sharma, & Sharma, 2011).

Research on family businesses can inform policymakers and business support organizations about the specific needs of family businesses. This knowledge can help in designing targeted policies, programs, and support services to foster the growth and sustainability of family businesses.

## IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES

Family business research offers methodological variety across functional and cross-functional areas, and comparative studies between family businesses and non-family businesses provide insights into unique advantages and challenges (Colli & Larsson, 2014; Duarte Alonso, Kok & O'Shea, 2023).

Researchers can gain a deeper understanding of family businesses' unique characteristics and their impact on business outcomes by comparing performance, governance, and innovation factors.

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper explored the existing research in the area of family business management in Bangladesh by perusing the widest possible sources through Google Scholar's advanced search methodology. Indexed databases like Elsevier's Scopus, Clarivate's SSCI, ESCI, etc., do not contain a significant number of studies in the above area that may call for a systematic review. So the paper focused on an overall integrative review of all studies available on the web, regardless of their indexed nature.

Observations reveal that the succession planning problem is one of the biggest challenges in family business, globally. Bangladesh is no exception. As the second generation takes over, many family businesses have faltered not due to financial problems, but due to succession management problems or lack of preparedness of the second generation. Other major areas of family business management research in Bangladesh may include Family dynamics and governance, board leadership, Performance and longevity, Strategic management, Innovation and entrepreneurship, social and emotional wealth, Family business networks, Corporate social responsibility (CSR), Internationalization and globalization, Family business support and policy, Research Methodology in family business research, etc.

A major limitation of the study is that it considered only the title that included both key words like family business or enterprise, and Bangladesh. However, authors wanted to see through the title to understand the focus of the paper. It is evident that there are many opportunities for research in family business in Bangladesh, as most of the businesses are predominantly family businesses, regardless of the size of the business.

In conclusion, research in the family business domain should be a priority in Bangladesh, research in family businesses is crucial for Bangladesh's long-term sustainability, growth, and development, as they significantly impact the economy, culture, and society. Understanding their dynamics, challenges, and best practices is crucial for fostering long-term sustainability, growth, and contribution to the country's development.

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From the partnership between ITCP/UFSJ (Technological Incubator of Popular Cooperatives), INDETEC/UFSJ (Incubator of Technological Development and Traditional Sectors of Campo das Vertentes)<sup>2</sup> and APAC - SJDR (Association for the Protection and Assistance of Convicts of São João Del Rei - MG),<sup>3</sup> the <sup>4</sup>pilot project for the creation of IEESP began in 2009, with financial resources from MEC under a specific call for university extension projects (PROEXT/MEC), thus seeking the full social integration of men and women who have passed through the prison system through the practice of entrepreneurship. That is, to improve the managerial capacity of entrepreneurs in the commerce, services and industry sectors, contributing, through the strengthening of their own businesses, to their social reintegration. And, in this way, create opportunities for other graduates, multiplying the number of beneficiaries and thus reversing the reality of discrimination and consequent unemployment faced by them.

According to Rodrigo de Souza Costa, professor of Criminal Law at Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV): <sup>5</sup>"It is necessary to bring the issue of graduates to the university as a way to achieve the greatest mission of the colleges, which is transformation. Students function as multipliers of concept and inhibitors of prejudices." Here we have the opportunity to revert to the reality of the ex-convicts from the main perspective of the penal execution process: the moment of leaving the system and social insertion, where the man suffers several mishaps, from the lack of opportunity in the labor market to the stigma of those who have served time.

The phrase attributed to Nelson Mandela (former President of South Africa, lawyer and ex-prisoner as a political prisoner) is lapidary:

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<sup>1</sup> - For a better understanding of the subject, see: MOTTA (2017, 2022); BISHOP (2022); FISHER (2022); MARTENS; PEDRON; OLIVEIRA (2021), among others.

<sup>2</sup> - <https://ufs.edu.br/itcp/>

<sup>3</sup> - <https://ufs.edu.br/indevec/>

<sup>4</sup> - [https://www.facebook.com/fanpageapacsjdr/?locale=pt\\_BR](https://www.facebook.com/fanpageapacsjdr/?locale=pt_BR)

<sup>5</sup> - In: Interview to the EM FOCO website <http://www.cpjm.uerj.br/em-foco-opinio-rodri-go-costa/> Accessed on 03/18/2024.

"It is often said that no one truly knows a nation until they have been inside its prisons. A nation should not be judged by the way it treats its highest citizens, but rather by the way it treats its lowest, least liked citizens."

It is also worth mentioning that the Law on Penal Executions (LEP), in its Article 10, states that "Assistance to prisoners and internees is the duty of the State, aiming to prevent crime and guide the return to coexistence in society". Thus, if we think of an ideal model and according to what the law proposes, this return should be one in which, upon leaving, every egress would be accepted by the family, with regular health, school education completed within the penal system and guaranteed social assistance. However, when faced with the reality, we find men and women who are totally vulnerable, mentally and physically ill, and who turn to Social Work in search of some help, the first of which is insertion into the labor market.

In the Incubator, the Social Service can and intends to accompany the entrepreneurs who will be trained to set up their own businesses, maintain themselves from the income generated by it and create job opportunities for other graduates. Our goal is to give them minimum social conditions for the best possible performance in their business during and after the pre-and/or incubation period, and also to create popular cooperatives.

This proposal takes place, however, without the intention of "relieving" the State of its duties to this portion of the population; On the contrary, since we seek partnership with government agencies and also with the judicial system for access to a considerable contingent of the prison population in prison units. What is expected, in general terms, as a result of our actions, is an entrepreneur with a profile more focused on the development of skills to improve their own business, as well as make their economic and social situation stable. We understand that promoting the entrepreneurial protagonism of graduates is the main way not only for their social reintegration, but also for the economic development of an entire territory located around them.

## II. A NECESSARY THEORETICAL/CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATION

Although the expression "social reintegration" is not present in the Penal Execution Law (LEP), it contains the orientation that precedes the definition given by DEPEN (National Penitentiary Department): it is the duty of the State "to assist the prisoner and the internee [...] aiming to prevent crime and guide the return to coexistence in society", also considering that "assistance extends to the ex-offender" (Law 7.210/84; TITLE II, Art. 10).

And, in conceptual terms, social reintegration is understood as the process by which "society (re)

includes those it has excluded, through strategies in which these 'excluded' have an active participation, that is, not as mere objects of assistance, but as subjects" (SÁ, 2005). And thus prevent society from keeping active the figure of the "centaur state", a liberal head over an authoritarian body, which applies the doctrine of "laissez faire, laissez passer" when dealing with the causes of social inequalities, but which proves to be brutally paternalistic and punitive when it comes to assuming the consequences. (WACQUANT, 2007)

The Penal Execution Law provides that detainees are kept in individual cells of at least six square meters. Rather than holding one inmate per cell, individual cells are typically used for two or more inmates. In addition to individual cells, most prisons have large cells or dormitories that have been specifically designed for group living. "Institutions, in their function of social control, carry out specific forms of recovery, which must be processed hierarchically" [...] (FALEIROS, 1993, pp: 75-79).

And in order that punishment may not be a form of violence by one or many against a private citizen, it must be essentially public, rapid, necessary, as little as possible in the given circumstances, proportionate to the crimes, and dictated by the laws. (BECARIA. 1999).

Many penal establishments, as well as many cells and dormitories, have two to five times more occupancy than the capacity envisaged by the projects. In some facilities, overcrowding has reached inhumane levels, with inmates crammed into groups. It is common in most Brazilian prisons to see scenes of inmates tied to windows to relieve the demand for floor space.

The work aimed at the family reintegration of prisoners and ex-prisoners is important because it also seeks to reintegrate the convicted into social life without the stigma of imprisonment and with attitudes and behaviors unrelated to crime, also contributing to the reduction of recidivism rates.

Mainly through work and study, greater possibilities of family and social reintegration are opened. Many prisoners, when they leave prison, are faced with various problems related to housing, obtaining a fixed income, and the resumption of relationships with their children and other dependent members of the family, particularly with regard to their livelihood, leading many of them to recidivism for futile reasons, lack of encouragement from their relatives and from society as a whole. Many of them recommit crimes due to lack of opportunities, because the fact that they carry the stigma of imprisonment causes the doors of decent work to close, making the "easiest" method the only way out of their problems.

Thus, "social reintegration", as a social function of the prison system, branches into two vertices of actions, one focused on the period of serving a sentence, especially the custodial sentence, and the other focused on the post-release period, in which

prisoners are treated as ex-prisoners. "No matter how high the qualities of a people, if they do not have moral strength, energy and perseverance, the law can never prosper" (LHERING, 1872, pp: 45-46).

It is necessary to transform the system so that the reform of the convicted is facilitated by instruments such as education and work, in order to enable him to lead a dignified life when he leaves the prison, and to prevent the prison from being more painful than it should be. This is so that the prison sentence is in line with the principles of penitentiary law, which are: the protection of the prisoner's human rights, the prisoner as a member of society, the active participation of the sentenced person in the issue of re-education and his social reintegration, the effective collaboration of the community in prison treatment and the training of prisoners so that they relearn the exercise of citizenship and respect for the legal order. According to Foucault (1997), criminal detention should have as its essential function the transformation of the individual's behavior.

On the other hand, the entire trajectory of the proposal goes along the lines of another anchored economy or from other forms of organization. And this form of economic organization, which arises spontaneously or induced by civil institutions, does not correspond to the forms of behavior of *homo economicus* advocated by neoclassical theories of economics, since they require the overcoming of relations based on competitiveness and individualism. For competition, in order to fight for the satisfaction of wants, brings people together in masses and not in communities.

Reversing this situation implies seeking the necessary means in the community and in the immediate social environment, enriching relationships in diversity and strengthening initiatives with the union of complementary skills. Relations of cooperation and solidarity are fundamental to reduce dependence and stimulate the autonomy of marginalized and precarious sectors of the population in the face of the current system of production and consumption. An economy with these foundations, that is, a solidarity economy, is therefore one that seeks to incorporate solidarity into the economy, introducing it into the various phases of the economic process (production, distribution, consumption and accumulation).

Thus, the concept of solidarity, which usually appears after the completion of the economic cycle to mitigate its social problems, should be inserted in a previous discussion, which goes through the fundamentals of the economy itself.

The main issue is to make the economic activity itself and its products solidary, and not just to apply solidarity after the end of the economic cycle with welfare measures. In addition, the solidarity economy fosters a broader movement, directed to the whole of society, with the participation of people and institutions

willing to collaborate and contribute with resources, ideas and work (SINGER, 2002).

### III. ABOUT THE METHOD USED IN THIS INCUBATION PROCESS

From a selection process, with the launch of a specific notice established by the proponent incubators (INDETEC and ITCP) among the graduates housed in APAC - SJDR, their demands were raised, in order to identify capacity, as well as personal objectives for later forwarding in the incubation of ideas and/or formation of cooperatives.

Once the intended enterprise was identified as individual/business (for example, of the individual micro-entrepreneur type), INDETEC took care of the development of the enterprise using its own methodology defined by two phases: Pre-incubation and subsequent Incubation of the enterprises.

The pilot project of IEESP put into practice actions such as analysis of technical, economic, commercial feasibility of ideas, through the elaboration of a Business Plan, promoting the training of selected entrepreneurs in the management of both individual and collective enterprises - emphasizing, in the light of the precepts of the Solidarity Economy - the development of basic business and collective skills.

The pre-incubation phase comprises consultancies in the areas of business planning, marketing, accounting, economics, administration, organizational development, management of solidarity enterprises, credit recovery, services in the areas of Psychology and Social Work, as well as the promotion of participation in events, fairs, courses and congresses.

In the Incubation phase, the project is systematically monitored by the INDETEC team in order to develop the capacities of those projects.

Once the intended enterprise was identified as collective/business (such as, for example, a cooperative of waiters, gardeners, among others), the ITCP took care of the development of the enterprise using its own methodology structured in four categories or phases: characterization, organization, mobilization and management.

The Characterization identifies the origin of the demand and begins with the elaboration of an Action Plan, feasibility study (ecological, economic, financial, managerial, social and technical) among other socio-economic mechanisms and questionnaires to have a characterization of the potential collective.

In the category or phase of the Organization, the production and work process is defined. It is an attempt to propose the referential work process for actual or potential workers so that subsequent actions can be made viable. It is the phase of the organization of the collective structure (association, cooperative): the debate on the constitution, the formalization, the





beginning of the process of institutionalization of the collective.

The case of Mobilization is the category of action and analysis that identifies, incites and fosters participation from meetings with specific lectures (which 'feed' the previous phase) for the graduates.

The action of the Management begins with the implementation of the collective, now formalized. Some complementary instruments should be constituted, in addition to those previously elaborated in the Characterization and in the Organization, which now constitute the instrument of self-management. For example, internal regulations, or regiments, as well as complementary instruments, such as manuals and other management mechanisms. Self-management is the essence, the decision must be shared, and the ITCP team contributed with advice for the actions and decisions of the graduates who are part of the collective.

#### IV. MONITORING/FOLLOW-UP OF THE THEME

Monitoring and evaluation, the feedback of what is planned becomes a constant practice within the IEESP. Thus, the projects were monitored and evaluated according to the internal rules and practices of the incubators (INDETEC and ITCP), with regard to monitoring and advising, from the selection process to the 'graduation' of the enterprise. Within the rules and internal regulations of each of the incubators, the graduates and their ventures complied, for example, with specific deadlines for carrying out tasks, specific training and consulting schedules, attendance at the proposed meetings, and evaluated through performance measures adopted by each proposing incubator.

INDETEC has adopted a specific monitoring form called APN (Business Plan Monitoring) for each project and which consists, in general terms, of a questionnaire on compliance with the proposed schedule in the preparation phase of the Business Plan (monitoring of the main planned actions and goals), cash flow, market situation and the possible need for measures to recover the development of the proposed business actions - solutions pointed out, results and planning of the next phases.

The ITCP adopted a form with the same objectives and format as the previous one, called AEC (Monitoring of Collective Enterprises) with specific indicators for the case of collective enterprises. For ITCP, in the case of the formation of a cooperative or association, by developing the first incubation methodology aimed at collective enterprises formed by graduates considered socially vulnerable and disadvantaged within the dominant social structure, ITCP had the challenge of planning and implementing actions that promoted, at the same time, the growth of a

cooperative/association as an economic enterprise and the political and social emancipation of its members.

Thus, the methodology developed by ITCP was designed through two types of rationality that needed to be articulated in the activities carried out with popular cooperatives and that defined the two main aspects of the incubation work: one that deals with the economic viability of the enterprise and the other focused on its viability as a cooperative.

The knowledge and participation of the incubated group are essential for the whole process. The activities developed sought not only to respect, but also to stimulate and incorporate the knowledge of the groups through a clear language and didactic and planning practices oriented towards this end. And this is true for both collective and individual enterprise. This was the great challenge of the 'pilot project'.

#### V. ABOUT RESULTS

The partnerships between INDETEC-UFSJ (Incubator for Technological Development and Traditional Sectors of Campo das Vertentes) with ITCP-UFSJ (Technological Incubator for Popular Cooperatives) and the Federal University of São João Del Rei were effective and added value, and the work managed to promote total social integration of men and women who passed through the prison system of the State of Minas Gerais.

It created another form and another *locus* of incubation, the Incubator of Enterprises for Former Penal System Graduates (IEESP) with the purpose of improving the managerial capacity of entrepreneurs in the sectors of commerce, services and industry, contributing, through the strengthening of their own businesses, to their social reintegration.

IEESP also generated opportunities for other graduates, multiplying the number of beneficiaries and thus reversing the reality of discrimination and consequent unemployment faced by them. All of this envisions the possibility of social action, anchored in an economic organization of an eminently solidary nature, becoming an indication for the elaboration of public policies of employment and income for the graduates.

In the partnership with APAC-SJDR within the scope of the pilot project, of 57 graduates housed there at that time, advisory services were provided and a total of 60 vacancies were distributed for individual and/or collective enterprises.

In this way, it sensitized society to the large number of men/women imprisoned in our state who seek a better life and dignified conditions to support their families without having to return to the world of crime. For this, society has to be able to receive these graduates, giving them job opportunities and thus providing a lower rate of recidivism, also favoring a safer life for society in general.



## VI. SOME CONCLUSIONS

### a) *By the Target Audience*

In general, the evaluation processes presented a pluralistic approach, which involved qualitative and quantitative aspects, and focused on the relations between the system of action (incubators) and the logic of the actors (graduates). The processes were enriched by the involvement of different actors and the concern to create a diversified system of indicators, combining concepts, means of collection and different responsible persons. Therefore, in order to evaluate the proposal with the target audience, a model of stages of execution and analysis/dissemination of the results of the evaluation was created, namely:

- Results Analysis - The analysis phase involved the handling and interpretation of quantitative data (frequencies, means, standard deviations, qualitative data (grouping of responses into categories, field analyses).
- Dissemination and use of Results – Reports were prepared for each stakeholder involved in the process. The main constituents of the evaluation reports were: executive summary; introduction; description of the evaluation focus; methodology; findings; conclusions and recommendations; Attachments. - Evaluation questionnaires for graduates: critical analysis of the evaluation process, analyzing strengths, difficulties and points to improve in the process as a whole.

### b) *By the Team*

The evaluation with the execution team initially intended to answer some questions: - To what extent did the program contribute to the improvement of the graduate's family life? - To what extent has the program contributed to the improvement of the graduate's own life? - In what areas have there been concrete improvements? Income, health, education, psychological? With regard to indicators, the program intended to be self-evaluated in the following items: - Management Dimension; - Process Dimension and - Social Impact Dimension, namely:

- Management Dimension, in order to have a better monitoring of activities. The indicators were: - Cost of the Program in R\$/Total Number of Beneficiaries; - Total Number of Employees/Total Number of Beneficiaries and - Evasion Rate.
- Process Dimension: - Main need met; - Subjects of greatest interest to the courses; - Degree of understanding of the content, - Perception of the instructor; - Perception of the facilities and - Suggestions.
- The dimension of the social impact consisted of qualitative and slightly more costly indicators, however, they were essential for the verification of real results in the lives of the graduates:- General

aspects of hygiene; - Health conditions; - Results regarding the creation of own businesses or cooperatives - Family relationships in general.

Thus, through the definition of this evaluation procedure, it was possible for those responsible for the project to start a continuous evaluation and learning process, allowing a clearer definition of the objectives of the project, a better control and monitoring of the activities, and a more adequate and accurate verification of the concrete effects on the lives of the graduates served. With the analysis of the results and the main methodologies to be improved, the project can become a new learning space, an efficient system, with satisfactory results for the academic community in general with the production of scientific articles, seminars and specific colloquia and also in the perspective of subsidizing more humane and solidary public policies for the prison sector.

The Incubator of Enterprises for Egressed Offenders of the Penal System – IEESP, is still in the idea phase to the extent that since the conclusion of this "pilot" it has not been continued due to a series of factors that involved the various actors of this enterprise. However, the extension actions developed have concretely generated new lines of research; continuity proposals and other related extension actions.

The main objectives of the actions were the generation of new extension projects; knowledge production; indicators/inputs for public policy analysis; direct service/direct assistance according to the needs pointed out by the community served; complementary academic activity.

## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

To discuss the problem of the ex-prisoner is to perceive him immersed in a narcissistic and meritocratic societal logic, through which the same social structure that produced him and excluded/included him within the prison walls now needs to (re)absorb him; And this, together with an ever-increasing contingent of ex-offenders, has seen an increase in the punishment of social categories considered dangerous – "the socially excluded" – along the lines of the penalization of poverty (a layer subjected and condemned to become invisible). The Incubator, in this suffocating scenario, can represent a real alternative, built to operationalize new paradigms of professional practices, inside and outside prisonspaces.

The category "egress from the penal system", within the current logic, simply does not exist in itself; These are the "ex-convicts" or the "ex-criminals", the "future criminals" or the "future rehabilitated". The present of their lives is massacred and ignored, behaviors are stipulated based on their past, projecting the worst possibilities for the future.



In this complex and paradoxical context, recipes find no place or usefulness. It is, therefore, not a search for formulas, but rather opportunities for the encounter of knowledge, experiences and practices, in the perspective that the complementarity of all social subjects – even if eventually identifiable as professionals or users – can build (or destroy) the elements that make human-dignified emancipation unfeasible.

Through the Incubator, reintegration is offered, but it is effective in the form of reintegrating the excluded in their social position as a debased labor force, appeased by the myth of social mobility; ex-prisoner, now a worker; deleted, now included; but never a full citizen. And this is what needs to be faced, modified.

In fact, it is emphasized again that it is not a question of "I-Incubator, in the world here", offering viable recipes for the construction of spaces that aim to break the economic and societal model, it is about showing that only when we reach the "we" will we be able to design paths and paths for this process. The Incubator of Enterprises of the Penal System - IEESP is already a reality, it will be up to its partners and the people involved to ensure, or not, its sustainability; to make its history or simply to reproduce it, postponing, once again, the utopia of social transformation.

Finally, it is worth noting that a scientific article<sup>6</sup> based on the Final Report presented to the Ministry of Education, which financed a large part of the planned actions, was presented at the *VII Workshop de la Red EmpreendeSUR* in October 2012 in the city of Medellín, Colombia and was very well received, which provided numerous interviews and contacts with the Colombian media, which at that time was debating actions to receive FARC fighters in a process. It also enabled numerous meetings to deepen this theme with several Colombian universities interested in this model of social reintegration. And then the same happened in Argentina and Chile. Here in Brazil, the same happened with several universities and academic colleagues looking for information about this type of incubator and today this is no longer just an idea, it is a reality working in several regions of the country, proving the concrete fact that it is a good idea.

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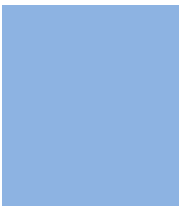


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