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About VoCATE Ltd.



Voice of The Customer Across The Ecosystem

A Consulting & Education very-Small Enterprise (v-SME) with a **mission** to:

'Guide and equip commercial, government, non-government and educational clients in transforming products, services, processes and systems to **meet and exceed customer and stakeholder needs and expectations**.'

Delivered through **consulting** and/ or **training** staff at all levels in:

- 1. Systems Thinking and Systems Engineering Leadership Practice
- 2. Modern QFD New Product/Process/ System Introduction Transformational Business & Enterprise Architecture Design
- 3. Systems Engineering Quality Assurance & Management (SEQAM) approaches CELISE Symposium in Warsaw







Kim Stansfield Secondment UCC Medellin

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Duration 11 April to 12 May 2023

Task 1.5. Production of fibres and applications.

- To study the stakeholders needs for technologies Commercialisation based on QFD (Quality Function Deployment) and Design Thinking approaches.
 - Provide recommendations on the best methods for identifying technical requirements for the design of solutions.
- Locations:
 - UCC Medellin Part 1: Meetings and training with In³, UCC Staff, Research Seedbed; Business Stakeholders – EPM, TIG, LATAM Sustainability Network; MOVA Teaching Innovation Centre

2. North East Coast Visit:

- 1. Manaure La Paz School Visit, Sustainability NGO;
- 2. Santa Marta UCC Campus, (Simon Bolivar Museum Socio-Political history);
- 3. Cartagena Marine Botany *Sustainability NGO, Afro-Caribbean community,* UTB University Briefing, Ghenova
- 3. Medellin Part 2: EPM Hydrogen Hub Workshop, Further UCC staff meetings and In³ teaching and coaching

'A Systems Thinking Framework To Co-create An Education Program Supporting Colombian Transition to a 'Green-Hydrogen' Economy - Aligning Value Chains and Stakeholder Needs to Deliver High-Impact Outcomes

Presented at the EPM UCC Medellin Workshop: 05th May 2023



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5 Pillars Colombia's Hydrogen Roadmap*



Delivering a robust transition to a Hydrogen economy is underpinned by a practical education program for <u>all participants at all stages of education</u>

'Life-long learning'

* Graphic from pp 23 'Colombia's Hydrogen Roadmap', 2021



Why Hydrogen in La Guajira



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- The La Guajira region is a peninsula in North East of Colombia
- A number of indigenous tribes occupy the region including the Wayuu
- La Guajira's economy and employment among the Wayuu relies heavily on coal mining at Cerrejon mines
- 'Colombia's Hydrogen Roadmap' identifies coal as a potential feedstock for production of Hydrogen
- Transitioning the region to the Hydrogen-Economy could provide a boost to the economy & jobs while reducing CO₂ i.e. **improves Economic, Environmental and Social Sustainability/Justice**!







Potential Local Resources & Associated Needs

 Source of hydro/wave, solar & bio energy to generate green-electricity to support:

- Generation of green-hydrogen from:
 - Biomass waste vegetation
 - Coal fossilised biomass
 - Economic electrolysis of water to H2 and O2
- Production of clean water:
 - Desalination of sea water
 - Decontamination of mine water

Local Community Needs:

- New approaches that grow economic sustainability for community, not destroy economic viability
- Practical education of local people for sustainable research, operation, and entrepreneurial skills and capabilities

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.. community sustainability is a complex socio-technical challenge!





Why is a **Systems Thinking** approach critical?

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- To deliver such a complex transition we need a framework & methods that can help developers:
 - Analyse complex problem spaces and align system & technological concepts
 - Identify and engage key stakeholders and the value-chains they support 'As-Is', & in the future, 'To-Be'
 - Systematically capture, prioritize and analyse problems and needs
 - Bring the different voices together to 'co-create high value/ quality, integrated socio-political, socio-technical and business model solutions
- The methods described are not exhaustive, but are key steps for initial transition planning



Circular Economy Concept 'Waste from one process becomes valuable input for another process'

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PROJECT OUTCOME: Systems & Education supporting sustainable (Economic, environmental) circular economy



Clarifying program 'value supply chain' SIPOC

• Simplified 'To Be' SIPOC for La Guajira Coal Mining Operations





SIPOOC includes Outcomes i.e. social impacts targeted by the program

• For complex socio-political, socio-technical sustainability programs the team have modified SIPOC to SIPOOC, adding Outcomes/ UNSDGs!









Strategy deployment using Hoshin Kanri - from business to national programs

- Originally aligned Personal & Departmental goals to support a few critical business goals
- Stansfield et al (2016) showed how this can be deployed on National Sustainability programs





Manaure – La Paz School Visit 'Systems Thinking

Lessons

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- During visit In³ researchers demonstrated VR of gamified Digital Twin of Exeter Retort Pyrolysis of Cocoa waste plus drone mapping of site
 - Teachers and students queued up to participate!
 - Excitement level of both groups raised desire to find out more
- School needs 20k litres of clean water a week for 500 pupils and staff
- We were shown to desalination plant not working for 5 yrs.
- Offer by UCC Medellin to fix plant blocked by local politician
- After 6 months apparent that no local solution available as originally stated by the politician
- So school buys 20k litres of clean water/week!



Systems Thinking Lessons from visit

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- When mapping the 'As Is' SIPOOC, current beneficiaries of value chain must be identified or they become blockers
- 'To Be' SIPOOC must ensure that As Is beneficiaries can see they will benefit from new solution! E.g. school becomes low-cost supplier of clean water to their supplier
- Process of fixing the desalination plant and digital twin approach could educate and build skills of teachers and students
- Local vegetation offers further source of bioproducts that offers practical chemistry, process technology and design education and capability development for pupils and teachers
- Understanding needs of teachers and pupils underpins development



Cartagena – Systems Thinking Lessons From Visit

Visit to Cartagena's Afro Caribbean community

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- Ignored by council and local government
- Area just up from holiday beaches in relative squalor
- Superb seafood cooking, prepared with love
- But community feel they are outside 'justice'
- Natural marine resources, marine energy & human needs & potential <u>being ignored</u>
- As with Manaure a tailored system solution that listens to community needs and builds energy capture, circular economy, practical education for sustainability could transform this area by for example building a local 'eco-tourism' value chain







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