"A Global Framework for Measuring and Reporting on Intellectual Assets and Capital"

## World Intellectual Capital/Assets Initiative

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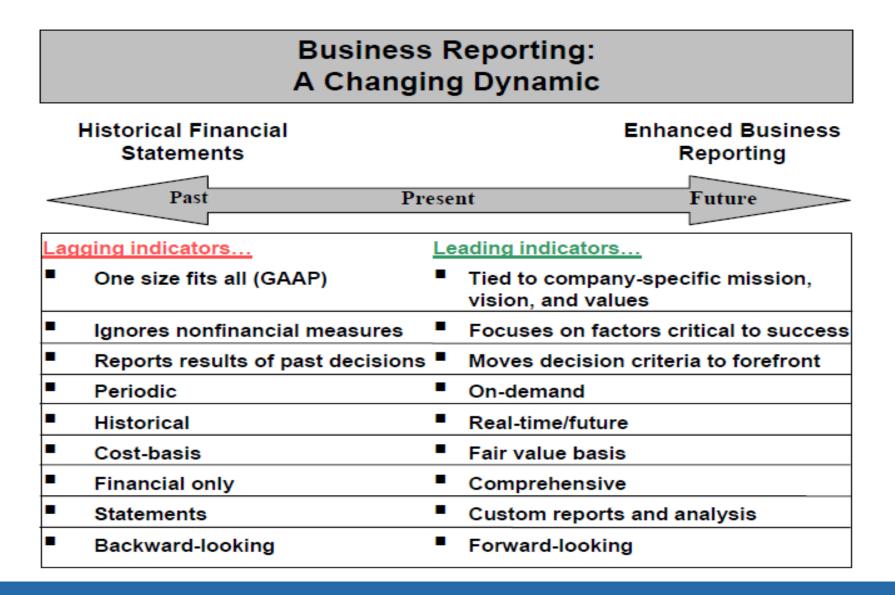
## **Current Business Reporting Model**

- Adopted during, and to meet the needs of, the industrial age
- Based on assumptions that profitability is driven by tangible assets such as physical plant and equipment and raw materials that are needed to produce tangible products
- Compliance-based
- One-size-fits-all model with an exclusively historical financial statement focus
- Static, paper-based, summary-level reports

**Business Reporting Must Adapt to Change** 

- Capital must be redeployed quickly
- Technology has enabled rapid change and increased competition
- Business reporting critical to capital allocation
- Therefore, business reporting must change:
  - Forward-looking information
  - Focus on long-term value
  - Alignment of internal and external business reporting

## **Evolution of Corporate Reporting**



Greatest Barriers to the Evolution of Corporate Reporting

Market and Regulatory drivers:

Short-termism, focus on quarterly earnings
Fear of liability (primarily in the US)
Lack of regulatory mandate



Inertia is the name for the tendency of an object in motion to remain in motion, or an object at rest to remain at rest, unless acted upon by a force.

# Greatest Barriers to the Evolution of Corporate Reporting (2)

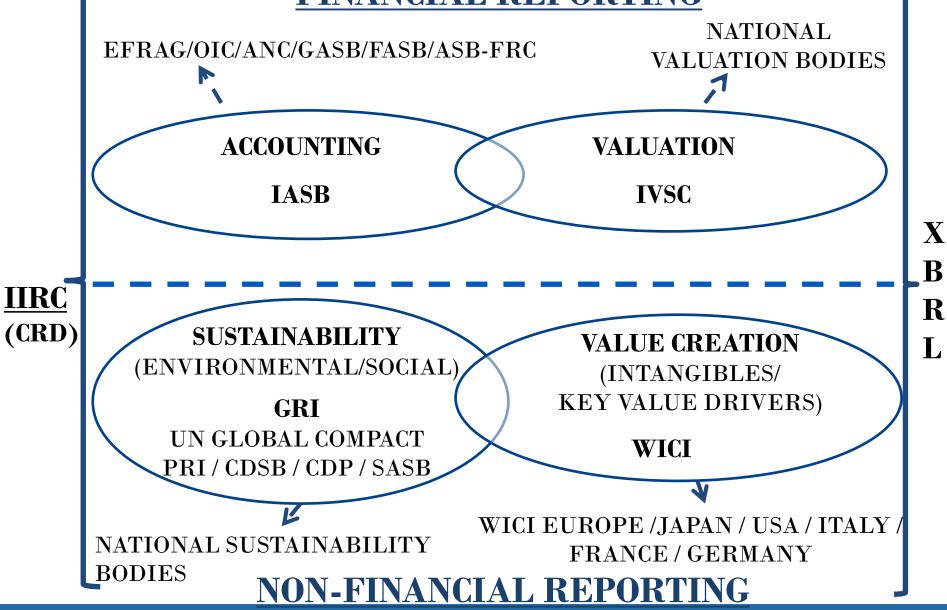
Other factors contributing to resistance to voluntary change:

- Former lack of a globally accepted, structured reporting framework
- Disclosure overload/compliance burden
- Desire to monetarily value and/or rate/rank everything, misguided perception of measurement certainty, failure to understand the mechanics of valuation
  - Valuation is both an <u>Art</u> and a Science



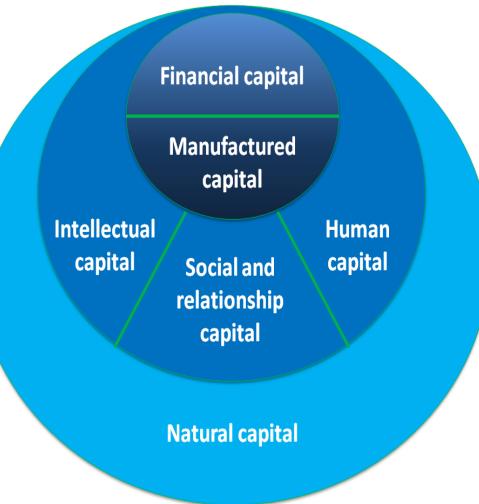
#### **INTERNATIONAL PICTURE OF CORPORATE REPORTING**





# **3 Steps to support meaningful reporting of value creation based on intangible capitals**

1) The release of the International Integrated Reporting **Framework** (Dec. 2013), covering both tangible and intangible forms of capital:

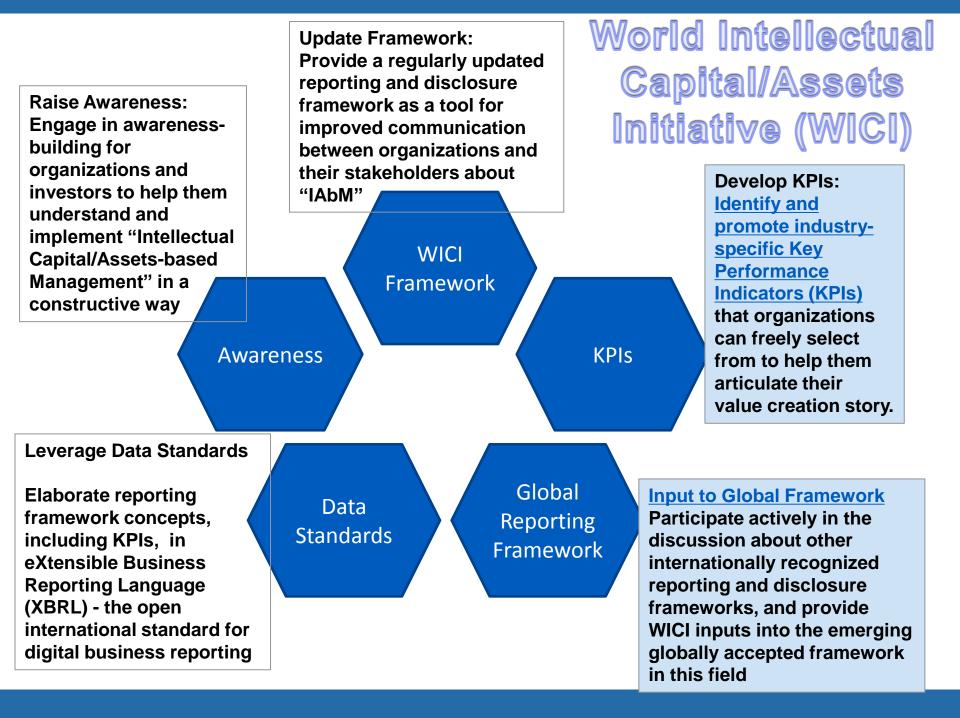


# **3 Steps to support meaningful reporting of value creation based on intangible capitals**

2) The further articulation of clear concepts and definitions for reporting of elements that reflect value creation driven by intangibles:



Intangibles		Sustair	nability	Financial		
		Repo	orting	Reporting		
Intellectual/ Organizational Capital	Human Capital	Social and Relationship Capital	Natural Capital	Financial Capital	Manufactured Capital	



### WICI-KPIs

### WICI-KPI Concept is well reflected in the IIRC Discussion Paper. WICI-KPI Concept

#### > Definition of WICI-KPIs

✓ Numerical figures related to critical factors of value creation
 ✓ Different attributes from indicators required for a specific purpose by a certain civil society
 ✓ An informative set of indicators frequently used

#### Expected attributes of KPIs

✓ Reinforce the narrative description of a company's value creation mechanism
✓ Make visible the value creation story in a given timeline of past-present-future

 $\checkmark$  Numerical figures, including those quantified through rating methods

 $\checkmark Subset of internal decision making process$ 

 $\checkmark$  Each KPI can't be applicable to all companies in general nor in a specific industry

 $\checkmark$  No intention to define a set of KPIs to be disclosed on a mandatory basis

✓ Company can choose or add their own indicators

 $\checkmark$  Company should disclose the same KPIs consistently or change them with explanation

✓ WICI-KPIs will be reviewed based on change in industry, society and economy

### WICI-KPIs for Industries

- **Electronic components (WICI Japan)**
- **Pharmaceutical (WICI Japan)**
- Automotive/automobile (WICI Japan)
- **Telecommunications (WICI Europe + EFFAS CIC)**
- Software & IT services (EBRC + Gartner)
- Mining and Extractive (EBRC + Gartner)
- Fashion & Luxury (WICI Europe + EFFAS CIC)
- **Electricity (WICI Europe + WICI Italy)**
- All available for free download in the WICI website (www.wici-global.com)

# **3 Steps to support meaningful reporting of value creation based on intangible capitals**

3) Provide examples of real world practice:

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Form of Capital:			Google Inc.	Amazon.com Inc.	eBay Inc.	Yahoo! Inc.
C. 2. c. Relationship (Social) capital	Management's identification of relationships with other organizations and third parties that it regards as important; these can be both tangible (e.g., contracts, license agreements, joint venture agreements, and alliances) and intangible (e.g., long-term relationships with no contractual basis and personal relationships).		2	2	0	3
C. 2. d. Organizational (Structural) capital	Management's identification of organizational resources not reported on the balance sheet and that are independent of its employees; these can be both tangible (e.g., patents, trademarks, copyrights, formulas and data bases) and intangible (e.g., trade secrets and employed but undocumented methodologies and processes).		1	2	3	1
C. 2. e. Human capital	Management's identification of any attributes of its workforce (both employees and contractors) that it regards as important; these can be both tangible (e.g., employment contracts) and intangible (e.g., education, skills and abilities, experiences, attitudes, and accomplishments).		3	2	2	2

### Conclusion

- International recognition of the relevance of intangibles in driving corporate value creation has increased due to a number of factors
- WICI and its geographical articulations has a unique opportunity to contribute meaningful content to support corporate management and reporting of value creation through intangibles
- Communication, positioning and collaboration are critical to enhancing the profile of WICI and its work products