

NW Talent & Succession



Management
and Developing Top Talent
Succession Planning

Approach to Development and Talent
Pools

the same - depending on an individual's performance and aspirations, they may benefit from one of the following development



Approach, all employees drive their own development and should have access to opportunities as well as a meaningful development plan to learn and grow.

For Explorers to thrive, Syensqo prepares for the future and differentially invests in our top talent (i.e. those identified and nominated for a prominent role in identifying, developing, and supporting top talent to take on leadership roles in the future).

Top Talent Criteria

Top Talent is a direct role in identifying top talent and accelerating the development of Syensqo's next generation of Leaders. Individuals must meet the following criteria in order to be considered top talent.

High performance is the passport to opportunity. It is an indication of leadership potential. An individual should have a track record of sustained high performance to their nomination for a talent pool.

Adaptability translates to the individual's ability to perform across fundamentally different challenges (rather than in one role alone). This ability is a measure of an individual's agility, resilience, and drive.

Curiosity is a persistent drive to gain experience and develop professionally, (versus ambition displayed as a desire to achieve a specific goal).

Ownership commitment reflects an individual's ownership of their development and career journey and a willingness to take on new opportunities and challenges outside their comfort zone.

Confirmed for a Leadership Talent Pool, they can expect to receive differentiated access to programs that support their accelerated skill-building practices, networking, and opportunities to connect with Senior Leadership.

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High-performing individual, typically grades S20 -S22 , who has the *potential* and *aspiration* to take on an Executive or Senior level position and who is *committed* to their development.

Assessment and confirmation processes require a significant time and resource investment. As such, the employee's Manager should review [Leader Journey guidelines and criteria](#) and engage with their Strategic HR Business Partner to understand more about the

and Emerging Leaders

is a high-performing individual between grades S15-S20 with a minimum of 2 years of career experience who has the *potential* and *aspiration* to take on a Regional or Global leadership role in the future, and who is *committed* to their development.

Emerging Leader experience is at the nomination of Managers, supported by their Site HR, with final validation at the discretion of Strategic Business Partners. Read more about the [Emerging Leader Journey guidelines and criteria](#).

the Future (FFF)

The Future program is an accelerated rotational graduate program designed to invest in the growth and development of talent to feed Marketing & Sales leadership pipelines.

As the Foundations for the Future talent pool, they can expect to receive access to programs that support their accelerated growth such as mentoring, coaching, networking and opportunities to participate in transversal projects and connect with leadership teams

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	• Emerging Leader Journey Guidelines & Criteria • Future Leader Journey Guidelines and Criteria (including Assessment)
g	• Development Discussion Guide for Managers • Development Planning Guide for Employees • Syensqo's Approach to Succession & Development Planning

**by Top Talent
as a Leader do to develop Top Talent?**

Managers are expected to support their team members' development, whatever their potential. Managers play a critical role in identifying and nurturing talent as they are often the closest and best positioned to influence their development.

Check-in conversations to explore and discuss your team members' aspirations and their development plan. Prepare a list of questions to stimulate this discussion? Consult this [development discussion guide](#). Understand the [criteria and nomination process for the various top talent pools](#) in order to determine whether your employee is eligible to be nominated for a top talent pool.

guide to learn how you as a Manager can develop and support Top Talent:

- [Management at Syensqo](#)
- [Talent Discussion Guide for Managers](#)
- [Talent Planning Guide for Employees](#)
- [Guide to Developing Top Talent](#)

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Talent

Talent Discussions (at least twice a year), are an opportunity to anticipate and highlight critical needs and skills for the future, recognize early talent, assess strengths and risks that can be addressed locally or raised to the BSA / GBU.

Following the Succession & Development Best Practices and Key Talent Concepts, the Talent Discussion Toolkit to guide your discussions and plan for the future.

Out Succession & Development Planning Best Practices and Key Talent Concepts in the Career Page

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Talent Concepts• Succession & Development Planning Best Practices |
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- [Talent and Succession Data](#)

Approach to Development and Talent Tools

Not all are the same - depending on an individual's performance and aspirations, they may benefit from one of the following development

Top in Role

Performance

and professional development is not just about filling positions. Most of the employees develop and grow in their current role.

Employees who are identified as *Solid Performers* develop new skills by being stretched, expanding their current role of work, moving laterally to new skills or exposure, and utilizing the learning opportunities available to them.

Develop through Advancement

Solid/High Performance + Aspiration

Some high performing employees are promotable and may develop in order to advance to their next role.

These employees aspire to take on a higher level of responsibility in the organization, expand the breadth and depth of their work, and explore specific learning opportunities available based on their career aspirations.

Accelerated Development

High/Top Performance + Aspiration

Individuals who have a consistent track record of high performance, plus the potential and aspiration to reach a leadership role in the organization, may be identified as Top Talent, which represents a limited population at Syensqo.

Top Talent benefits from targeted and accelerated development in order to gain valuable leadership skills to take on leadership roles in the future.

Each, all employees drive their own development and should have access to opportunities as well as a meaningful development plan to learn and grow.

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Top Talent Criteria

HR's role in identifying top talent and accelerating the development of Syensqo's next generation of Leaders. As HR, you can support individuals who meet the following criteria in order to be considered top leadership talent and ensure the quality of the top talent pool.

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[Future Leader Journey Guidelines and Criteria \(including Assessment\)](#)

Site HR?

Managers are expected to support their team members' development, whatever their potential.

Site HR is by challenging and advising them on talent-related topics.

Site HR has the responsibility to educate employees on Syensqo's approach to development and support top talent in their scope. Strategic Business Partners (SBPs) and Site HR Partners have important and distinct roles to play in Top Talent identification and development.

Site HR has greater visibility and are closer to those in the Future Leader talent pools (S20-S22), Site HR Partners typically know and are managing Emerging Leader (S15-S20) talent. Therefore, the activities described below may be adjusted and carried out by SBPs or Site HR in their respective scope.

Understand [Syensqo's approach to talent management](#), in order to help employees understand where they fit in. Understand the [Top Talent criteria](#) to support and challenge Managers on an employee's eligibility for these programs. Build trust and rapport between employees and the Site, GBU, or Function leadership. Employees often feel more comfortable sharing their development and challenges with HR.

Encourage observations with leaders to support [talent discussions](#) where others may lack visibility.

Encourage managers to **observe, challenge, advise, and help leadership test their thinking** when it comes to talent. For example:

• Do you want to nominate this person? How did you make the decision?

• Have you and the individual discussed their aspirations?

• Have they demonstrated their commitment to development?

• What practical steps have they already taken toward their development?

• Implement **planning resources** with Managers and employees.

[Development Discussion Guide for Managers](#) | How can I support my employee's development?

[Development Planning Guide for Employees](#) | How can I create a meaningful development plan?

[Talent Management at Syensqo](#)
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understanding the Key Talent Concepts. It is your role as HR to introduce Key Talent Concepts to your Leadership Teams, share and engage as an active participant in Talent Discussions.

developed with the needs of Industrial and R&I sites in mind, Campus and Administrative sites can use the concepts and best practice toolkit for use within an intact team.

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Discussion Toolkit

Talent Pools in My HR Services
Succession Dashboards & Reports in My HR...

As Partner or Site HR Partner, you play a key role in supporting Managers in developing Syensqo's leadership talent.

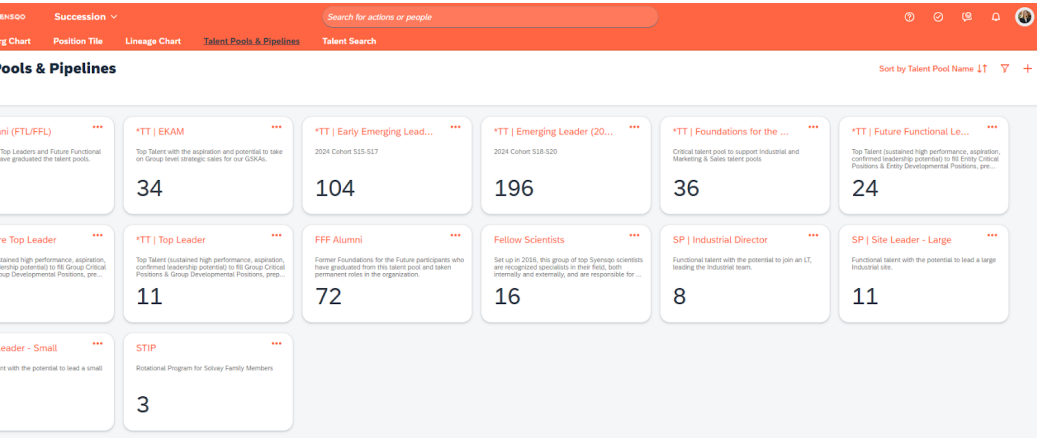
Tools available for HR in order to view and use our talent and succession data.

Direct access to view members of our talent pools within your SuccessFactors scope.
Ability to run self-service pre-built reports that give you further insight into our talent populations, critical positions, and succession.

You will find clearly labeled leadership talent pools, which are managed and maintained by the Talent Growth Platform.

Tools related to Functional Expertise (such as EKAMs, Fellow Scientists, etc.) and pipelines that are managed by the Function/BSA.

Viewing the talent pools can be found in this [user guide](#) (slide 10).



How to get this information?

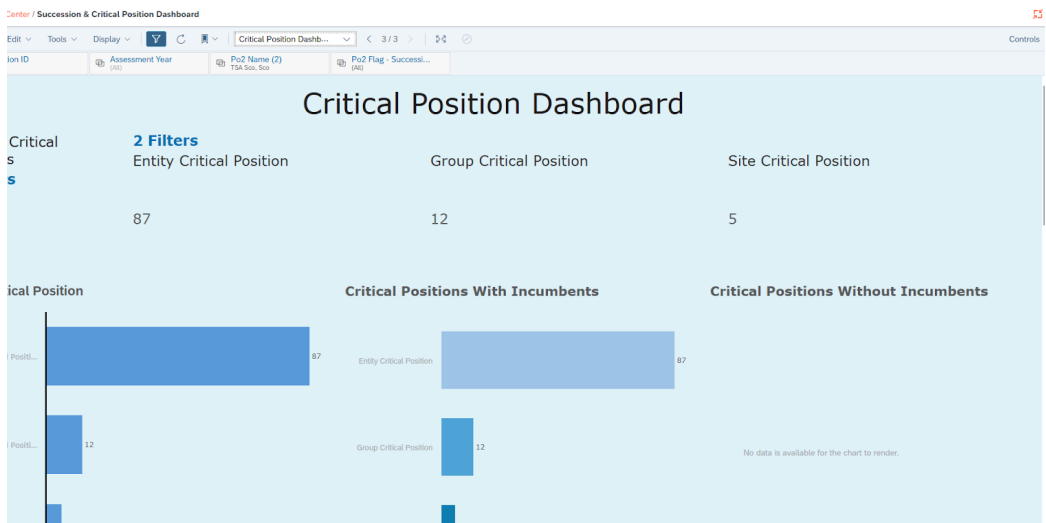
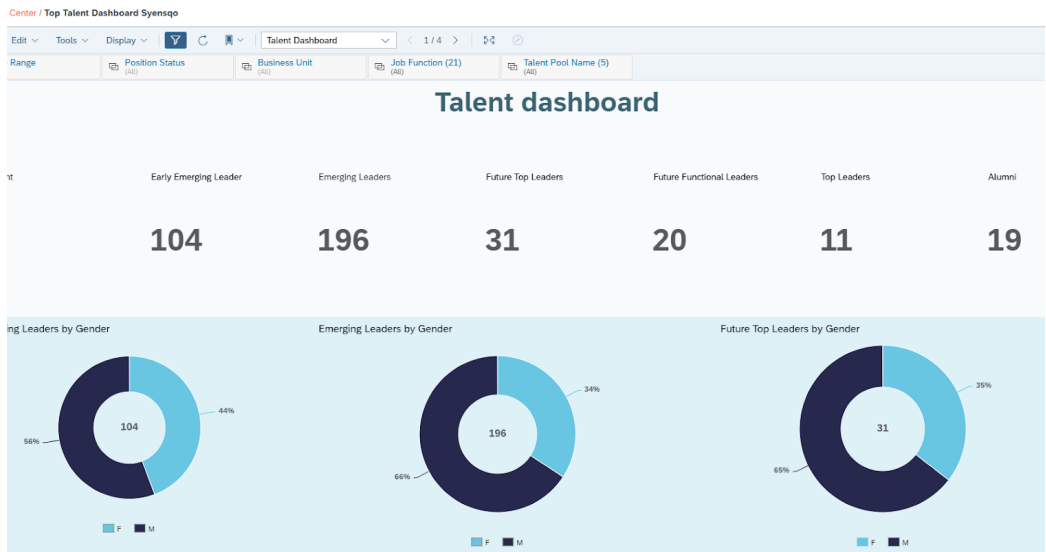
Access lists of leadership talent pool members in a variety of ways. For example:

Senior Leader visit your site? Use this as an opportunity to provide exposure to your talent by organizing a breakfast/lunch or meet and greet.

Talent have a project or opening coming up? Benefit from cross-functional perspectives by reviewing the talent pool lists when opportunities, mentoring experiences, or developmental/stretch roles or assignments arise locally at your site or in your GBU/Function.

Services under the Reporting tab, two main reports are available relating to our leadership talent & succession:

Dashboard Syensqo | allows you to view details and filter data by various dimensions for our leadership talent pool population.
Critical Position Dashboard | displays all positions that have identified successors, along with their successor details; provides a view of all positions across the organization, with the ability to filter on the type of critical position to display further details; ability to view details of incumbents occupying critical positions within the organization.



this information?

s and dashboards allows you to:

ical view of Top Talent in your scope and the related demographics of the various leadership talent pools.
site or GBU/Function to view critical positions and/or successors for your scope.

User Guide