Innovation Strategy Cheat Sheet

Carefully considering these questions will give you a sound outline for your innovation strategy. Suggested possible responses are examples only.



Role of innovation

What is the role of innovation in your organization's future success?

- Driving growth
- New markets
- New customer scope
- Transformation
- Differentiation
- · Evolve business models
- Survival
- Other

Responsibility

Who is responsible for driving innovation & innovation strategy?

- Board
- CEO
- CIO
- CTO
- Marketing
- Process

- Head of innovation
- Innovation committee
- · Innovation champions
- Other

Priority Domains

What are the relative priorities of the main innovation domains?

- Product or Service
- Organizational structure
- Business Model

Frameworks

What framework(s) will guide your innovation strategies?

- Disruptive innovation
- Innovation Landscape
- Lean startup
- Three horizons
- Business Model Canvas
- Blue Ocean Strategy
- Gartner Open Innovation

Risk

How will you frame & govern innovation risk & opportunity?

- Clear risk tolerances
- Exception risk tolerances
- Risk of lack of innovation
- Innovation pace risk
- · Investment limits
- Talent loss risk
- Strategic options

Culture

What innovation culture do you want and what initiatives will shape it?

- Visible leadership
- Future scenarios
- Experimentation
- Awards

- Customer focus
- Diversity
- Networked collaboration
- etc

Structures

Where should innovation be positioned in the organization?

- R&D
- IT
- Innovation group
- External group
- Spinoff
- Venture arm
- Open innovation
- Other

Processes

What innovation processes will you implement?

- Idea generation
- Stage gate
- Competitions
- Hackathons
- Design thinking
 - Funding decisions
 - Closing experiments

 - Other

Measures

How will you measure innovation to better manage it?

- Innovation inputs
- Innovation activity
- Innovation outputs
- Revenue from innovation
- Value creation
- Customer response Pace of innovation
- Other

Communication

How will you effectively communicate your innovation strategy internally & externally?

- · Dedicated innovation comms
- Integrate into corp comms
- CEO driven
- Manager driven
- Innovation events
- Other

