

ORGANIZATION *for* INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

THE NEED FOR ONTOLOGY BASED PROGRAMS

Breakthrough: A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development; a significant and dramatic overcoming of a perceived obstacle, allowing the completion of a process, some previously unknown or unseen path, process, or technology that, when adopted, resolves the breakdown.

1-OUR WORLD GROWS MORE AND MORE DANGEROUS EVERY DAY. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT BRUTAL DICTATORS, NON-STATE ACTORS AND OTHERS ARE CAUSING MAJOR SECURITY THREATS AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES THE WORLD OVER.

IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT OUR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES ARE NOT BEING RESOLVED BECAUSE OFFICIALS HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED WHAT IS MISSING IN THEIR POLICIES, STRATEGIES OR THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

- IN THOSE CASES WHERE POLICIES ARE DEFINITELY ON TRACK BUT ARE NOT BEING SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED, OFFICIALS ARE NOT IDENTIFYING HOW TO DISMANTLE THE OBSTACLES.
- IN SOME CASES OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK BUT IN FACT THEY ARE NOT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY OBVIOUS WHEN CHALLENGES GO CONTINUALLY UNRESOLVED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.
- IN OTHER CASES OFFICIALS ARE CLEAR AND ADMIT THAT THEY ARE NOT ON THE RIGHT TRACK BUT CANNOT SEE WHAT IS MISSING.

2-IT IS OBVIOUS TO US THAT FOREIGN POLICYMAKERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS POSSESS LIMITLESS PROBLEM SOLVING CAPABILITIES. WHEN THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING OR RESOLVING THEIR CHALLENGES, IT ONLY MEANS THAT THEIR LEVEL OF CONSCIOUS AWARENESS WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACCURATELY IDENTIFY WHAT IS MISSING.

THUS, THE ONTOLOGY BASED PROGRAMS WE ADVOCATE ARE NOT DESIGNED TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS SOLUTIONS.

INSTEAD THEY WERE DEVELOPED TO DRAMATICALLY EXPAND CONSCIOUS AWARENESS WHICH GIVES CLIENT'S ACCESS TO BREAKTHROUGH LEVELS OF EFFECTIVENESS AND COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES THEY HAVE YET TO REALIZE.

3-THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS CONCRETE SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE BUT IF THE UNDERLYING OBSTACLES ARE NOT CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED, THEN POLICIES FORMULATED AND NEGOTIATIONS EXECUTED CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL.

4-THE BASIC REALITY THAT WE ALL MUST CONSIDER IS THAT WHEN PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO GO UNRESOLVED THEY ALWAYS GET WORSE. GIVEN THE CURRENT CHALLENGES THE COST IS CLEARLY TOO HIGH.

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