New Principles for Corporate Design

1. The purpose of the corporation is to harness private interests to serve the public interest.

2. Corporations shall accrue fair returns for shareholders, but not at the expense of the legitimate interests of other stakeholders.

3. Corporations shall operate sustainably, meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

4. Corporations shall distribute their wealth equitably among those who contribute to wealth creation.

5. Corporations shall be governed in a manner that is participatory, transparent, ethical, and accountable.

6. Corporations shall not infringe on the right of natural persons to govern themselves, nor infringe on other universal human rights.

For information on the development and context of these principles, www.corporation2020.org
Dear Colleague,

This document presents the proceedings of the November 13-14, 2007 SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE OF THE CORPORATION in Boston.

Our purpose in preparing the proceedings is to provide a brief record of the event for the benefit of both participants and non-participants. Its contents are not exhaustive, but reflective of selected key issues and perspectives that arose during the two-day Summit, which was attended by 200 individuals from 15 countries representing business, civil society, finance, labor, law, and the media.

We invite you to remain active in the growing community that began to take shape in 2004 with the launch of Corporation 20/20 and strengthened and expanded by the Summit. Follow-up activities will be posted on www.summit2020.org and on www.corporation2020.org, and will be communicated via email notices in the coming months.

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Cordially,

Allen White
Co-Organizer
Agenda

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                Jay Hooley, State Street Corporation

8:45 – 9:00 am  Background, Goals, and Agenda
                Allen White, Corporation 20/20 & Tellus Institute

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                its future design
                Charles Handy, Author, formerly London Business School & Royal Dutch
                Shell

Setting the Stage

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                Moderator: John Elkington, SustainAbility

                Henry Mintzberg, McGill University
                David Korten, Author
                Arie de Geus, Business Strategist, formerly Royal Dutch Shell

                Dialogue Facilitator, Peter Senge, MIT & Society for Organizational Learning
                (SoL)

10:45 – 11:15 am  Break

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1:00 – 2:00 pm  Lunch  
                Hall at Parris, Upper level, Quincy Market
                Sponsored by AVEDA

2:15 – 4:30 pm  Café-style Breakouts (1)  
                Hall at Parris
Clusters organized by key topics, each with a facilitator. Signs to indicate the topic to be covered in each cluster. Participants may also self-organize.

Option to rotate to second topic after one hour.

Discussion questions:
- Why is the issue critical to the future of the corporation?
- What is a vision for the next decade and what specific outcomes should be sought?
- What are the opportunities and barriers to achieving such a vision and outcomes?

4:45 –5:45 pm  Plenary 3 - Reflections on Breakouts  
**Faneuil Hall**  
Discussion of key themes emerging from breakouts, with an eye toward Day 2, Action agenda-setting

5:45 pm  Adjourn

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*State Room, Atop 60 State St*  
Wine sponsored by Brown-Forman

DAY TWO, November 14, 2007 - Wednesday

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Perspectives on selected issues within the broader change agenda
Moderator, Aron Cramer, Business for Social Responsibility

Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Harvard Business School
Jason Clay, WWF-US
Kent Greenfield, Boston College School of Law
Steven Lydenberg, Domini Investments
Robert Monks, Corporate Library/ Lens Governance Advisors

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11:00 – 12:30 pm  Plenary 5 - The Emergence of New Corporate Designs

Pioneers, hybrids and visionaries: portraits of transformational change
Moderator, Marjorie Kelly, Corporation 20/20 & Tellus Institute

Susan Mac Cormac, Morrison and Foerster
Steve Voight, King Arthur Flour
Craig Cohon, Globalegacy

Dialogue Facilitator, Allen White

12:45 – 1:45 pm  Lunch
Hall at Parris

1:45 – 2:45 pm  Café-style Breakouts (2)

Tables arranged by stakeholder groups. Discussion questions:

- What issues have emerged as most pivotal to corporate transformation?
- What are 3-4 priority mid-term (3-5 year) and long-term (10+ year) goals for change?
- How should your stakeholder group organize to achieve these mid- and long-term goals?

Hall at Parris

3:00 – 3:30 pm  Plenary Session 6 - Reflections on the Summit and Next Steps

Faneuil Hall

3:30 pm  Adjourn
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jay Hooley, Vice Chair of State Street Corporation, welcomed participants to The Summit on the Future of the Corporation. Business according to some polls is trusted more than government or the media. Companies should adopt sustainable corporate design for their organizations and be responsible for the people who have entrusted their resources to them. In order to become an employer of choice and competitive in attracting top talent, companies should embrace the view that diversity in their workforce is a strength and that employees are looking beyond wages and benefits when selecting companies for employment. They want to know, for example, that their companies are attentive to all of the ways they impact society and are part of the solution, not the problem.

The world that lies ahead is a very different one from the 18th century when the contours of the modern corporation were conceived. This implies that in order for the 21st century to succeed, corporations will need to continuously adapt to new realities. This means that financial institutions should go beyond helping their customers achieve their investment goals by contributing to overall economic progress via incorporation of social, environmental and governance goals. This, in effect, means expanding the scope of corporate responsibility to employees, environment, suppliers, and other stakeholders affected by the organization’s activities.

Allen White, Corporation 20/20 and Summit Co-Organizer, described the Summit as a major milestone in the Corporation 20/20 process that was launched in 2004. For nearly four years, a group of some 200 participants from business, civil society, finance, labor, law, and the media have been grappling with the question of the nature and purpose of the corporation, and how corporations should be designed in the future to meet societal needs and expectations. Out of this process has emerged six Principles of Corporate Design that provide the foundation for visioning future corporate forms. Faneuil Hall, the Summit venue and the “Cradle of Liberty” is a powerful reminder of the long history of public debate over the relationship between the corporation and society. For 250 years, issues such as colonialism, slavery and women’s suffrage have been debated on this site. Within and outside Faneuil Hall, concerns with the influence and power of the corporation have been expressed by such notables as John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Charles Francis Adams, and Charles William Eliot. None could have imagined the scale and reach of the modern corporation. It is our civic duty to carry on these debates, to challenge conventional wisdom, and to chart a future in which the corporation serves to harness private interests to serve the public interest, the cornerstone principle of Corporation 20/20. In that spirit, we have set two central goals for the Summit:

- To continue building a community of committed, diverse leaders to work toward creating corporations that contribute to social, economic and ecological well-being.
- To help the larger public understand the issues we are discussing and the need for fundamental change in corporate purpose and form.

Charles Handy, a philosopher, author and radio commentator, provided opening remarks. Faneuil Hall is an appropriate place to explore the future while being mindful of the past. The past centuries have witnessed the emergence of great business ideas: the joint stock corporation, the limited liability
of directors, norms of ethical business conduct, and stock options as an instrument of compensation. These great ideas, some two centuries old and some more recent, enabled a prosperous society and immense economic growth. At the same time, Adam Smith’s “invisible hand” provided the foundation for free markets in which individuals, acting in their self-interest, would maximize societal well-being. These great ideas, like all great ideas, have serious consequences often not anticipated at the moment of conception. Looking forward, we must assess these unintended consequences in our search to invent a new definition of business success. In so doing, it is the government’s role in a democratic society to set the rules of the game. But the leadership for social change must come from beyond government. That leadership, in turn, must recognize that there must be moral, not just economic, purpose in life. Society deserves nothing less.

Plenary 1: Are Corporations Equipped for the 21st Century?
An Historical Perspective on the Evolution of the Corporation, Its Purpose and Structure

John Elkington, founder of SustainAbility, moderated the session. In addition to the collision between capitalism and democracy that Charles Handy referred to, equally interesting is the collision between democracy and sustainability. For the moment, corporate citizenship has co-opted much of the sustainable development agenda. For most corporate boards, sustainability issues do not attract the level of attention that they ought to, but climate and related drivers will change the rules of the game.

Henry Mintzberg, McGill University, posed the question: Are we sailing on the Titanic? Yes. We should understand that legal corruption in business (as opposed illegal corruption via breach of law) is rampant in business. Examples include excessive executive compensation and relentless downsizing of “human resources” as if human beings are a solution to management shortcomings. The core problem is the triumph of the economic over the social and the political aspects of business, reinforced by economic dogma that squelches a more balanced view of business and its role in society. Corporate responsibility as we know it, e.g. BP or EXXON electing to address climate change, is no answer to urgent problems. WTO controlling global trade in GMOs in food supply instead of WHO, is another example of the hegemony of economic interests. As for consumption, can its reduction ever be led by companies whose growth depends on more of it? We must find ways to rebalance the private and public, corporate and state influence. And we must reassert the domain of the public interest and roll back incursion of the private interests in that domain. In short, we need another Boston Tea Party to reassert citizen rights. At the end, he suggested that if companies want to be really socially responsible, then “Get out of my government!” Citizens have every right to act, including those who have shares in companies, but companies should get out of politics.

David Korten, author, suggested that the global economic system is designed to convert real capital (e.g. human, social, natural) into financial capital to increase inequality. Trickle down economics is a myth. Human survival depends on reducing aggregate consumption and increasing equality through redistribution. Institutions of the global economy are designed to do exactly the opposite. We must rebalance private and public interests, restore life values to dominance, and convert financial capital back to living capital (a negative rate of financial return). The only ethical rationale for granting a corporate charter is to serve a public purpose. Large private benefit corporations must be converted to smaller public benefit corporations. Public policy, including tax policy must reallocate real resources from harmful to beneficial uses (for example from war to health care and environmental restoration) and from rich to poor. Change depends on citizen initiative originating from outside the corporate system.

Arie de Geus, business strategist and formerly Royal Dutch Shell, agreed that a new design is required for the evolution of corporations if they want to keep pace with the changing world. Corporations are living systems that have drifted to a state of disharmony with the world in which they operate. In the 19th century, capital was scarce, and the joint stock corporation was the solution to aggregate needed capital to apply to human and natural resources to create wealth. Today, 70% of corporate values are in the form of intangible assets, which themselves reflect first and foremost the human capital—talent, innovation, brand—of the organization. Sometime in the 1980s, capital shifted from scarcity to abundance. Yet organizational forms have not adapted. Capital is a commodity, no longer the decisive factor in business success. That role is now played by human talent. Meanwhile, in law and practice, capital incongruously retains dominant influence in corporate governance and practice. Efficiency, for example, is defined as optimizing capital resources, not human assets, even though the
latter are the heart of value creation. The shareholder, including its representative, has evolved into a force with objectives different from those within the corporation. This gives rise to the shrinking lifespan of the average corporation, declining from 17 years in the 1990’s to 12 years at present, and even less in countries such as the UK and France. Amidst these trends, however, are signs of innovative corporate structures that position people first, e.g. worker or member-owned coop Mondragon in Spain, John Lewis Partnership in the UK, Rabobank in the Netherlands, as well as partnerships such as Booz Allen and clubs such as VISA.

**Selected Issues from Q&A Session**

- How do we cope with the care for older people – pensions are the methodology now and what will be the implications of their negative returns?
- Is there in the capital world a similar dichotomy as we see in labor side – small number of people consolidating power?
- What kind of corporations are we talking about? If highly talented people are the most important resources, then why are people disregarded in certain corporations?
- The solution would be a balance of 3 sectors (public, private, civil society), but if we follow that logic we would miss an optimization potential. Is it possible to integrate 3 sectors?
- What changes do we need to make in our business schools and how we educate future managers so next generations will not have even bigger problems?
- It is all about money in the current context of globalization and intense competition. Money serves the interests of pension funds and unions, which are also characterized by greed. Where does the state or legislature start to diminish greed in regard to corporations?

**Plenary 2: The Two Faces of Change - Internal and External**

*The Challenge of Transformational Change and the Nexus of Internal and External Forces*

**Jeffrey Hollender**, Seventh Generation moderated this session.

**Marv Adams**, Citi, observed that only those able to adapt to change will survive in the contemporary business world. He proposed a three-part approach for achieving such organizational change. First, a people-centered, not a financial-centered approach in which employees value the goals of the organization. Second, an inquiry and appreciative approach (as opposed to problem-centered) which invests heavily in understanding the strengths of the system. Third, an approach that focuses on the beliefs of people in the system rather than on command and control of such beliefs which leads to fear and demise rather than sustainability. Successful change ultimately depends on evolutionary design that at once releases and harnesses self-directed energy. Complexity is here to stay—we must learn to understand and embrace it. But to do so, we need better tools and training to advance understanding of complex systems. In his experience working with many large companies, Marv has never met someone who does not get excited and motivated by being part of something bigger.

**Darcy Winslow**, Nike Foundation, presented her perspective on innovation, and explored future opportunities based on what Nike has undertaken as a company to date. Nike began thinking about what sustainability meant, and the business implications and opportunities, in the mid-late 90’s. Since then, they have moved into developing and putting into operation long-term strategic plans and resources against several facets of Corporate Responsibility. As part of a cultural and organizational shift from a product to a consumer (sport) based organization, Nike will begin to focus on four areas within the businesses and corporate responsibility (CR). These include: "Compliance", "Considered Design", "Let Me Play" (serving the underserved), and "Climate Change". Looking to the future, the year 2020, one of the questions she posed was for companies, or industries, to consider the greatest 'stressors' within their holistic design or business process, and how this could shift their innovation and investment strategy. Examples were given for both the footwear and apparel industry in regards to energy/transportation and water usage, and how these 'stressors' are considered in the product creation process and throughout the supply chain. In doing so, regardless of the industry, it is therefore important to encourage cooperative competition in aspects that are common to each company, which could result in more rapid solutions to reduce environmental stress. And finally, she posed the challenge to the group to engage youth - the millennials - in this dialogue in helping to shape the future of the corporation. They are the 'connected generation' and will represent management in the year 2020.
**Michael Marx**, Corporate Ethics International, suggested that in the battle between democracy and capitalism cited by Charles Handy, democracy is losing. Historically, major changes have not been evolutionary, but triggered by cataclysmic events. In the world we occupy, we need to think about quantum leaps to achieve sustainable societies; continuous improvements will not be enough. The rules have to be changed before corporate behavior can change, as behavior is in large a measure of the product of the rules corporations have been given. Base on current operations, today’s rules have created power imbalances that have assigned too much power to corporations. Further, rule changes must be accompanied by changes in the market system to achieve the needed rebalancing. Five critical areas that demand actions are: separation between corporation and state; elevating the role and rights of communities over corporations; redefining corporate purpose; redirecting capital to companies that meet social norms, and better articulation of the meaning of the “commons” and ways to protect it. Concurrent change in these five areas is the pathway to deep transformation.

**Damon Silvers**, AFL-CIO identified two main types of problems that have arisen based on the assumption that corporations exist to create wealth. The first problem is that corporations are misallocating resources, and the second is that corporations are misallocating the wealth they do create. In many cases, the assumption is right and corporations often misallocate resources and wealth, which is why we need the firm hand of government regulation. Instead of focusing on adding or subtracting from the power of shareholders, we should focus on common ground shared by corporate managers, employees and long-term investors. This balance is where there might be a chance to move corporations towards socially powerful outcomes. All have an interest in reducing negative and increasing positive externalities. All are harmed by short-termism in capital markets. Who will be the force behind such a common ground approach? For one, the younger generation has a huge potential for catalyzing positive change. For another, collective public action demands change.

**Selected Issues from Q&A Session**

- Corporations do not need regulations because all the changes could be made from within. But “could” is not “will”—the necessary change will not happen by internal forces alone. Something more than regulations might be needed. How can internal forces be inspired? How can states be inspired? Corporations cannot wait for governments, cannot wait to be innovative and be provided with incentives, as it takes too long for regulations to be implemented. There is a need to move from a taxation-based system to a more positive financial-based incentive approach that will allow companies to radically change.
- Most of us working business have strong values and ideas on how the world should operate. Our challenge is to reinforce these positive values. If not, we implicitly take the view that business is essentially evil.
- CEOs often seemed to be trapped, but certain decisions are beyond their control. Major change is most promising when business leadership and government leadership come together. But there will always be a need for government to solve systemic changes beyond the reach of business.
- What are global responsibilities and what is needed for a global change?
- Are there things we can learn from private companies that can be transferred to the public companies?
- There is a need for a strategy to create a better life in the US or Europe that will influence a better living environment for China or India. Wealthier societies should demonstrate that well-being can be achieved in a resource-constrained world.
- The notion that CEOs are constrained is dramatically overblown. In fact, they have ample room to make dramatic change within their organizations.

**Day 1 Breakout Groups (partial list)**

- INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION
- SHORT-TERMISM
- LAW REFORM
- CORPORATE PURPOSE
- VALUE CHAINS
- CAPITAL MARKETS
- FIDUCIARY DUTY
Dinner Presentation

Robert Kuttner, columnist/commentator, remarked that the redesign of the corporation is one important part of a larger project – the need to temper market failures in order to build a society that is efficient, equitable, and sustainable. Laissez-faire—the premise that markets work best when left alone—fails all three tests. We are getting a vivid demonstration of that truth once again, in the credit crisis—a crisis that comes on top of three decades of widening economic insecurity for ordinary people and a deepening crisis of global climate change.

The design of the corporation is intimately connected to a related question – how best to regulate the self-destructive tendencies of financial markets. Since the 1970s, libertarian students of the Berle-Means dilemma—the failure of corporate managers to serve shareholders—have proposed a radically classical cure. Their idea, a “market for corporate control” allows hostile takeovers with tax-deductible borrowed money. The premise is that these new owners “must have” superior knowledge or skills, otherwise they would not pay premium prices. But events have proven this model to be yet another case of market failure. Often, the process is corrupted by the desire to extract short term windfall assets at the expense of the operating entity. Often, the greater “efficiencies” are merely a wealth transfer from other stakeholders to temporary owners. Managers, allied with investment bankers, both with their short term outlook, are still in the saddle.

The movement for greater corporate social responsibility includes two broad sensibilities. The first hopes that a combination of enlightened entrepreneurs, activist shareholders, and consumers expressing their values through their purchases, can better align corporate behavior with broad social purposes. The second contends that, far more than the actions of shareholders and consumers, responsible corporate behavior requires citizens to act through their governments, so that rules are established to require better corporate governance and accountability to stakeholders, as well the prohibition of a whole range of destructive behaviors. Government regulation can also include better enforcement of the right of employees to organize and join unions, to empower yet another necessary counterweight.

Speaking as a longtime student of corporate behavior, while I welcome enlightened entrepreneurs, activist shareholders, and organized consumers, I am convinced that what we do as citizens through government will matter far more in harnessing corporations to benign purposes than what we do as consumers or investors.

DAY TWO, November 14, 2007 - Wednesday

Plenary 4: Critical Issues in the Coming Decade
Perspectives on Selected Issues within the Broader Change Agenda

Aron Cramer, Business for Social Responsibility, moderated the panel. He framed the session by noting that globalization requires that the future of the corporation be considered in the context of diverse legal traditions, as well as rapidly changing social contracts across different cultures. A discussion that considers the rules only in the context of the US or EU will be overtaken by rules and other norms prevailing in fast-growing emerging markets.

Rosabeth Kanter, Harvard Business School and author of America the Principled, observed that many issues discussed on Day 1 of the Summit are US problems. The US does have large global impact, yet it is failing to lead on many issues of corporate governance and change. European and Asian issues are very different. For example, Europe is ahead of the US in green practices and triple bottom-line reporting. Japan and China face very different problems than either Europe or the US and are different
from one another. Executive compensation, for example, is largely a US issue. Activists traditionally viewed multinational corporations as damaging the interests of developing countries. But they could be part of the solution in the future, even in the absence of global standards of governance. For all the talk of a flat world, it is in fact filled with very lumpy disparities and surprises. In general, global companies prefer global standards, not an uneven patchwork quilt of varying standards. Further, global companies have a huge stake in tapping the consumer markets at the bottom of the pyramid, that is, the poor of the world, and therefore in raising standards of living as well as solving social and educational problems. Global companies are also increasingly likely to form partnership with NGOs such as WWF, rather than adversary relationships, and learn from them.

Jason Clay, WWF-US, described that the world is living beyond its budget, faced with finite resources and limits. There are not enough planets to support a world living on unsustainable levels as is the case among rich nations. If we were all farmers, we would say we are eating our seeds. There is declining air quality, per capita water resources, and arable land. There is no room for people and biodiversity, let alone corporation operations. There is a need to focus on key impacts and priorities, to set global benchmarks and standards for performance. Externalities have to be internalized, partially by aligning the values of suppliers, producers and consumers. For example, food and agricultural companies may track their footprints at each stage of the food production chain in light of the rising expectations of accountability at each stage of the chain. We need to transform supply chains into value chains. However, if consumers do not ask where their food products are from, they are sending a signal that they do not care. Companies today only control 10% of their production impacts, which is already a generous estimate. The challenge is to find where responsibility ends and begins in this value chain, and expose where footprints need to be reduced with the greatest urgency. The future corporation may be an entity which buys and sells not only final products, but those impacts—carbon sequestration, biodiversity, pollination, watershed protection—affecting at each step in the value chain.

Kent Greenfield, Boston College School of Law, introduced the role of corporate law in shaping behavior of individuals and organizations. Corporate law matters because it defines governing rules for the most powerful institutions in the world—corporations. Income inequalities are greater today in the US than at any time since 1929. Hence, it is natural that when shareholders win, the rich win, especially since 60% of the total capital gains accrue to 1% of the richest Americans. The disparities between capital gains and labor gains are extreme. The argument that shareholders should hold more responsibility is inconsistent with equity. A better option is to terminate shareholder primacy and replace it with stakeholder governance, spreading both authority and wealth across multiple groups. Further changes in the direction of greater fairness are: federalizing corporate law and ending Delaware’s hegemony; making lying to employees a crime, as is the case of lying to investors and importing principles of democracy into corporations rather than corporations exporting its principles into democracy.

Steven Lydenberg, Domini Investments, addressed the need to shift financial markets from financial engineering for short-term gain to long-term wealth creation. In today’s world, investors are increasingly making decisions based narrowly on price alone, not on broader questions of value. Examples of long-term value creation range from addressing global warming to creating an empowered and well-trained workforce. The responsibility of adding values to investments for improving the social and environmental profiles of corporations can come from the investors. However, when given a choice between short-term profits and the long-term rationale of value, investors increasingly fail to opt for the latter. Social and environmental values cannot always be priced by the short term market, as equating price with value corrodes long-term value creation. Steps toward true value creation might include: penalizing short-term stock holdings and, conversely, promoting long-term holdings; embedding environmental and social considerations into the portfolio creation process, and incorporating both negative and positive externalities into company valuations. Investors need to be more engaged, more responsible stockholders, and strive to understand and measure the long-term value of their investments simultaneously in terms of price and long-term value creation.

Robert Monks, Corporate Library/Lens Governance Advisors and corporate governance pioneer, sees a basic asymmetry between the growth of the multinational corporation and the reach of the nation state. Who, then, will exercise oversight? Only the shareholders can, and must. They have both the motivation and responsibility to make changes in the companies they own. Yet doubts remain that either those on the “left”—social activists—are the best overseers and, equally so, foundations and
universities (e.g. Gates, Harvard) whose fortunes may be closely tied to the companies contained in their portfolios. We need a restoration of trust which has been badly compromised. Toward that end, we need financial statements that include measures of human capital and externalities—full accounting, unlike the partiality of today’s statements. Owners of companies need to take ownership seriously. Ownership comes with responsibility, including responsibility exercised by trustees who manage assets on behalf of beneficiaries. There is no need for new laws and regulations, but a new culture of responsibility. The future does not require new agencies, new costs, but only the mobilization of owners to become responsible owners. The challenge, then, is how to get there.

Selected Issues from Q&A Session

- Can we afford to have a system that we make the owners not responsible for what they do? It is extremely inefficient to have permanent ownership of companies (as is sometimes the case), which runs counter to engendering trustees with a sense of responsibility.
- Public is misinformed even in a democracy society, as the flow of information is controlled by corporations. As long as people view themselves primarily as consumers and second as citizens, the problems will persist.
- Public website rankings and lists are tools, but there are not enough broadly usable disclosures of key information. Different tools should be used to get the information out there. It is very tough to have people understand all the multiple roles they play and citizenship are often low on the list. There is also a need to have a robust system to teach citizenship in schools.
- Should information disclosure be mandated by law? Although it is good to empower citizens with information, disclosure alone might not be enough especially when people do not have the power to make changes.
- Social change requires many tools. In order for individuals to take actions, there has to be a movement for change towards a common goal. There is a need for a common goal and information before changes can be made within a corporation and on a bigger scale.
- There is a need to have government leaders who respect and believe in all these issues. How can we focus on corporate redesign when governments are distracted by geo-political problems and not accustomed to seeing corporate design on the public agenda?
- Matrices are not just a tool to keep scores, but the best tool is to establish the next best practice, continuing to set the bar while defining what the problem is. 85% of the gold mined in the world is still in use. Imagine a world if the same were true for water, soil, aluminum, and other minerals.

Plenary 5: The Emergence of New Corporate Designs

Pioneers, Hybrids and Visionaries: Portraits of Transformational Change

**Marjorie Kelly**, Tellus Institute and Corporation 20/20 moderated this session, beginning with an analogy of the evolution of democracy and the emergence of corporate design. When democracy was first discussed, it was a conversation among very few people in very few places. The universal form of government was monarchy. But the conversation persisted over centuries, and the idea of democracy gradually took root. In the same vein, corporate redesign is in its nascent stage and at work in some form in very few companies that are the seedlings of a broader movement, giving life to a new “story” about the purpose and structure of corporations in the future. Looking at companies such as Organic Valley, Fannie Mae, the John Lewis Partnership, Grameen-Danone, one sees alternatives to prevailing corporate forms in terms of unconventional approaches to mission, ownership, control, capitalization, internal incentives and rewards, and other key components of corporate design. Such companies are giving shape to what some have called “the Fourth Sector,” a new genus of organizations that seamlessly blends the social, environmental and financial into a single, living entity.

**Susan Mac Cormac**, Morrison and Foerster, argued that current corporate forms contain positive attributes, but change still must occur to meet. Such change in large measure may be driven internally, without government intervention. No single recipe exists; experimentation is preferred way forward. Lawyers may be as much a hindrance as a help in the change process, since they are paid to inform clients what can go wrong, thereby creating risk adversity on the part of client companies. At the same time, there is some risk of change that leads to accountability to everybody that, in effect, may lead to accountability to nobody. In addition to educating lawyers, there are ways to structure social enterprises, such as by building a bridge between corporations and NGOs and creating new units within existing organizations. A few examples of new forms include: mandatory and voluntary charter
agreements, Minnesota’s socially responsible corporation, LC3 corporation, and the CIC company in the UK. In the US, much flexibility to imbed social and environmental issues into core business already exists owing to the business judgment rule which assigns broad discretion to boards to account for interests beyond shareholders if such discretion is in the best interests of the corporation.

Steve Voigt, King Arthur Flour, focused on the establishment and transformation of King Arthur Flour from its founding in 1790 to it now being 100% employee-owned through its ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). Employees act like owners and make the right decisions in the context of a participative, open book, team management approach. King Arthur Flour’s ownership model is not unique. Over 11,000 ESOP companies covering 10 million workers exist in the US. Ownership varies from 100% to a minority position. The growth in ESOPs has plateaued recently after growing strongly during the previous decades. New ESOP formations are strong, indicating attrition of employee-owned firms owing to mergers, sale or closure—the exact picture could use further research. Employee-ownership is a vibrant example of new corporate forms taking shape and evolving today. We should take heart from this that additional alternative structures are possible.

Craig Cohon shared his international experience concerning opportunities to learn from innovative corporate designs outside the US. People in business seek meaningful work with a higher purpose. Corporate leaders are constantly grappling with intense pressure of the system that rewards maximization of short-term financial performance. Different countries have different “spiritual laws” that are being undermined by corporate law of the developed nations. India’s Ghandian tradition of shared responsibility is one example of an opportunity to infuse multinationals with a sense of higher purpose. Black empowerment in South Africa is another. HSBC is an example of a multinational that perceives a huge market opportunity (serving 3 billion underserved in terms of financial services) but is weary of commitments to this market. BP is launching a venture jointly with NGOs with the purpose of cleaning up indoor air pollution, a major health hazard in poor countries. Its approach adheres to Corporation 20/20’s six Principles of Corporate Design. We need to create a generally recognized brand for socially purposeful enterprise.

Selected Issue from Q&A Session
- Business leaders should start having internal conversations on making changes. Leaders should collaborate.
- Should there be alternative compensation for CEOs tied to their achievement of multiple bottom lines?
- How can public governance and law impact how corporations behave? Can regulations assist in the changing of values?
- Current laws give companies much latitude to change. But there is still a need for external forces to raise the bar for all companies and scale up the number of firms demonstrating best practices in social enterprise.
- We need more examples of how the Principles of Corporate Design can be implemented, e.g., how to operationalize, “Corporations shall distribute wealth equitably among those who create it.”

Day 2 Breakout Groups (partial list)
- NEW BUSINESS MODELS WITHIN BIG COMPANIES
- WORK
- CORPORATE RATINGS
- CAPITAL MARKETS FOR MEDIUM SIZE COMPANIES
- GLOBAL COMPANIES AS CHANGE AGENTS
- SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
- EMPOWERING INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS
- MAKING STAKEHOLDER GOVERNANCE REAL
- HYBRID MODELS IN EMERGING ECONOMIES
- THE ROLE OF PROGRESSIVE CEOS
**Biographies**

**SPEAKERS, PANELISTS, MODERATORS**

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