## 5 Key Characteristics of Successful Transformational Change

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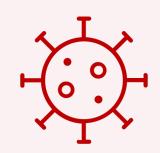




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# Disruption Abounds.



**Covid Impacts** 



Hybrid Work



Culture Shifts

Inflation

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Global Conflicts





Automation

Advancing Technology

Digital Transformations



#### Employee Burnout

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## Leadership Responses to this Disruption.

Top three investment areas in 2022:

- Focus on talent retention
- Digital transformations
- Increased business agility

However, achieving significant returns on this investment requires a renewed focus on the human element of these organizational changes.

#### Companies are increasing investments in top growth drivers: talent and digital transformation





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## Persistent Organizational Change Management Headwinds.

Senior leaders continue to question Change Management's effectiveness and importance in enabling organizational transformations for a variety of reasons.

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Leaders often believe Change Management is...

Communications and Training
Nebulous and Unmeasurable
Too Focused on Soft Skills
Difficult to Execute

• Irrelevant to Achieving ROI



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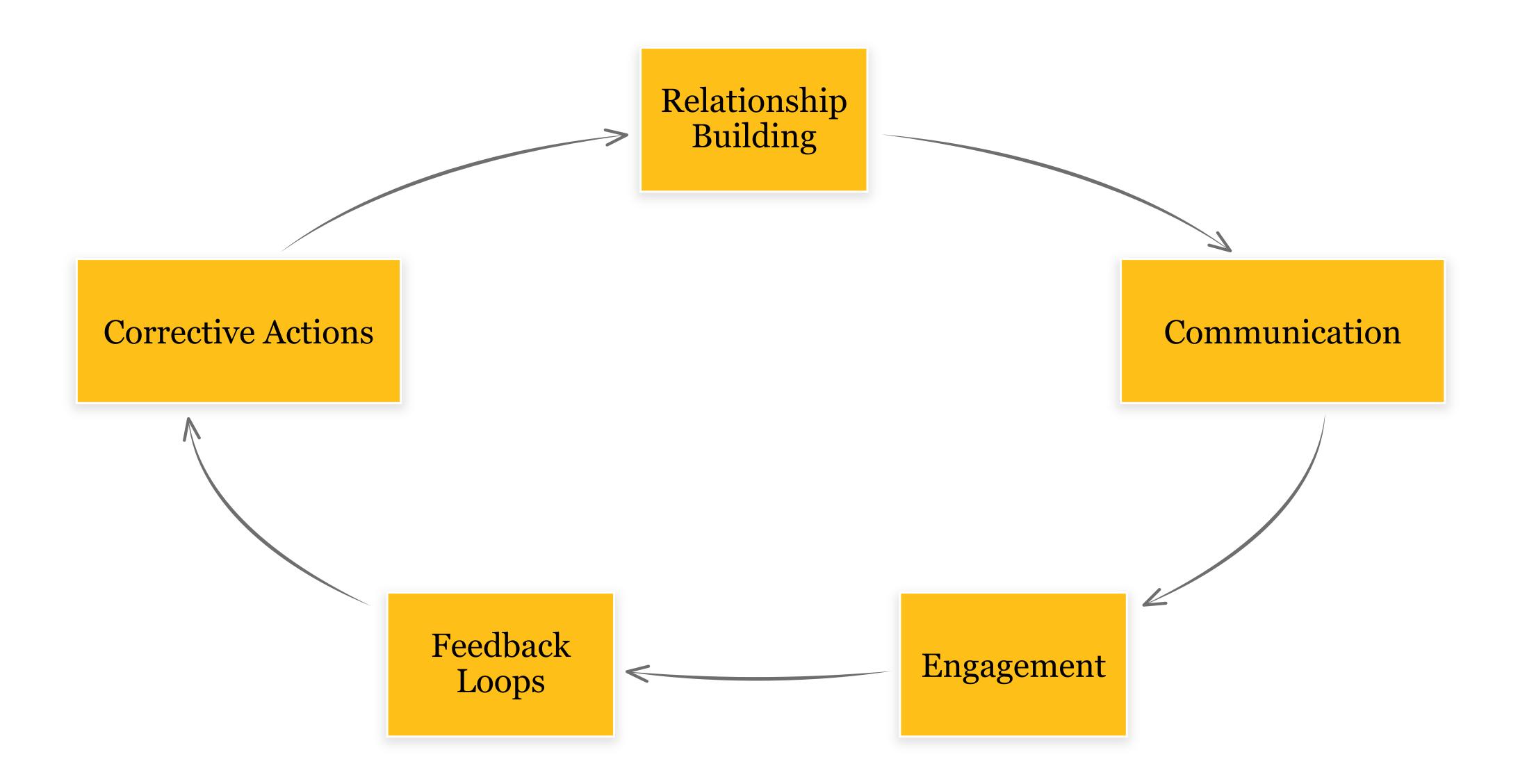
## Organizational Change Management is a framework of processes, tools, techniques and activities to support successful employee awareness and sustained adoption of organizational changes to existing business practices or cultural norms.

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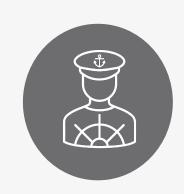


# **Characteristics** Exploration

# The What.

Successful change management requires the involvement and support of a broad coalition of leaders and employees throughout a transformational engagement.

#### Anatomy of a Strong Coalition



Senior

Leaders

Provides broad companywide engagement

People Leaders



**Provides targeted** engagement with direct reports

Employees



Provides subject matter expertise, delivers project feedback, and joins Change Agent Network

#### Project and Change Team



Develops and delivers transformational outcomes



Change Managers need to build effective working relationships across the coalition groups.

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# The What.

There can be no user change adoption without established two-way communication. Effective communication is required to support the organization's awareness of the need for change.

#### **Preferred Senders of Communications**

#### Senior Leaders



- Business reasons for the change
- Alignment of the change to the company's strategic roadmap
- Organizational change benefits
- Organizational risks if the change is unsuccessful

#### People Leaders



- Impact and benefits of change to department, business unit or team
- What's In It For Me? (WIIFM)
- Timelines and milestones
- Training expectations



The Change Team needs to create and execute an effective Communications Strategy across the transformation life cycle.

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#### **Communications Strategy Building Blocks**

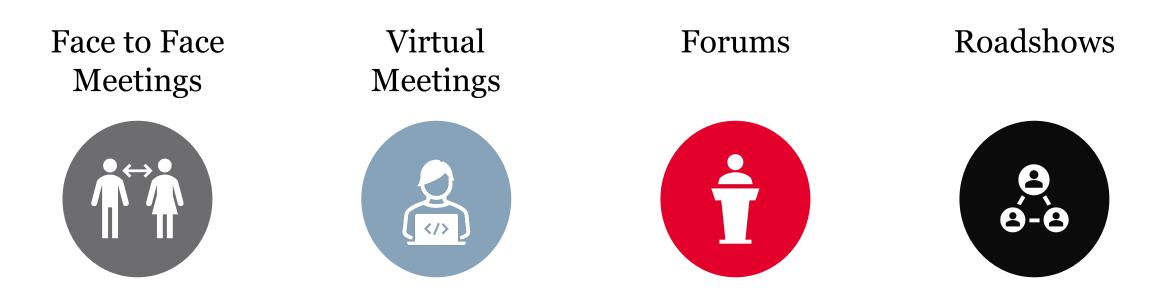
		Communications Strategy					
	Communication Events		Purpose & Objectives		Communication Triggers		
Key Messages		A	Target Audiences		Communications Channels		Delivery Timing



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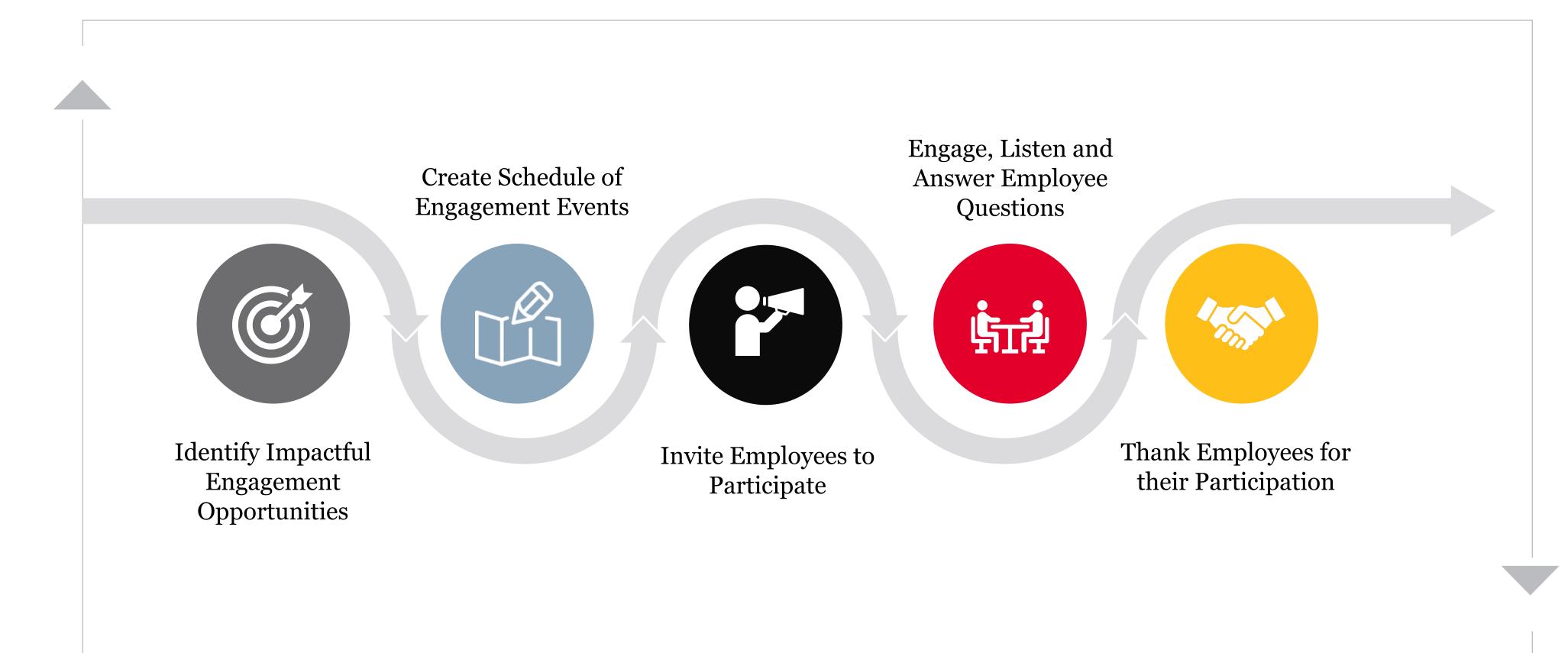
Engagement focuses on actively interacting with employees through formal or informal settings, to build trust and confidence that the transformation changes are important.

#### **Engagement Examples**





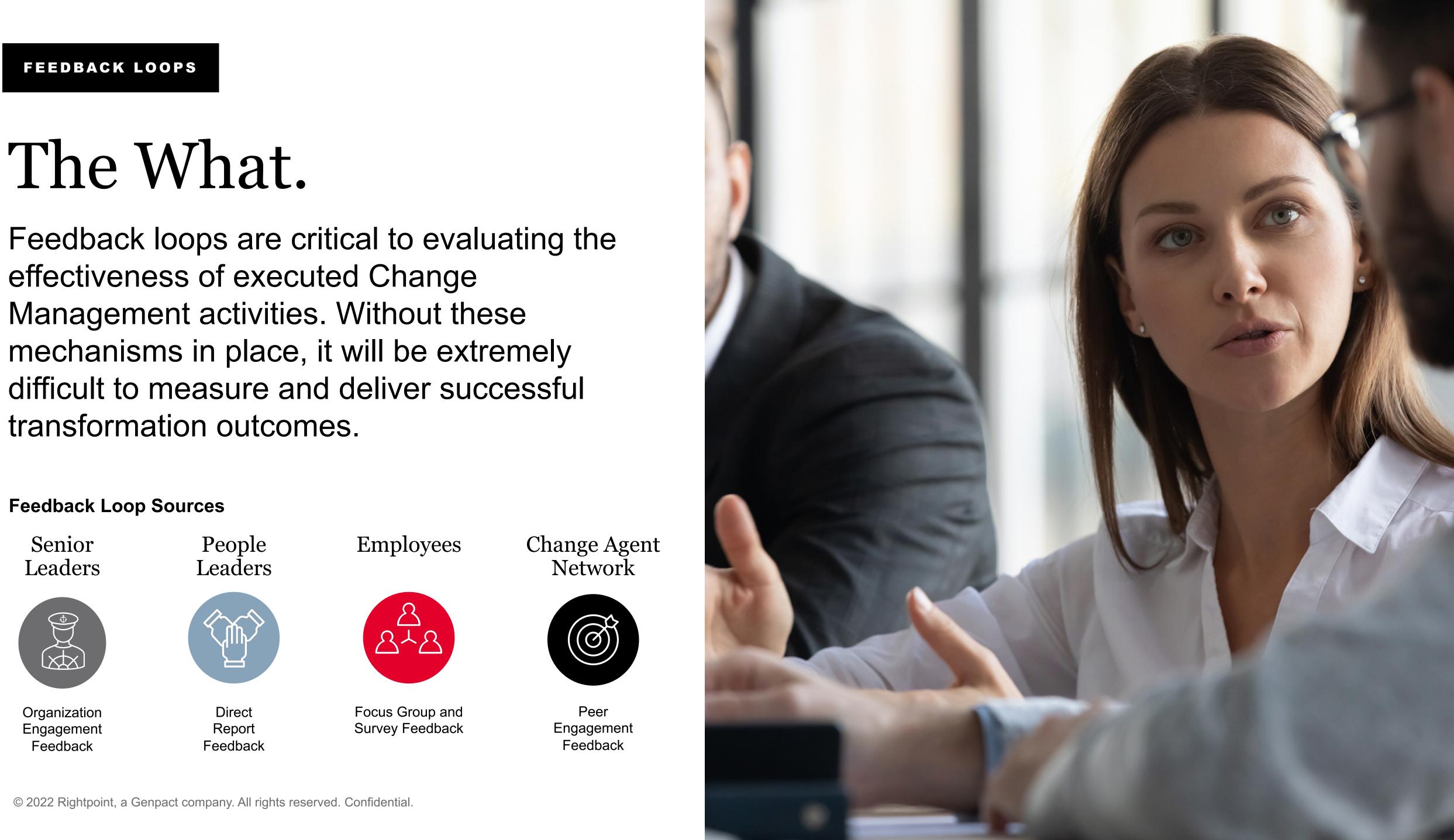


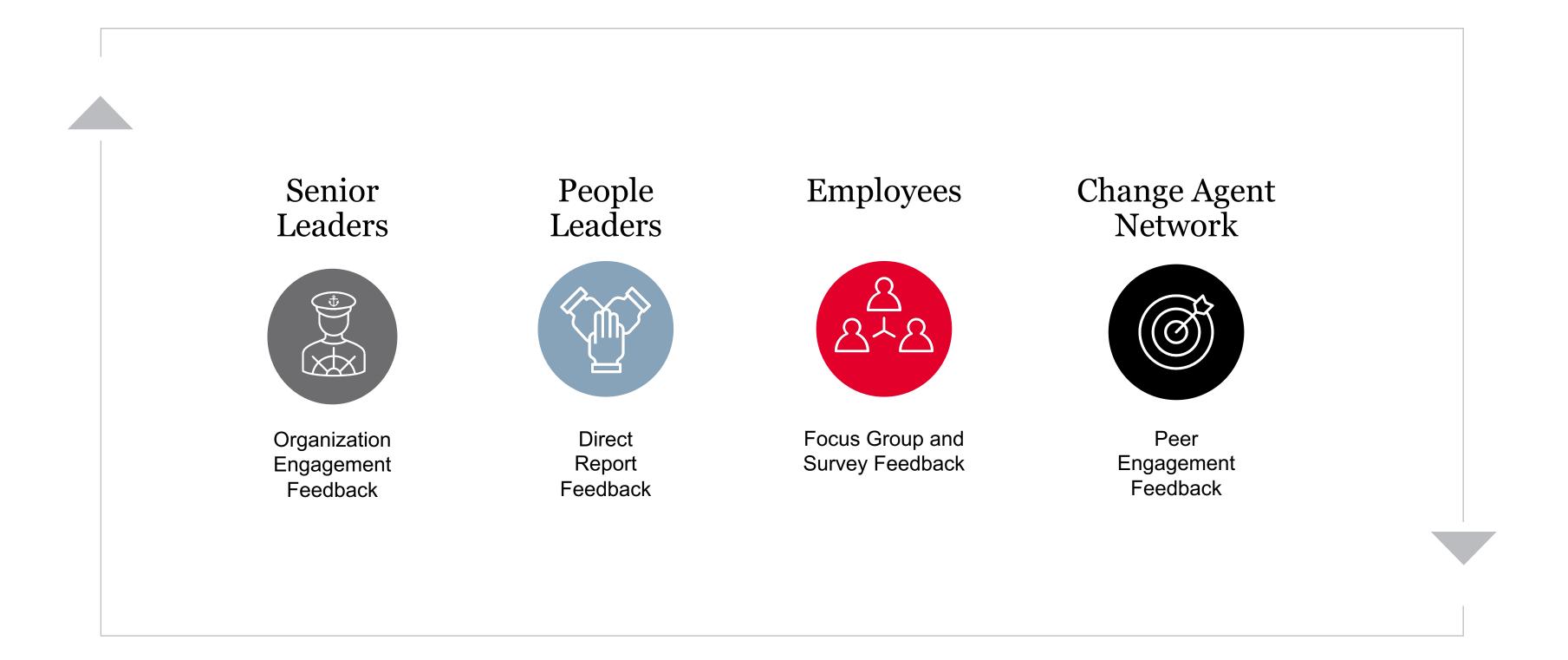


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#### **Leadership Engagement Across the Transformation Life Cycle**







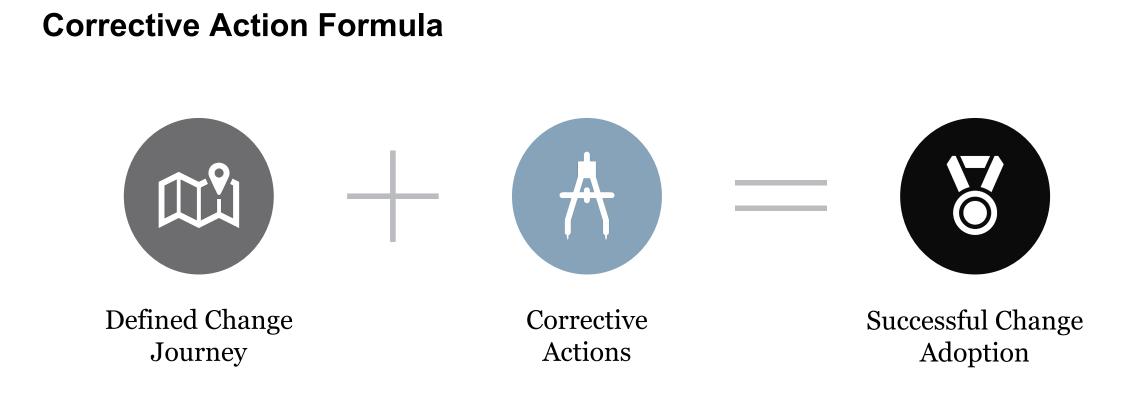
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Change Team will create feedback loops and analyze the data to validate the effectiveness of change activities.



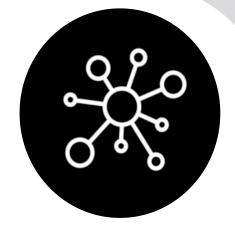
# The What.

Insights gathered from feedback loops must be converted into actionable decisions to course correct change activities that may not meet impacted employees' needs along their change journey.





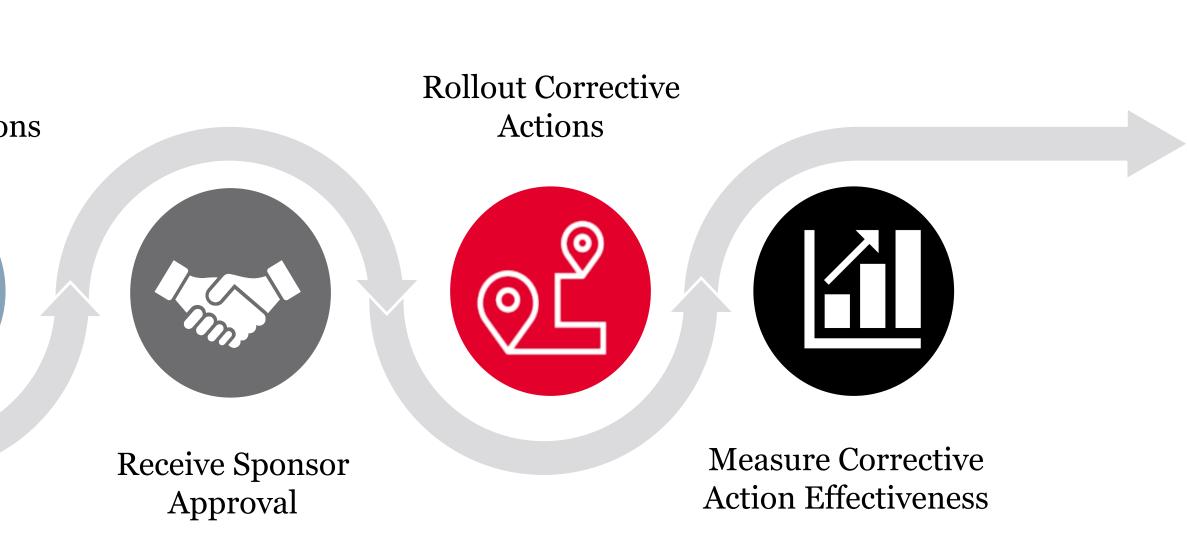
Determine **Corrective Actions** 



Assess Employee Feedback

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Change Team will listen to the voice of the impacted employees and will adjust the change journey experience to deliver impactful employee engagement.





# Summary and Final Thoughts

# Putting It All Together.

Describing these characteristics to leaders will help to tell the change story. Focusing on achieving each characteristic will increase probability of change success.

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Consistently measuring change successes through the lens of these characteristics will deliver change maturity.



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