# FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS BREAKOUTS – TELECOMMUTING

# Welcome!



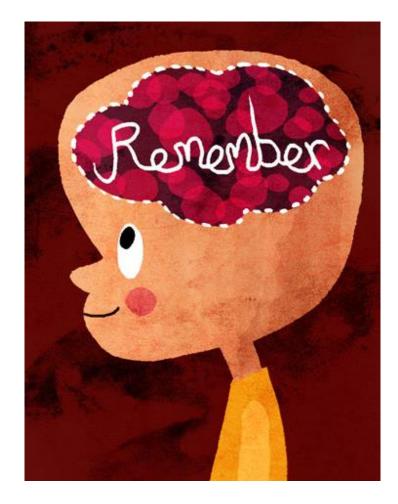


# Introduce your:

- $\circ$  Name
- $\circ$  Role in the organisation
- Expectations from today's workshop

# Before we get started, remember to...

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# • Make full use of the Participant Handbook



### Contains:

- Workshop materials to guide participants through today's session
- Job aids to support participants in the implementation of telecommuting
- Actively participate and ask questions to gain the most out of the session
- Put your phones on silent mode
- $\circ$   $\,$  Network and learn from one another  $\,$

# **Objectives of today's workshop**





- Provide an introduction to Telecommuting as a Flexible Work Arrangement
- Provide an overview of the Telecommuting implementation approach

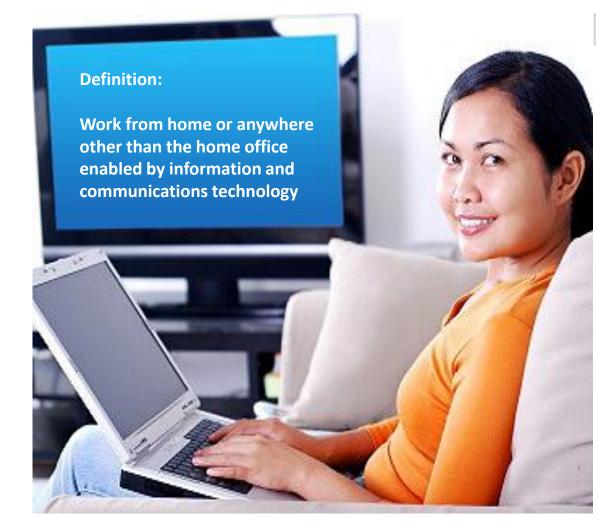
# **1.0 Flexible Work Arrangement – Telecommuting**





# What is telecommuting?





# Examples

Work Location for Employee A:

Monday	Home
Tuesday	Office
Wednesday	Wifi enabled location
Thursday	Office
Friday	Home

### Work Location for Employee B:

Monday	Office
Tuesday	Office
Wednesday	Home
Thursday	Office
Friday	Wifi enabled location

# Example telecommuting scenario

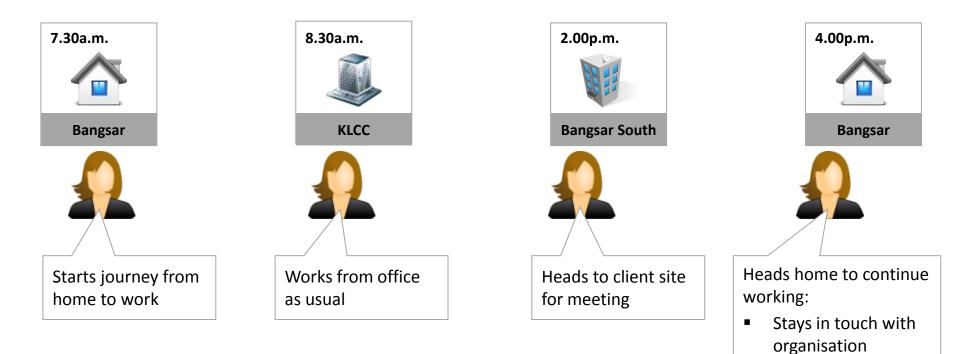


through instant

Delivers work as per

stipulated timeline

messaging



# How does telecommuting work?



### How do I...?



Ensure security of confidential data?



Ensure work continues?



Manage costs incurred?



Manage performance?



Manage team collaborations?



Ensure **no abuse** of arrangement?

# You should...



Create strong **network security controls** and **limit availability** of confidential data



Provide adequate equipment, infrastructure and round-the-clock technological support



Purchase **laptops** in hardware replacement cycle, employees to use **personal internet** 



Set clear KPIs and measure performance by output, not presence in the office



Set days for working on-site and have avenues for virtual collaborations



Pilot with top talents and set clear disciplinary actions for cases of abuse

# Who is telecommuting for?



For employees on the following type of roles...



Requires little face-to- face interaction with co-workers and clients



**Independent** of **facilities**, or **servers** that can only be accessed on-site



Minimal handling of confidential information



Requires travel or field work



Tasks can be evaluated quantitatively/ qualitatively even if performed remotely ...and the following personal characteristics...



# Able to work independently



# Good time management skills



Strong past performance



Able to work with little social interaction



Able to communicate effectively

# **Benefits of telecommuting**





Telecommuting positively impacts employees...



Increased time for work



**Increased efficiency** 



Greater personal engagement and satisfaction



**Reduced anxiety and stress** 



...and translates into business results



Minimised impact to daily operations



Increased employee productivity



Increased attraction and retention of talent



Lowered operation costs

# Which other organisations have implemented telecommuting?

Organisations with telecommuting arrangement



Dell's "Connected Workplace" programme enables team members to telecommute up to 4 days a workweek. The focus of this programme is on the value of results rather than how team members work.



PwC Malaysia flexible working initiatives including "FlexSpace" which allows employees to choose where they work from as long as they remain connected and contactable.



Accenture offers **telecommuting**, and this **reduces time**, **costs**, and **stress of commuting for employees** while helping Accenture **reduce cost of fixed office space**.



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# How can I implement telecommuting in my organisation?



Assess	Design	Pilot	Review	Implement
Assess demand, supply, cost and benefits of implementing telecommuting	Design/ revise organisation policies and processes that would support the implementation of telecommuting	Pilot a telecommuting arrangement for 3 months (or up to 6 months) to assess feasibility	Review pilot programme to determine long- term implementation plans	Implement telecommuting as one of organisation's talent management strategy

# Case example: Dell, Malaysia



Design Pilot Review Implement Assess Introduced Project team Programme Internal surveys Programme assembled to telecommuting piloted in 2012 indicate implemented in as part of Dell's design HR policies for 6 months in **improvement** in Cyberjaya and Penang for non-Connected and provide work-life other regional Workplace due technology and client facing roles satisfaction by 8 offices in 2013 to work: facilities support points globally to growing requests for o Remotely (on-Conducted Received positive flexibility manager and site once/ responses from

- Obtained buy-in from site leadership
- employee training via e-learning
- month)
- Mobile (on-site 1-4 days/ week)
- employees
- No cases of arrangement abuse

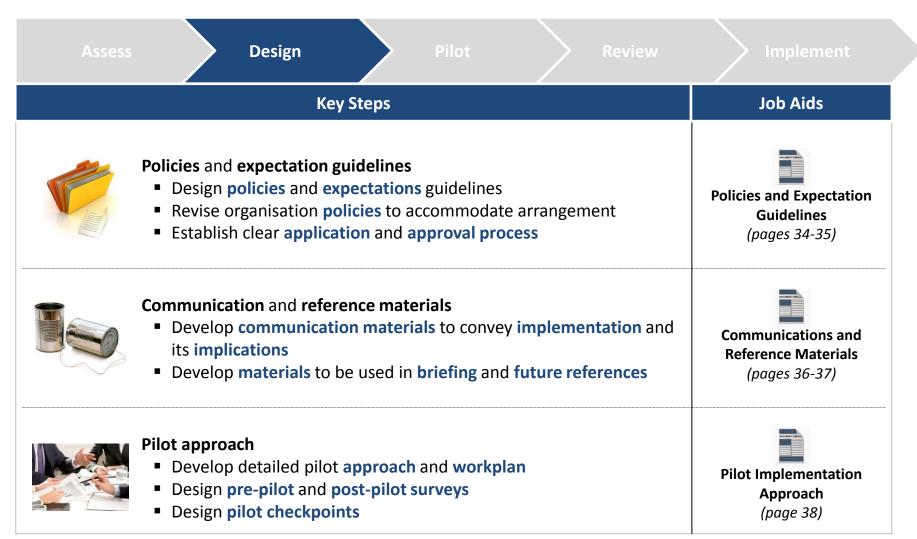
1. Assess



Asses	s Design Pilot Review	Implement
	Key Steps	Job Aids
?	<ul><li>Demand</li><li>Identify roles suited</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Supply</li> <li>Identify number of employees eligible and interested</li> <li>Determine suitable employees</li> </ul>	Eligibility Guidelines (page 33)
5 BENEFIT	<ul> <li>Costs and benefits</li> <li>Identify recurring and one-time costs</li> <li>Identify direct and indirect benefits</li> <li>Quantify return on investments using business case calculator</li> </ul>	Business Case Calculator (download from <u>fleXWorkLife.my</u> )
	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders</li> <li>Develop business case</li> <li>Present business case to key stakeholders to obtain buy-in</li> </ul>	N/A

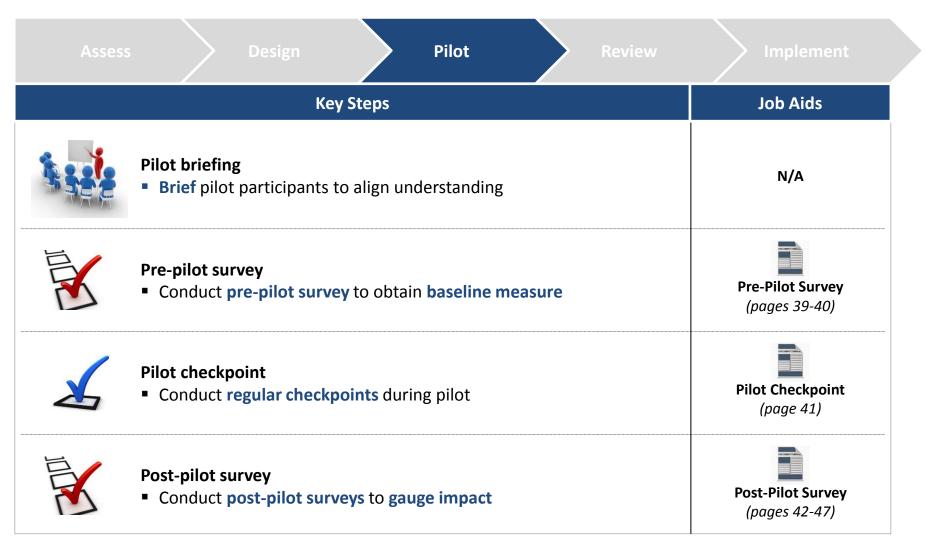
# 2. Design





3. Pilot





# 4. Review



Asses	B Design Pilot Review	Implement
	Key Steps	Job Aids
R	<ul> <li>Review pilot</li> <li>Compare pilot surveys to identify outcomes</li> <li>Review and compare pilot outcomes to business case</li> </ul>	N/A
	<ul> <li>Communicate success</li> <li>Provide continuous updates on results of pilot</li> <li>Share success stories from pilot to sustain momentum</li> </ul>	N/A
	<ul> <li>Develop mitigation plans</li> <li>Identify challenges and develop mitigation plans to address</li> <li>Identify key success factors</li> </ul>	Issues and Mitigation Actions (page 48)

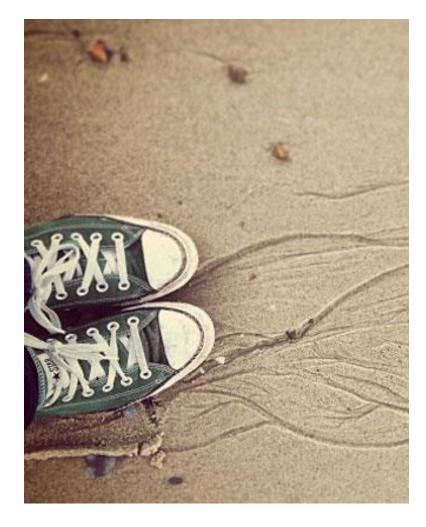
# 5. Implement



Assess	B Design Pilot Review	Implement
	Key Steps	Job Aids
	<ul> <li>Determine feasibility of implementation</li> <li>Revise business case to reflect actual outcomes (if applicable)</li> <li>Present pilot outcomes to obtain stakeholders' buy-in</li> </ul>	N/A
	<ul> <li>Develop Implementation roadmap</li> <li>Identify roles to which arrangement will be made available</li> <li>Determine timeline and key milestones</li> <li>Refine approach based on lessons learnt</li> </ul>	N/A
	<ul> <li>Refine employee value proposition</li> <li>Reflect arrangement as organisation's employee value proposition</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>No</b>	<ul> <li>Implement telecommuting</li> <li>Implement for all identified roles and employees</li> </ul>	N/A

# First steps to take in starting your journey

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- Provide your employees with technology connectivity (e.g. laptops and company instant messaging system) so they can work from locations other than the home office
- Allow your employees to work from home on a need basis (e.g. car breakdown)
- Allow your employees to work from home if they have just finished a meeting off-site in a location nearer to home than office
- Start measuring your employees' performance based on output as opposed to effort/ time spent in the office
- Any other steps?

# 2.0 Focus Group





# **Focus Group**





Discuss and provide input on the following:

- Feasibility of implementation in your organisation (10 minutes)
- Potential barriers and challenges of implementing flexi hours (10 minutes)
- Types of support required to overcome these challenges (10 minutes)
- Summarise and present findings (15 minutes)

Note: You can use the Focus Group Discussion Guide in Page 32 of your Participant's Handbook to facilitate the discussion.



45 minutes

# **3.0 Next Steps**





# Next steps to consider after today's session





- Start a conversation with your management on FWA in your organisation
- Explore the quantitative benefits and costs of FWA using the business case calculator

*Tip: You can download the business case calculator from flexWorkLife.my* 

 Start planning for the implementation of FWA using the job aids provided

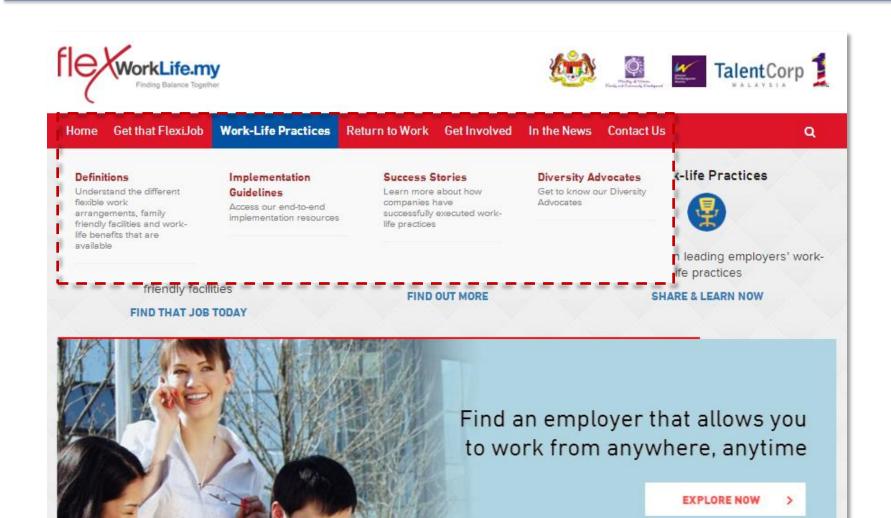
# Any questions?





# Find the right FWA for your organisation on flexWorkLife.my!





# Find a definition, an implementation guideline...

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Overview

#### Flexible Work

Family Friendly Facilities

Work-Life Benefits

#### Overview

Diversity management isn't just about attracting a wide talent pool. It is also a key factor in retaining talent by creating a flexible and supportive working environment. Core to the creation of a culture of mutual trust and respect is the development of a range of work-life benefits that supports your workforce in integrating career and family commitments.



Work-Life Practices is a repository of best practices, resources and toolkits to facilitate the adoption and implementation of work-life initiatives across organisations. The definitions page provides a brief description of these initiatives, esteporised into three areas.

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# Research Business Case Implementation Guideline Metrice & Governance

#### Overview

In this next section, we provide end-to-end implementation guidelines in the area of work-life practices. These toolkits guide companies to execute diversity & inclusion initiatives within their organisation, leading to tangible results and gaining a competitive advantage.

#### Framework

This section provides a structured and modular Diversity & Inclusion framework, linking key levers and maturity standards in leading a diverse and inclusive workplace.

#### Research

This section provides useful research on specific areas within diversity management.

#### **Business Case**

This section contains a business case toolkit to assist HR practitioners to perform a cost-benefit analysis of implementing any of the 23 work-life practices.

#### Implementation Guidelines

This section provides guidance on the implementation of any of the 23 work-life practices, outlining policy guidelines and roles and responsibilities within the HR leaders, managers and employees.

#### Metrics & Governance

This section emphasises the roles of good corporate governance and provides examples of key performance measurements to drive the diversity agenda.

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# ...a success story, or a Diversity Advocate to help you in your journey!

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# Success Stories



This video shows the possibility of how employers and talent are able to optimise work-life integration, while maximising work efficiency and enhancing employee engagement.

#### School Holidays Work Arrangement (An initiative of fleXChallenge)

1MDB's People Strategy is built around 3 key principles: sense of purpose, belonging and achievement. Thus the management has made a commitment to support initiatives that meets these principles. As part of the fleXChallenge ran by TalentCorp, 1MDB identified the School Holidays Work Arrangement as a quick win initiative. The programme targeted a specific group of employees to pioneer the implementation. Read more on the outcome of 1MDB's quick win initiative.

#### Empowering Women: Women's Programmes & Initiatives ACCENTURE Accenture strives to build an environment and culture that

empowers women to define their personal approach to success.

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# Head back to the main hall for **CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS**

# **Thank You**



