

Diversity & Inclusion in business perspective and the impact on virtual work during COVID – Emphasized with research

## **AGENDA FOR YOU DURING THIS LUNCH**



## LET'S START WITH A VIDEO



# THE NUMBERS TO KNOW... WHY INCLUSION & DIVERSITY IS A TOP PRIORITY OF 77% OF BUSINESS LEADERS



# **Greater diversity leads** to financial growth

Each 1% increase in the rate of gender diversity resulted in an approximately 3% increase in sales revenues



# Diverse perspectives lead to innovation

Diverse teams out-innovate and outperform the competition; they are **45%** more likely to improve market share



# Employees who are engaged are more productive

Leaders who give diverse employees equal airtime and an opportunity to 'speak up,' cause diverse employees to be **3.5 times** as likely to contribute their full innovative potential and productivity



# Diversity also leads to financial returns above industry medians

Companies in the top quartile for gender diversity were 15% more likely to have financial returns above their national industry median, and companies in the top quartile for ethnic diversity were 35% more likely to have financial returns above the national industry median



#### Companies that embrace diversity and are competent at inclusion enhance customer loyalty

**78%** of LGBT community and their friends and relatives would switch brands to companies known to be LGBT-friendly



# Strong collaboration solves complex problems

Heterogeneous teams solve complex tasks **better** and are **more creative** than homogeneous teams



**Traditional I&D** 

#### **Tech Enabled I&D**

Many organizations will focus on standalone initiatives such as unconscious bias training which in itself is insufficient. A successful I&D strategy must include six key pillars













## **ACCENTURE NL - INCLUSION & DIVERSITY**

**ACCELERATE EQUALITY FOR ALL WHERE EVERYONE FEELS THEY BELONG** 



#### **PRIORITIES**

1. Make employees

conscious about their
bias to eliminate
discriminatory
behaviors

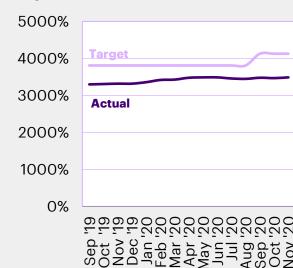
2. Support all employees to thrive in a **cross-cultural** environment, maximizing the business benefits of diversity

3. Strive for gender equality to create an inclusive workforce and to increase innovation and performance

4. Execute ongoing initiatives

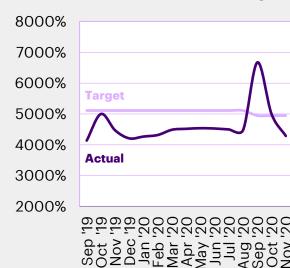
#### **GENDER MIX %**

## Gender mix is slowly improving but still under target



#### **RECRUITMENT MIX %**

### Despite a short but major increase in September 2020, recruitment mix is under target



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