

# GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY FOR STARTUPS

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## AGENDA - BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BRANDS FROM DAY ONE



- FROM IDEA TO IMPACT: WHY GOVERNANCE MATTERS
- TRANSPARENCY AS A TRUST BUILDER
- INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP & ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING
- GOVERNANCE TOOLS: BOARDS, CO-LEADERSHIP, AND SYSTEMS
- FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY
- COMMUNICATING VALUES THROUGH POLICIES & CULTURE
- WRAP-UP & Q&A



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### WHAT IS GOVERNANCE FOR A START UP?



- WHO MAKES DECISIONS AND HOW
- HOW FINANCES ARE MANAGED
- WHAT HAPPENS IF FOUNDERS DISAGREE
- HOW YOU ENSURE LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT THE COMPANY FROM RISK
- CHOOSE A STRUCTURE

#### DRAFT YOUR FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS:

- FOUNDERS' AGREEMENT
- ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
- SHAREHOLDERS' AGREEMENT



## FROM IDEA TO IMPACT: WHY GOVERNANCE MATTERS FOR STARTUPS



- DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES
- ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
- INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY







### TRANSPARENCY BENEFITS:

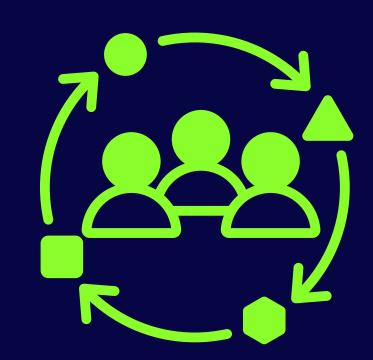
- BUILDS USER, PARTNER, AND FUNDER TRUST
- SIGNALS ACCOUNTABILITY AND MATURITY
- HELPS PREVENT REPUTATIONAL RISK





DIVERSE INPUT = BETTER DECISIONS

ETHICS = LONG-TERM BRAND EQUITY



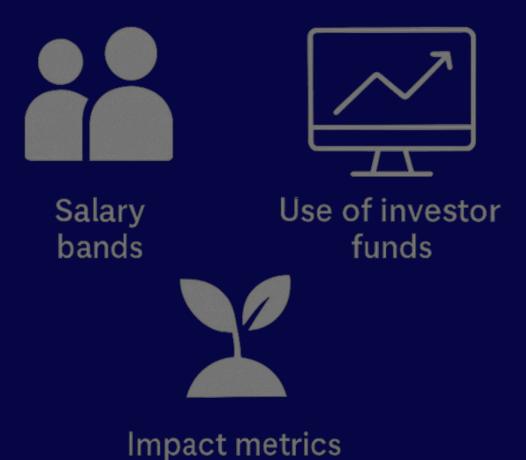








Expense categories







### COMMUNICATING VALUES THROUGH POLICIES & CULTURE

Mission & Vision

**Core Values** 

**Code of Conduct & Culture** 

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Company values are not what's written on the wall—it's what gets rewarded, what gets tolerated, and how decisions are made











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