

IT governance

The processes that ensures the effective and efficient use of IT in enabling an organisation to achieve its goals.

Tools and frameworks to ensure effective evaluation, selection, prioritisation and funding of completing IT investments.

Oversee their implementation and extract measurable business benefits.

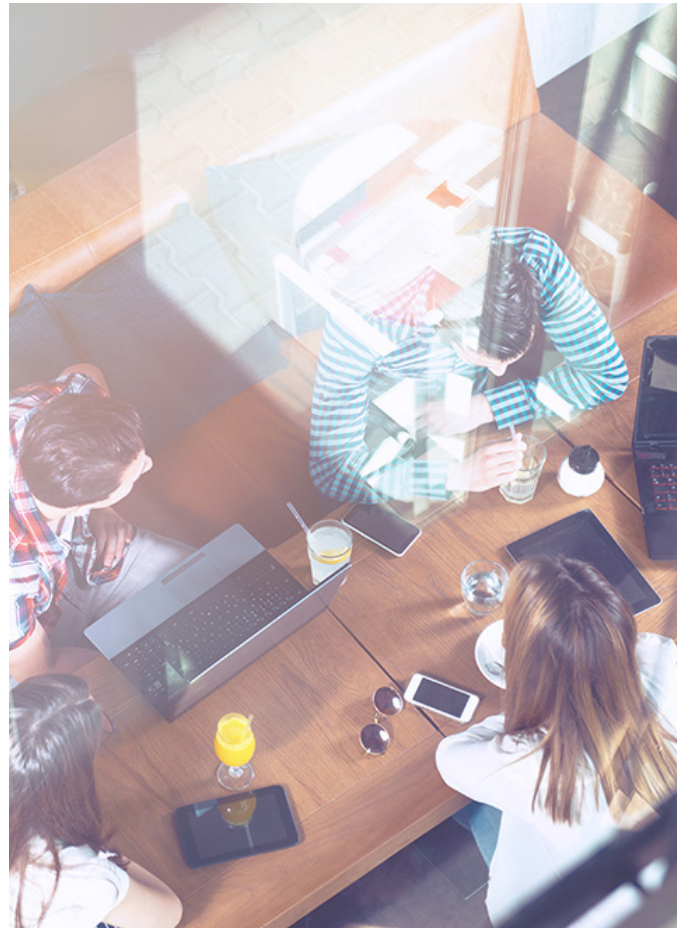
The vCIO will ensure IT the organization operates in an effective, efficient and compliant fashion.

Framework

The framework will provide guidance about governance, management and the operation of IT across the enterprise and align these with enterprise goals.

Framework implemented must align roles responsibilities and establish accountability for decision making that impacts on the achievement of strategic objectives.

IT governance is about accountability for key decisions relating to the use of information and technology in support of the businesses value creation opportunities. An accountability framework is used by the vCIO to clarify the respective decision making authority and responsibilities across the IT management team.



Governance

Implementation of processes, and management thereof to produce desired outcomes.

Good IT governance results in Increased Control over the linkage between individual processes with a system of processes.

Mechanisms

- Strategies
- Goals
- Objectives
- Leadership
- Policies
- Roles
- Responsibilities
- Plans

Align IT with your business strategies

IT has the single biggest impact on corporate performance and competitiveness, failure to manage IT related activities will have a defined impact on your company's growth capacity.

Poor IT governance can damage organisations

Poorly configured projects are characterised by exorbitant costs, delivery delays and technological obsolescence by the time they are available for use.

Inadequate human resources to support a strategic plan, both in numbers and qualifications will result in poorly performing systems, loss of productivity and often unforeseen costs.

Undefined or inadequately defined performance indicators for IT projects or IT maintenance will result in poor service going unnoticed, and implementations not being able to support operations.

How?

This is achieved by having an internal audit team to assess your governance model.

Five focus areas of IT governance

- Strategic alliance
- Risk management
- Value creation and delivery
- Performance measurement
- Resource management

Why you need sound IT governance

- Mitigate technology related risks
- Management needs to understand how the business is performing from an IT perspective, compared to other in similar industries
- Ensure IT infrastructure can support future business needs
- Understand the value of IT
- Need for sound management disciplines, given the complexities of modern IT systems

