

# MANAGING IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT





#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. **Contrast** ethnocentric, polycentric, and geocentric attitudes toward global business.
  - Develop your skill at collaborating in cross-cultural settings.
- 2. **Discuss** the importance of regional trading alliances and global trade mechanisms.
- 3. **Describe** the structures and techniques organizations use as they go international.
- 4. **Explain** the relevance of the political/legal, economic, and cultural environments to global business.
  - Know how to culturally aware.



#### WHAT'S YOUR GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE?

- Parochialism viewing the world solely through your own perspectives, leading to an inability to recognize differences between people.
- Ethnocentric Attitude the parochialistic belief that the best work approaches and practices are those of the home country.



#### OTHER GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

- Polycentric attitude the view that the managers in the host country know the best work approaches and practices for running their business.
- Geocentric Attitude a world-oriented view that focuses on using the best approaches and people from around the globe.



#### FYI!

- Ranked #1 on a list of three skills every 21<sup>st</sup> century manager needs is GLOBAL MIND SET!
- ▶ 58 percent of highperforming companies have some types of global leadership program in place.





#### **GLOBAL TRADE**

Regional Trading Alliances

EU

NAFTA

**ASEAN** 

Etc.

Global Trade Mechanisms

**WTO** 

**IMF** 

World Bank

Etc.



## UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT – TRADING ALLIANCES

 European Union (EU) – a union of 28 democratic European nations created as a unified economic and trade entity with the Euro as a single common currency.



## EXHIBIT 4-1 EUROPEAN UNION MAP





## TRADING ALLIANCES (CONT.)

North American Free Trade
 Agreement (NAFTA) – an agreement
 among the Mexican, Canadian, and
 U.S. governments in which certain
 barriers to trade have been
 eliminated.

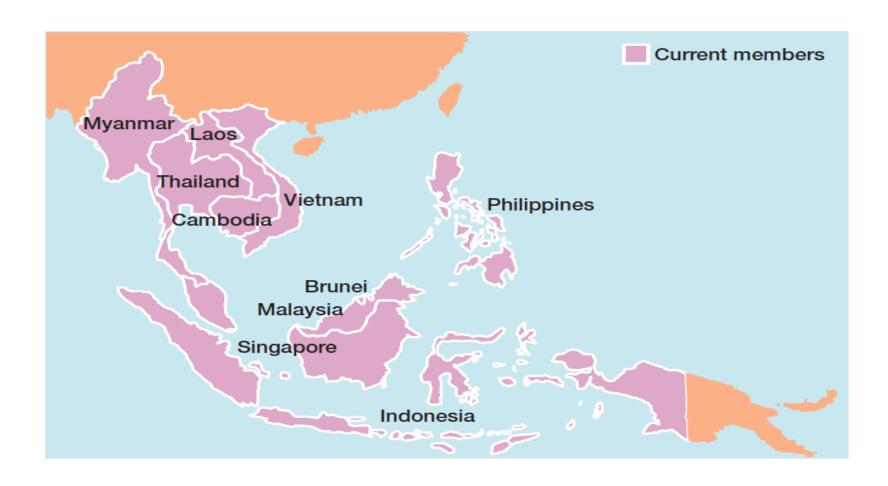


## TRADING ALLOWANCES (CONT.)

 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – a trading alliance of 10 Southeast Asian nations.



### **EXHIBIT 4-2 ASEAN MAP**





### GLOBAL TRADE MECHANISMS

- World Trade Organization (WTO) a global organization of 153 countries that deals with the rules of trade among nations.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) an organization of 185 countries that promotes international monetary cooperation and provides advice, loans, and technical assistance.



## GLOBAL TRADE MECHANISMS (CONT.)

- World Bank Group a group of five closely associated institutions that provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries.
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) – an international economic organization that helps its 30 member countries achieve sustainable economic growth and employment.



## TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Multinational Corporation (MNC) a broad term that refers to any and all types of international companies that maintain operations in multiple countries.
- Multidomestic Corporation an MNC that decentralizes management and other decisions to the local country.



## TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (CONT.)

- Global Company an MNC that centralizes management and other decisions in the home country.
- Transnational or Borderless
   Organization an MNC in which artificial geographical barriers are eliminated.



#### HOW ORGANIZATIONS GO GLOBAL

- Global Sourcing purchasing materials or labor from around the world wherever it is cheapest.
- Exporting making products domestically and selling them abroad.



## GOING GLOBAL (CONT.)

- Importing acquiring products made abroad and selling them domestically.
- Licensing an organization gives another organization the right to make or sell its products using its technology or product specifications.
- Franchising an organization gives another organization the right to use its name and operating methods.



## GOING GLOBAL (CONT.)

- Strategic Alliance a partnership between an organization and one or more foreign company partner(s) in which both share resources and knowledge in developing new products or building production facilities.
- Joint Venture a specific type of strategic alliance in which the partners agree to form a separate, independent organization for some business purpose.



## GOING GLOBAL (CONT.)

 Foreign Subsidiary – directly investing in a foreign country by setting up a separate and independent production facility or office.



### EXHIBIT 4-3 HOW ORGANIZATIONS GO GLOBAL





## THE POLITICAL/LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

- Managers must stay informed of the specific laws in countries where they do business
- Some countries have risky political climates



#### THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

- Free Market Economy an economic system in which resources are primarily owned and controlled by the private sector.
- Planned Economy an economic system in which economic decisions are planned by a central government.
- Currency exchange rates, inflation rates, and diverse tax policies



#### THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

- National Culture the values and attitudes shared by individuals from a specific country that shape their behavior and beliefs about what is important.
- Hofstede's framework for assessing cultures – one of the most widely referenced approaches to helping managers better understand differences between national cultures.



# EXHIBIT 4-5 HOFSTEDE'S FIVE DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL CULTURE





#### **GLOBE**

 Global Leadership and Organizational Behavior
 Effectiveness (GLOBE)
 program – a research
 program that studies
 cross-cultural leadership
 behaviors.

#### Contains of nine factors:

- Power distance
- Uncertainty avoidance
- Assertiveness
- Humane orientation
- Future orientation
- Institutional collectivism
- Gender differentiation
- In-group collectivism
- Performance orientation



## GLOBAL MANAGEMENT IN TODAY'S WORLD

- The Challenge of Openness
  - Economic interdependence of trading countries
  - Intense underlying and fundamental cultural differences—differences that encompass traditions, history, religious beliefs, and deepseated values.



## CHALLENGES OF MANAGING A GLOBAL WORKFORCE

- Cultural Intelligence cultural awareness and sensitivity skills.
- Global Mind-Set attributes that allow a leader to be effective in cross-cultural environments.



### EXHIBIT 4-6 A GLOBAL MIND-SET

Intellectual capital: Knowledge of international business and

the capacity to understand how business

works on a global scale



**Psychological capital:** Openness to new ideas and experiences



Social capital: Ability to form connections and

build trusting relationships with people

who are different from you





### SO, WHAT YOU CAN DO?

