Stakeholder Analysis
A Stakeholder is any party who may have an interest in an organization action or will be affected by its outcomes.

Stakeholders can be organizations, business units, departments, groups or individuals.
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- **Primary stakeholders** are those who are part of the economic transactions of the business.

- **Secondary stakeholders** are those who are affected by or can affect the business in someway.
Stakeholder analysis is the process of identifying and analyzing the stakeholders that are likely to affect or be affected by a proposed action (positively or negatively).

This is useful to manage them appropriately and effectively.

It can be done once or on a regular basis to track the attitudes of stakeholders overtime.

Widely used in project management.
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When it is Used?

- In **project management** to develop cooperation between the stakeholders and the project team. It helps to identify:
  - The people to be informed during implementation.
  - The key people to be involved and consulted.
  - The people who may have potential negative impact on the project.

- In **conflict resolution**.

- In **organizational transformation**.
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Examples of stakeholders for a particular project:

- The project leader.
- Project team members.
- Users of the project outputs.
- Quality inspectors.
- The training manager.
- The finance manager.
- HR personnel.
- Procurement personnel.
- Senior executives.
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The Power/Interest Grid (Stakeholder Matrix):

Stakeholders are divided based on the degree of interest and influence

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High Power and High Interest Stakeholders:

- They need to be closely involved in all project phases.
- Nothing should come as a surprise to them publicly.
- All recommendations and actions agreed should have been discussed with them.
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High Power and Low Interest Stakeholders:

- These are the senior stakeholders who need to be kept satisfied to gain their support.
- They need to be kept informed where necessary to maintain their interest.
- They are able to reach to more powerful groups such as the organization’s owners and the media.
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Low Power and High Interest Stakeholders:

- They are highly interested in the project outcomes.
- They have little power as individuals to influence any decision.
- There should be regular communication with them so that they are kept as informed as is necessary.
- Examples are the staff who will apply the improved processes.
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Low Power and Low Interest Stakeholders:

- They do not have a great deal of influence.
- Nor they have any interest in the proposed action.
- The results are likely to have little impact on them.
- They don’t require a great deal of consideration.
- Communicate occasionally with them so that they are kept informed about important issues and changes.
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- Stakeholders often move around the grid.
- Some stakeholders will become more interested as the implementation progresses and they begin to see that the changes will affect them.
- Others may become more powerful through internal promotion or transfer.

The analysis needs to be carried out regularly throughout the project
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Approach:

- Brainstorm the individuals or groups who may have a stake in the project or change effort.
- Sort them by the power they have and by their interest in the proposed action.
- Plot each individual or group on the power/interest matrix.
- Use the **commitment review sheet** to identify how each stakeholder is likely to respond to the proposed action.

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Oppose</th>
<th>No commitment</th>
<th>Help it Happens</th>
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**Commitment Review Sheet**
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Approach:

- Discuss how to manage the opposition and lack of interest.
- Use the communication action sheet to plan how to engage and communicate with them. Consider:
  - Weekly informal chat.
  - Invite to team meetings.
  - Emails.

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Communication Action Sheet
Approach:

- Agree on who is going to communicate with each stakeholder.
- Talk directly with them. You may ask them:
  - What is their current opinion of the proposed action?
  - What information do they want from you?
  - How do they want to receive information?
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Example:

- Consider the below power/interest table, then plot the stakeholders on an empty power/interest matrix.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Stakeholder</th>
<th>Role / Position</th>
<th>Role in the project</th>
<th>Aware?</th>
<th>Interested?</th>
<th>Power</th>
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<td>Adam</td>
<td>Finance manager</td>
<td>Financial Adviser</td>
<td>Somehow</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Sami</td>
<td>Operation manager</td>
<td>Process owner</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Somehow</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Line operators</td>
<td>Line operators</td>
<td>Users of improved process</td>
<td>Somehow</td>
<td>Somehow</td>
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<td>Zekaria</td>
<td>COO</td>
<td>Project sponsor</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Procurement</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sara</td>
<td>Training manager</td>
<td>Training facilitator</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Example:

- **Power**:
  - Adam
  - Sami
  - Zekaria
  - Supervisors
  - Operators
  - CEOs

- **Interest**:
  - Resistant
  - Neutral
  - Supportive
  - Technicians
  - Operators

The diagram uses a matrix to categorize stakeholders based on their power and interest levels.
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- The example also illustrates assessing whether the stakeholder is likely to be an advocate or blocker.
- A good way of doing this is by color coding.
- The commitment review sheet can be used here to identify the attitudes of each stakeholder.
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Further Information:

- There are other complex versions of the grid, such as the one that uses a 3X3 matrix which divides the stakeholders into more categories.

- A variant of this technique is the **power/impact grid** that is used when planning the implementation of change.

- Although individuals working at the operational level can have little influence, they can achieve more power and influence by banding together.

- **You will analyze the stakeholders throughout the whole project.**