The future of Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management at the era of Big Data.

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KEYNOTE ABSTRACT

Data is considered the fuel of intelligence in the 21th century as Intelligence is the ability to transform data into useful information, information into knowledge and then assimilate that knowledge into practice. The emerging of Big Data (BD) in recent years as unusual sources of data (e.g. social media, sensors), advanced technologies (e.g., Hadoop architectures, visualisation, predictive analytics), and new requirements of skills (e.g., data scientists), has a major impact on the fundamentals of the traditional Business Intelligence (BI) and Knowledge Management (KM) processes.

KM is the continuum of BD as the main information deposit, and BI is a needed activity for the mobilization of the information resource. To convert data into actionable knowledge for strategic advantage relative to the various organizational environments, it is necessary to combine practices of competitive intelligence and BI for acquiring “less irrelevant information” and avoid noise (Ackoff, R. 1989).

Competitive Intelligence (CI) includes practices of benchmarking and Environmental Scanning (ES). Practices of ES, include several progressive stages resulting in knowledge that may assist management in planning the organization’s future course of action (Aguilar, 1967). To formalize the scanning function and make sure that the process is not left to the zeal of local personnel, Kamoun-Chouk (2014) recommended the implementation of a Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW) platform. The idea behind is to insure a continuum between the different layers of Ackoff (1989) IDKW (Information, data, knowledge, wisdom) Pyramid.

Knowledge as the third stage of the pyramid is generated through Sensemaking process. Sensemaking allows moving from the data level to the information level. Experience sharing is needed to move from information level to knowledge level. The wisdom level is reached when an informed decision is made.

KM is used to retain “intangible” (explicit and tacit knowledge) assets develop new and innovative products and solutions. We propose that integrated BI and KM can increase efficiency, effectiveness and innovation. Data mining, SWOT analysis, balanced scorecards, dashboards and visualization software, used by CI as well as BI, make it possible to bring them together. This commonality encouraged Kamoun-Chouk et al. (2017) to design a BDBIKM model to unify the puzzle pieces. Combining BD BI KM, in such a way as to enhance the output of each other, is supposed to be a critical a success factor for informed decision and wisdom.

ESCSCW and BDBIKM are presented for discussion and we conclude this talk by the following questions:

What is the future of Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management at the era of Big Data?

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Big Data, Competitive Intelligence, Environmental Scanning, Knowledge Management

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