

## Global Leadership Vision Statement

What is a vision statement?

- It is a one or two paragraph statement of **personal commitment** (in this exercise – vision **is** commitment)
- Writing a vision statement is a powerful tool for helping you define your personal commitments and how to live them
- It is a statement about **success** and focuses on **what you care about**
- It's goal is to inspire you toward your **highest and best**
- This is about being a vision (internal) and not about doing a vision (external)

Why write a vision statement on being a Global Leader?

- Global leadership requires the translation of knowledge into action
- Global leadership requires practice and practice implies the possibility of failure as much as it is about success... **thus it implies risks**
- When confronted with risk it is always important to know **why we care about being a global leader and why it is worth taking a risk to be one!**
- Crafting a personally meaningful vision statement reminds us of that risk, and thus serves powerfully to support us in our practice
- Your task is to write a draft – **all vision statements are drafts**– as our levels of leadership and competencies change, our vision and commitments will change too
- This is not an exercise in perfection but of thoughtful reflection on ourselves as global leaders

The "pre-vision" process **To get the most out of this exercise, please follow the steps below precisely as they are written!**

- Consider qualities, character traits, and ways of being a global leader – ideals like curiosity, flexibility, empathy, perhaps come to mind
- For the next 5 minutes, write down at least 20 qualities you can think of when you consider yourself as a global leader at your highest and best – it's OK to refer to the list you wrote during week two of the course and any other notes generated throughout the course!
- Select 10 of these qualities and write them down. Make sure that these 10 qualities embody you as a global leader.
- **ELIMINATE FIVE- select the 5 most important for your vision**

Now that you have the qualities that reflect you and the embodiment of you as a global leader you are ready to write your statement!

Writing your statement

- Below please find a template for writing your vision statement. There are only two rules that you must follow to write your statement:
- Write two paragraphs using the two prompts
- Your vision statement must incorporate all five qualities that reflect you as a global leader at your highest and best!

*Template*

(Paragraph one)

**When I am a global leader and operating at my highest and best, I .....**

(Paragraph two)

**I do this so that.....**

*Example*

Leadership qualities: Empathy, interaction, justice, respect, community

**When I am a global leader operating at my highest and best, I am curious about the world around me. Empathy guides my interactions with others, even with those different from me. I am act in a just and respectful way in my community and have hope my actions bring about change globally.**

**I do this so that my thoughts and actions help bring forth a world of peace and justice for all.**

The example is broad, but I will let you choose the direction to take it 😊