A3 Template Guideline

| Title: | Team: | |
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| Date Started: Current Date: | Executive Sponsor:Process Owner: | |

| 1. Reason for Action | 4. Gap Analysis | 7. Completion Plan |
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| Why are we doing this? What is the burning platform? What is the chief complaint? | What holds us back from the Target State? What are the root causes of these road blocks? | Is Completion Plan in place with names, dates, & outcomes? Is Completion Plan on track? |
| 2. Initial State/Current State | 5. Solution Approach | 8. Confirmed State |
| Describe attributes of the initial state-Qualitative and Quantitative Graphically present picture of Initial State | Does the solution approach link well with the root cause identified in the Gap Analysis? Does the Solution Approach express the hypothesis to be validated or adjusted through Rapid Experiments? | Are Confirmed State metrics in place and do they validate the target state? Does confirmed state show what "good" looks like in a way that cannot be misunderstood? |
| 3. Target State | 6. Rapid Experiments | 9. Insights |
| Describe attributes of the target state-Quantitative and Qualitative Graphically present picture of Target State Are metrics defined and achievable? | Expect the Solution Approach to not be perfect-Run the tests of change. Are Rapid Experiments achieving desired results and learning? | Do Insights show key lessons learned and identify future opportunities? |