Workplace Diversity and Its Impact on Employee Performance and Satisfaction

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ABSTRACT

Diversity within the workplace in terms of race, gender, age, cultural, and professional experiences has also become a strategic process of improving the performance of the organization and ensuring employee satisfaction. It explores the connection between the dimensions of diversity and employee outcome utilizing a mixed-method that combines both quantitative survey data and qualitative interviews of three corporate segments in India namely technology, manufacturing, and service sectors. Structured questionnaires answered by 450 employees and in-depth interviews of 30 participants were conducted in order to capture subtle nuances of: belonging inclusivity and culture within an organization. The methods of correlation and multiple regression were used in the analysis to quantify both how diversity management practices are associated with job performance (productivity, innovation, and teamwork indicators) and satisfaction measures (engagement, intent to remain, workplace morale). The findings show that gender and cultural diversity has a high correlation with better creativity, problem solving ability and age diversity levels have moderate correlation with knowledge sharing and efficacy in mentoring. On the contrary, lack of inclusive policies was associated with lower engagement and intentions of leaving. The results point out that diversity does not necessarily bring about good results, instead, its influence is moderated by leadership pledge and equitable policy, and an inclusive climate. The study highlights the need to integrate diversity management within core HR practices so as to ensure that an organization not only benefits the most but also promotes the wellness of the employees**.**

1. INTRODUCTION

Diversity in the working place has now taken a new form; that is, it is a relevant factor in the organisation strategy and not an occasional issue of the human resource management. Within the current business conditions, marked by the phenomenon.

of globalization, fast technology development, and demographic changes, organizations are getting more diverse in terms of representatives with different ethnic backgrounds, gender, age, cultural

values, education extents, and experience in workforce. This is the heterogeneity, which is commonly referred to as diversity in the workplace, a heterogeneity that includes not only visible characteristics, including race and gender, but also the less visible ones including cognitive styles, cultural views and personal values. Such management of diversity can be strategic in its implication on organizational performance as well as its capacity to ultimately bring satisfaction to the employees. This trend to diversity is fuelled by various socio-economic, and legal imperatives. In most countries, fair representation of the minorities in terms of employment is a requirement by the equal employment opportunity laws and the anti-discrimination policies. In addition to conformity, organisations acknowledge that diverse teams can add value with regards to problem solving, fostering innovation and being more effective in decision making due to the incorporation of varying ideas. As an example, it has been revealed that gender-diverse teams working at technology companies will generate more innovative solutions to complex dilemmas, and multicultural teams working in marketing departments will be able to come up with campaign that will be appealing to larger swathes of customers. It is in line with the fact that diversity as a business case has been gaining increased attention where inclusion is becoming both an ethical obligation, as well as a competitive asset. But diversity is a two sided blade. Although heterogeneous teams may introduce creativity and innovation, they may also have issues like miscommunication, interpersonal conflict and decision-making may be sluggish unless it is effectively handled. Various language proficiencies, cultures, ways of communication may cause misunderstanding which leads to lack of cohesion and performance. The hypothesis of social psychology contact proposes that the prejudice can be minimized through enhancing contact between different groups of people but it can only be possible when there is equality, shared aspiration, and support of the institution. Practically, this implies that the values associated with diversity are dependent upon their inclusive leadership, operating organizational policies, and culture that would appreciate and take advantage of individual variation. There are two different but correlated variables that involve employee performance and satisfaction under the influence of diversity at the workplace. Performance can be defined as the capacity of employees to fulfil organizational objectives in an efficient and effective way, which is usually recognised in terms of productivity, quality of work, creativity, and togetherness. Satisfaction, however, is a demonstration on how the employees respond to the emotional and psychological handling of the working environment in terms of their opinion regarding fairness, belongingness, and growth. In as much as different environments have the potential to bring out better performance through the ability to access a wider knowledge base and skills collection, the different environment can also increase satisfaction through the fact that individual identity feels recognized and respected. On the other hand, having an uninclusive culture may result in its disengagement, decrease morale and increase turnover that weakens performance as well as the entity of the organization. There is also the trend of remote and hybrid work models that proliferated in the post-pandemic period, which has further changed the balance of diversity at work. Virtual teams have now gradually become teams whose members are scattered over geographical bounds, causing a sense of broad outlooks but also posing fresh complications of communication, time-zone management and cultural sensitivity. It has led to the need to focus on digital collaboration skills, cross-culture communication training, and virtual inclusivity approaches to make sure an equal amount of participation and being heard in the context of a distributed workforce. Any failure of organizations to respond to these challenges will result in the growth of inequalities as well as diminished effectiveness of diversity activities of organizations. Although the issue of diversity in the workplace is gaining more popularity, workplace diversity as a study field is yet to be researched in some sectors and geographies, especially in developing economies. Most of the available literature has been developed in the western contexts whereas inhabitants of Asia, Africa and Latin America have different socio cultural standards, legal systems, and organization procedures. Therefore, it seems that empirical research is required to investigate the diversity impact within the non-Western organizational settings, whose cultural values, collectivism approaches, hierarchical structures, and socio-economic inequality can precondition the diversity-performance-satisfaction relations peculiarities. The other research gap that is critical is the comprehension of the mediating and moderating factors of the diversity-outcomes relationship. As an example, the positive effects of diversity may be enhanced or nullified by the leadership style, organizational culture and human resource management practices. Transformational leadership, which involves vision, empathy, and individual attention, has proved to provide inclusivity and mobilize strengths of diverse teams. On the same note, performance appraisal systems, diversity training, and employee resource groups (ERGs) can be made transparent and expose individuals to a type of discrimination free environment where individuals appreciate the differences instead of marginalizing them. On the other hand, lack of appropriate mechanisms may create a tokenism situation where there is a ring-headed diversity and lack of meaningful inclusion. Strategically, the issue of workplace diversity overlaps with the corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability programs. Comprehensive organizations would be in a better position to embrace the best workforce, particularly the young generation who value diversity and equality in job opportunities. They also become more flexible to the dynamics of the market in terms of response as different teams would be offered the flexibility to respond to dynamic customer needs. Moreover, diversity is linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially, SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth), and SDG 10 (Reduced inequalities), further establishing the universality of the diversity program. This paper strives to present the study of the correlation between diversity in the workplace and two employee variables, performance and satisfaction, in the Indian corporate environment through mixed-method research. The research aims to take a quantitative and qualitative perspective by using both the quantitative survey data and qualitative interviews to capture the measurable trends and in-depth insights.

2. RELEATED WORKS

Diversity in practice has captured a lot of research across interdisciplinary science including human resource management, organization behavior, psychology and sociology. Agreed upon in literature is the fact that diversity, which is the aspect of differences among workgroup members regarding gender, age, ethnicity, culture, and education background among other traits, can profoundly affect organizational performance and satisfaction of employees. Early theoretical models of diversity focused on adherence to anti-discrimination legislation and ethical dire action to equality. But with the increased level of competition and globalization of organizational environments, researchers and practitioners have started to accept that diversity can be a strategic data that can give rise to innovation, problems solving and competitive survival in the market [1]. A major basis view of the values of diversity in an organization was offered by Cox and Blake [2] who maintained that diversity delivers competitive edge at six levels, which included cost reduction, resource acquisition, marketing, creativity, problem-solving, and system flexibility. Subsequent empirical research has affirmed this perception by associating diversity with enhanced performance outcomes although they have added the caveat that these advantages only happen under organizational climates within which inclusion happens [3]. Diversity may cause misunderstanding, intra-team conflict, and social classification without an enabling environment, and hence, it may affect the performance and satisfaction. Gender diversity is one of the most popular dimensions that were studied and revealed the negative but overall positive effect on the performance of teams and the organizations. Hoogendoorn et al. [4] carried out a field experiment with start-up teams and concluded that sex-diverse teams reported and showed greater revenues and a higher level of problem-solving functions. Such evidence is further confirmed by the global studies conducted by McKinsey [5] stating that top quartile companies with gender diversity had higher chances of attaining above-average profitability. But these advantages tend to rely on organizational culture that entails the provision of equal career growth opportunities because disparities in remuneration or lack of promotions will counter the otherwise favorable consequences gender diversity poses [6]. Diversity in culture and ethnicity has also been revealed to result in creativity, flexibility, and penetration in the marketplace. In meta-analysis by Stahl et al. [7], it was found that multicultural teams have the increased likelihood of developing innovative solutions because of their diversified pool of knowledge and a diversity of perspectives. This becomes very useful in multinational corporations (MNCs), whereby, the various teams have an increased ability to anticipate and eventually satisfy the demands of the various markets across the world [8]. However, the conflict can also be more evident in such teams connected with cultural misunderstanding, which is why it is important to be able to communicate across the cultures as well as to have the mechanisms of managing the conflict [9]. There are special opportunities and challenges posed by age diversity to organizations. Older workers are able to provide foundational or deep knowledge of an organization, stability and the potential to mentor, whereas younger workers provide technological flexibility, a different perspective, and a willingness to accept change. Posthuma and Campion [10] have pointed out typical age-related stereotypes that could interfere with the relationship at the workplace, whereas Kunze et al. [11] have shown that an age-diversity team may increase the performance in case an inclusive climate exists. Especially knowledge-intensive organization, intergenerational collaboration is advantageous where the leaders facilitate knowledge sharing and pay attention to individual work styles [12]. Perceptions of inclusion, fairness and belonging mediate the relationship between diversity and satisfaction with employees. Mor Barak et al. [13] proposed an InclusionExclusion framework to show how diversity determines the satisfaction in terms of the perception of employees as valued, supported, and integrated into decision-making parts of an organization. Research in other areas like health and hospitality industries have demonstrated that diversity related programs such as mentoring, cultural awareness training, and clear promotion policies have a positive attribution to the job satisfaction and declining turnover intents [14]. On the other hand, tokenistic diversity, or rather, being represented more than included, may create the opposite effect, and result in a lack of engagement and dissatisfaction [15]. One of the themes that are repeatedly conquered in the literature is that diversity is not an adequate tool all in itself in order to reach positive organizational results. Rather, diversity should go hand in hand with inclusive practices, equal resources allocation and leadership that promotes diversity. As stressed by Nishii [3], inclusion climates as the ones featuring fairness, integration, and respect enhance diversity advantages, whereas inclusiveness climates opposite in nature might expose one to adverse consequences and results in interpersonal friction and reduced team solidarity. Besides, research notes that the effectiveness of diversity may depend on the industry, the size of the organization, and the culture of the country. Diversity more strongly positively correlates with innovation outputs in creative industries, like advertising or software development than in more standardized industries, like manufacturing. The cultural context can also be in play; possibly, diversity management within a collectivist culture might need to take different forms than diversity management in an individualist culture in order to prevent portraying favoritism or even socially imbalanced systems. The literature also picked out some mediating and moderating variables in the diversity performance satisfaction association. The type of leadership is very critical, and transformational leadership is especially effective in promoting the inclusive cultures. Human resource policies, ongoing diversity training, and employee resource groups (ERGs) also contribute to the diversity outcome as they stimulate trust and engagement. In the absence of such structures, diversity programs might not amount to significant gains. Strategically speaking, workplace diversity is becoming a part and parcel of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability strategies. Younger members of the workforce, particularly the Millennials and Generation Z are more apt to select their employers by their records on workplace diversity and inclusiveness. This has also made diversity an essential determinant not only when it comes to performance and satisfaction of the employees, but also when it comes to talent acquisition and employer branding. To conclude, the available research demonstrates a strong basis that diversity and its literature-driven management can be beneficial to performance and

satisfaction levels. Nevertheless, there is no consensus on the perceived universal positive impact of diversity; the literature cautions against a generalised positive impact, with the draw on the outcome resting on the interaction of diversity attributes, organisational culture, leadership, and policy frameworks. The experience of diversity within the Indian corporate environment, which has its own socio-cultural peculiarities and specific patterns, as well as legal regulations and market conditions, can enlighten how diversity operates here and contribute to this body of knowledge; that is why the present study uses a mixed-method design to explore both measures of tendencies and details of deeper insights.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

This study employs a **mixed-method, cross-sectional design** combining quantitative surveys with qualitative interviews to comprehensively examine the relationship between workplace diversity, employee performance, and satisfaction. The quantitative component captures measurable associations through statistical analysis, while the qualitative component provides deeper insights into perceptions, challenges, and organizational practices. This multi-layered approach allows for triangulation of data, enhancing both reliability and validity [16].

3.2 Study Area and Organization Selection

The research was conducted across **three sectors in India**—technology, manufacturing, and services—chosen for their differing workforce compositions, diversity policies, and operational contexts. Within each sector, two medium-to-large organizations were selected using purposive sampling to ensure representation of organizations with formal diversity management initiatives [17].

Table 1: Sector and Organization Characteristics

Sector	Example Industries	Work force Size Range	Diversity Practices Focus Area	Location Coverage
Technology	IT services, software	500–2,000	Gender balance, cross-cultural collaboration	Bengaluru, Hyderabad
Manufacturing	Automotive, consumer goods	1,000–3,500	Age diversity, skill-based inclusion	Pune, Chennai
Services	Hospitality, banking	300–1,500	Cultural sensitivity, customer-facing roles	Mumbai, Delhi NCR

3.3 Sampling Strategy

A **stratified random sampling** method was employed to ensure proportional representation of demographic groups (gender, age categories, ethnic backgrounds). In total, **450 employees** (150 per sector) participated in the survey, with equal representation of managerial and non-managerial staff. Additionally, **30 semi-structured interviews** were conducted (10 per sector) to collect qualitative data [18].

3.4 Data Collection Instruments

Quantitative Survey

A structured questionnaire was designed using validated scales from previous diversity research [19]. The survey consisted of four sections:

1. **Demographics** – Age, gender, education, tenure, ethnicity.

2. **Perceived Diversity** – Measures adapted from the Workplace Diversity Scale [20].

3. **Performance Indicators** – Self-reported productivity, innovation, teamwork scores.

4. **Satisfaction Measures** – Job satisfaction, engagement, and intention-to-stay metrics.

Responses were recorded on a **5-point Likert scale** (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree).

Qualitative Interviews

An interview guide was prepared to explore experiences with diversity, perceptions of inclusion, and perceived impacts on performance and satisfaction. Interviews lasted 30–45 minutes and were audio-recorded with participant consent [21].

3.5 Data Analysis Techniques

Quantitative Analysis

- **Descriptive Statistics** – Means, standard deviations for diversity and outcome variables.

- **Correlation Analysis** – Pearson's correlation coefficients to examine relationships between diversity and performance/satisfaction.

- **Multiple Regression Analysis** – To test predictive relationships while controlling for demographic variables [22].

Table 2: Example Variable Classification and Measurement

Variable Category	Variable Name	Measurement Type	Source Reference
Diversity Dimensions	Gender Diversity	Gender ratio in work unit	[19]
	Cultural Diversity	Ethnic heterogeneity index	[20]
	Age Diversity	Age range & standard deviation	[10]
Outcomes	Performance	Self-rated scale (0–10)	[22]
	Satisfaction	Job Satisfaction Index	[13]

Qualitative Analysis

Interview transcripts were coded using **thematic analysis** to identify recurring themes such as inclusivity perceptions, barriers to leveraging diversity, and leadership impact [23]. Coding was conducted by two independent researchers to ensure intercoder reliability.

3.6 Data Validation and Reliability Measures

To ensure accuracy:

- The survey instrument was **pilot-tested** with 20 employees for clarity and reliability (Cronbach's alpha > 0.80 for all scales).

- Triangulation was achieved by comparing survey results, interview insights, and HR diversity reports.

- A **member-checking** process allowed interview participants to review and confirm the accuracy of their transcripts [16].

3.7 Ethical Considerations

Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained from all respondents. Data anonymity was maintained by assigning unique codes to participants. The study received ethical clearance from the host institution's review board [18].

3.8 Limitations and Assumptions

- Self-reported performance measures may be subject to bias, although cross-referencing with HR performance appraisals mitigated this risk.

- The study focuses on Indian organizations, and results may not be generalizable to different cultural contexts.

- Diversity is measured at the perceptual level; actual demographic diversity was available only for aggregate reporting.

IV. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

4.1 Overview of Diversity Patterns in Organizations

The survey responses revealed notable variations in diversity profiles across the three sectors.

- **Technology sector** organizations exhibited the highest levels of gender diversity, with an average female workforce representation of 42%, and high cultural diversity due to global project collaborations.

- **Manufacturing sector** had lower gender diversity (21%) but the widest age diversity range, with employees spanning from 20 to 62 years.

- **Service sector** organizations showed strong cultural and linguistic diversity, reflecting the customer-facing nature of their operations.

Table 3: Diversity Profile Summary by Sector

Sector	Gender Diversity (% Female)	Cultural Diversity Index (0–1)	Age Range (Years)	Avg. Tenure (Years)
Technology	42%	0.74	23–56	6.2
Manufacturing	21%	0.51	20–62	9.5
Services	38%	0.82	22–58	7.1

4.2 Correlation Between Diversity and Employee Performance

Pearson correlation analysis indicated that **gender diversity** and **cultural diversity** were positively correlated with innovation scores, teamwork ratings, and problem-solving effectiveness.

Figure 1: Benefits of Workplace Diversity [25]

Age diversity showed a moderate positive association with knowledge sharing and mentoring effectiveness, particularly in manufacturing organizations.

Table 4: Correlation Matrix Between Diversity Dimensions and Performance Indicators

Variable	Productivity	Innovation	Teamwork	Knowledge Sharing
Gender Diversity	0.63	0.71	0.69	0.54
Cultural Diversity	0.59	0.74	0.65	0.56
Age Diversity	0.48	0.52	0.49	0.67

4.3 Diversity and Employee Satisfaction Outcomes

Survey results showed that diversity had a positive relationship with **job satisfaction**, **engagement**, and **retention intent**. The highest satisfaction scores were recorded in organizations with formal diversity and inclusion policies, employee resource groups (ERGs), and transparent promotion processes.

Table 5: Average Satisfaction Scores (Scale 1–5)

Sector	Job Satisfaction	Engagement	Retention Intent
Technology	4.3	4.4	4.2
Manufacturing	3.8	3.9	3.6
Services	4.1	4.2	4.0

4.4 Thematic Insights from Qualitative Interviews

Analysis of interview transcripts revealed **four recurring themes**:

1. **Perceived Value of Diversity** – Employees in technology and service sectors reported that diversity brought fresh perspectives and improved innovation.

2. **Barriers to Inclusion** – Manufacturing employees cited resistance from older staff to adopt diverse work practices, and limited career progression for women in technical roles.

3. **Role of Leadership** – In organizations where leaders actively promoted inclusion, employees reported higher motivation and trust levels.

4. **Impact on Collaboration** – While diverse teams were generally effective, some cultural misunderstandings required structured conflict resolution mechanisms.

Table 6: Frequency of Interview Themes Across Sectors

Theme	Technology	Manufacturing	Services
Perceived Value of Diversity	High	Medium	High
Barriers to Inclusion	Low	High	Medium

Role of Leadership	High	Medium	High
Impact on Collaboration	Medium	Medium	Medium

4.5 Cross-Sectoral Observations

- **Technology** sector showed the strongest diversity–performance linkage, particularly in innovation-driven metrics.

- **Manufacturing** sector benefited most from age diversity in knowledge sharing but lagged in gender inclusion.

- **Service** sector achieved high satisfaction levels due to cultural inclusivity and customer diversity alignment, though it faced moderate turnover from competitive hiring markets.

Figure 2: Types of Diversity [24]

4.6 Key Insights

- Diversity in itself is not a guarantee of high performance—**inclusive practices** such as mentoring programs, bias-free recruitment, and transparent evaluations were critical enablers.

- The impact of diversity varied depending on sectoral culture, leadership commitment, and existing HR policies.

- Employees consistently linked their sense of belonging and satisfaction to how well diversity was **practically embedded** in daily work processes rather than being just a stated organizational value.

4. CONCLUSION

The aim of the present study was to analyze the multidimensional relationship between the concepts of workplace diversity and employee performance as well as employee satisfaction within the Indian corporate environment through the mixed-method research design comprising both the approach of survey data of 450 workers and in-depth interviews among 30 interviewees representing elements of technology, manufacturing and service industries. The distance between the quantitative and qualitative correlations and themes have allowed the research to take a holistic concept of how diversity works in varied situations in organizations and how it can act upon both the measurable outcomes with regard to performance and subjective satisfaction levels. The results support the notion that, with the help of strong inclusion practices, diversity has a beneficial effect on the organizational performance. The importance of gender diversity was closely correlated with innovation, problem-solving, and efficiency in teams, especially concerning technology companies where most of their work is project-based and requires cross-functional and creative problem solving. The association between cultural diversity and adaptability and idea generation was equally closely linked in the context of the customers requiring customer experience within a wide range of languages and cultural standards in service-based facilities. Less directly related to the metric of innovation, the age diversity turned out to be an equally powerful contributor to knowledge sharing and mentorship relationships, which, in the long term, symbolizes the value of diversity in training the skills and learning new ones. When it comes to employee satisfaction, there was also a clear trend in the data: Where there were formalized diversity and inclusion (D&I) policies, satisfaction, engagement, and retention intent indicators were higher, on average. This highlights the importance of the organizational structures to transform diversity as a demographic reality to a positive experience to the employees. Qualitative interviews also confirmed this finding with the participants stating that diversity by itself was not sufficient and its potential could only be realized with well-defined promotion processes and bias reduction efforts combined with leadership that actively supported inclusion to be seen. The aspect of sectoral issues cropped in as a factor to reckon with. The sector that exhibited the best overall diversity-performance connection was the technology sector that enjoyed the advantage of globalized processes and a somewhat evenly distributed workforce that was more youthful. It is apparent that the manufacturing industry was age diverse and highly skilled in technology, but went lacked in gender representation and

exhibited stronger opposition to implementation of practices centered on diversity, especially within the historically male dominated production work. Cultural diversity was well utilized by the service sector in its operations with customers leading to high satisfaction scores but the challenge in terms of employee turnover still stayed in place because of competitive talent markets. These industry-specific observations imply that the approaches to diversity management should be industry-specific and not imposed as generic frameworks. The second major learning point of the study is the mediating role of inclusive leadership. In the three sectors, employees in those companies that have leaders who heavily supported diversity initiatives and promoted cross-group collaboration and spoke out against the display of exclusion revealed that they were much better engaged and trusted their leaders. Conversely, when diversity was conceived as a compliance arrangement as opposed to a strategic priority, the correlations between diversity and performance as well as satisfaction were weaker in such organizations. This observation conforms to the emerging literature, which has identified that leader commitment is among the strongest drivers of diversity results. The results are of multiple implications in terms of strategy. To human resource practitioners, researchers need to learn that, integrating diversity metrics with the performance appraisals, succession planning, and recruitment practices is an essential factor in progressing in the long term. The research holds relevance to managers and team leaders in that it indicates the importance of cultivating psychological safety whereby team members do not fear trying out various opinions because it can lead to unfavorable consequences. The evidence implicates that policymakers should provide incentives to organizations with documented effective inclusion programs along with the regulations which promote equity representation. In addition to direct returns to the organisation, the social consequences of good diversity management in the wider society are important. Organizations are able to promote social cohesion, economic equality, and talent migration by coming up with work environments that value diversity. This links with the international plans of sustainability, such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), that focus on gender equality, decent work, and inequalities diminution. The effect of inclusive diversity strategy proposed in the Indian scenario appears extended beyond the corporate periphery into the social domain as the socio-cultural norms, language diversity, and regional disparities make workplace dynamics flexible. Nonetheless, it is noted in this research that there are also limitations. The potential bias that is presented by the use of self-reported performance measures is obvious despite triangulation of the HR performance data has been used to increase validity. Also, although the study is conducted on three large sectors, it fails to cover the complete scope of diversity dynamics in small businesses, unorganized labor markets or in governmental organizations. Future studies should elaborate on it by taking a longitudinal design to determine how diversity programs change in forms across time and measuring productivity and retention on a large scale objectively. Intersectionality could also be the focus of additional research, especially to understand how multiple identities, not just gender and caste, or age and disability, influence the experience of an employee in the workplace in slightly different ways. To conclude, the facts presented in the present research support the thesis that diversity in the workplace is a strategic advantage that has the capability to not only enhance employee performance, but also to increase employee satisfaction, as long as it comes with the structure and notion of authentic inclusion and fair opportunity. Diversity is not about gaining the demographic variety; it is all about making an environment where the differences are evaluated and benefited upholding and stimulating collective success. Investments in diversity and inclusion, therefore, are a not only moral/legal, but also business requirement of organizations that need competitive and resilience in a more complex business environment. Aligning diversity management to the objectives of organizations, their visions, as well as their conducts, companies will achieve the best output of their employees as part of the general effort to create a fair and innovative society.

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