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The socio-economic model is the only management theory sponsored by the International Labour Office (Geneva, 2000, 2008) and published for the readership of directors and managers of small and middle size enterprises

- The ILO has been interested in ISEOR research results because they deal with universal issues in connexion with social norms, in particular: training, employment, qualifications, illiteracy, discrimination, participation of the personnel, working conditions, wages and buying power, etc.
- This book « Releasing the untapped potential of enterprises through socio-economic management » provides evidence that the link between social performance and economic performance is central to the long term performance of companies and organizations.

ISEOR methods highlight the consequences of poor social performance and enable significant gains in productivity. As productivity is a an essential factor in competitiveness, employer organizations want to act even more positively in this area.

Man management skills are essential to build healthy working relationships in companies and organizations. These skills permit the tools used to promote implication and communication among the personnel to be developed and adopted.

That the socio-economic method developed by ISEOR can diagnose hidden costs and define the means to reduce them.

Jean François Retournard, Director ACT/EMP, International Labor Office (ILO)

This book provides readers with an overview of 35 years of implementation of Socio-Economic management interventions carried out in 1,200 local or international companies in 35 countries. It consists in an actual reflection tool-box for managers, directors and executives in order to better master steering change management within their company in an efficient and long-lasting manner while maintaining good working conditions and a healthy social climate.

- Examples of exemplary actions carried out with the Bureau for Employers Activities of the ILO
- .The only management theory published by the ILO (in 2000, and republished in 2008).
- . A new research scheme launched in 2004 on tetranormaization and integration of social norms in the company strategies
- .An overview of the socio-economic approach to management presented in the Encyclopedia "Management Consulting. A guide to the Profession" published by the ILO in 1996
- .Experimental training actions for managers and experts and intervention research projects sponsored by the ILO and carried out in Vietnam and Columbia

Preface by Jean François Retournard, Director ACT/EMP, Office of Activities For Employers, International Labor Office (ILO- Genève)

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