

# Continuum of Multicultural Organization Development (MCOd)

## LEVELS:

### MONO-CULTURAL

### NON-DISCRIMINATING

### MULTICULTURAL

|             | STAGE ONE:<br>Exclusionary   | STAGE TWO:<br>Club  | STAGE THREE:<br>Compliance  | STAGE FOUR:<br>Affirming  | STAGE FIVE:<br>Redefining  | STAGE SIX:<br>Multicultural  |
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| Description | Open devotion to <b>maintaining the majority group's dominance and privilege.</b>  | <b>Does not openly express/advocate the majority group's supremacy</b> , but maintains structures that ensure continued dominance and privilege.                                    | Commitment to <b>removing some of the inherent discrimination</b> by permitting access to members of social identity groups previously excluded.  | Committed to <b>eliminating discriminatory practices and inherent advantages given members of the majority group</b> by actively recruiting/and promoting members of social groups typically denied access to the organization. | Committed to finding ways to ensure <b>full inclusion of all social and cultural identity group perspectives</b> as a method of <b>enhancing the growth and success potential of the organization.</b> | Reflects the <b>contributions and interests of diverse cultural and social groups in its mission, operations, products, and services.</b>  |
| Expression  | Organization's Mission and Membership Criteria.  | Missions, policies, norms, and procedures seen as <b>"correct" from the perspective of the dominant group.</b>  | <b>No disturbance</b> of the structure, mission, and culture of the organization.   | <b>Actively supports growth and development</b> of these new employees.<br><br>Initiates programs that <b>increase such employees chances of success and mobility.</b>  | <b>Questioning the limitations</b> of relying solely on one cultural perspective as a basis for the organization's mission, operations, and product development.                                       | Acts on commitment to <b>eradicate social oppression in all forms within the organization.</b>   |
| Climate     | <b>Open hostility</b> against social justice and diversity.<br><br><b>Contact us any time!</b><br>Ruby Hamacher, MSA, SHRM-SCP, CDP, CAAP<br>Managing Director   HR Consulting - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion<br><a href="mailto:Ruby_Hamacher@ajg.com">Ruby_Hamacher@ajg.com</a> | More "liberal" with regard to social justice issues, compared to the exclusionary organization.<br><br><b>Engages with social justice issues only when doing so is comfortable.</b> | <b>Does not create too many waves</b> , offend, or challenge its majority employees'/customers' <b>bigoted attitudes or behaviors.</b><br><br>Actively recruits/hires more non-majority people into <b>lower level positions.</b><br><br>Hires/Promotes <b>tokens into management positions</b> (usually staff).<br><br>Exceptions include "team player" and "qualified" applicant.<br><br><b>Note: qualified team players do not pose challenges, and are usually 150 percent competent to do the job.</b> | All employees <b>encouraged to think and behave</b> in a non-oppressive manner.<br><br>Awareness programs conducted toward this end.  | Presence of implemented policies and practices that <b>distribute resources and opportunities</b> among all of the socially and culturally diverse groups in the organization.                         | Follows through on <b>broader external social responsibilities</b> , including support of efforts to eliminate all forms of social oppression and to educate others in multicultural perspectives. |

**Where are we on the continuum?**