

DAVID TATE, ESQ. – OVERVIEW OF A SIMPLE RISK (AND UNCERTAINTY) MANAGEMENT AND RELATED DECISION-MAKING PROCESS – AN ELEVEN-POINT PROCESS

For Public, Private, Nonprofit/NGO, Governmental & IGO Organizations, Entities, Groups & People

1. **Define the mission, purpose and authority** of the Organization, Entity, Group or Person.
2. **Identify and evaluate the objective, goal, project, or issue** of the Organization, Entity, Group or Person. **What are you trying to achieve, by when, and how do you know it needs achieving?**
3. **Define “success”** – identify the specific actual, factual criteria, events, achievements, and time period upon or after which the objective, goal, project or issue will be achieved. And ROI/ROT.
4. **Identify and evaluate the specific actual, factual needs, risks, and uncertainties that exist** (e.g., including likelihood and seriousness of), and that (can or may) factor into or affect (causation) the ability to achieve the objective, goal, project, issue, and success.
5. **Identify and evaluate the possible practical and reasonable solution options available** (including the positives and negatives, pros, cons and impacts of the solution options), to address #4.
6. **Design** the specific tasks and actions to be taken, and identify the people who are responsible for designing, performing and achieving them. **What’s the plan?** What will be done, why, and when? Who will do it? **Why will it succeed?**
7. **Deliberate and adopt the solutions, tasks and actions to take.** Consider the Business Judgment Rule (“BJR”) as one guide?
8. **Implement the solutions, tasks and actions.**
9. **Evaluate, as time lined, the performance, status, results, impacts, successes and failures** of #8.
10. **Report and communicate** about the above.
11. **Review, revise, update, modify, and improve** upon the above, and continue. Also consider, are there any multiple impacts?

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