



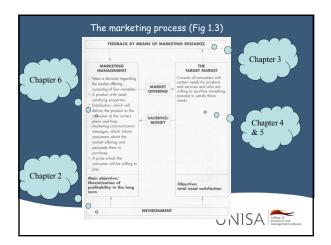
The marketing "gaps"

Gaps that exist between production and consumption that are bridged by marketing:

Space gap
Time gap
Information gap
Ownership gap
Value

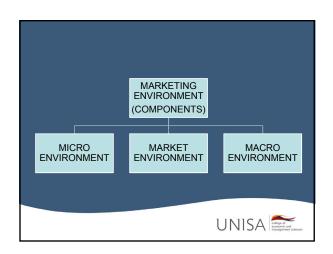






What is Marketing environment? Context in which factors and forces that influence marketing activities of the organisation take place These factors can: Be both controllable and uncontrollable Shape the manner in which the business functions Hence, they need to be carefully MONITORED

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THE MARKET ENVIRONMENT

- This refers to the the environment mostly closely linked to the organisations strategy.
- It can be seen as the centre around which all decisions in organisation takes place
- The company has no control over the abovementioned variables in the market environment.
- Marketing management can only react or influence to changes taking place in the market environment
- The main variables which function in the market environment are:



CONSUMER

- Consumer: Organisations survive on the basis of meeting the needs, wants and providing benefits for their customers.
- Failure to do so will result in a failed business strategy.
- Company needs to study five types of customer market(consumer market, industrial market, resale market, government market and international market)



SUPPLIERS

- Suppliers: a product which has not been made, can not be sold
- Therefore the suppliers of products and services are of great importance for the continued existence of marketing directed organisation.
- All companies, despite the product or service which they offer, are dependent upon the constant delivery from suppliers in one way or another.
- These are persons or organisations who offer stock in terms of products, services, advertising assistance, financing(sometimes) and advice to the organisation. E.g raw materials



INTERMEDIARIES

- Intermediaries: helps the company to promote, sell, and distribute its products to final buyers(reduce the number of transactions between the consumer and producer.
- They contribute to a larger extent to the marketing activities that takes place in the marketing channel)
- E.G Makro, Pick 'n Pay, Morkels



COMPETITORS

- Competitors: the marketing concept states that to be successful, a company must provide greater customer value and satisfaction than its competitor's do.
- Marketers must do more than simply adapt to the needs of target consumers.
- Must gain strategic advantage by positioning their offerings strongly against competitors 'offering in the minds of consumers.



MACRO ENVIRONMENT

- Are the forces and factors that the organisation has no control over them.
 - e.g. Volkswagen South Africa and Toyota South Africa can do nothing against the lot of new motor vehicle manufactures presently entering the South African market. They have no power to control the competition in the vehicle market.
- The following factors and variables in the external environment can be of importance to marketing management:



SOCIAL

- Marketers has to make decisions according to what happened in the past and also by using the present situation in the market.
- The changing role of families and working women(dual income families)
- Culture: different cultural groups have different consumption patterns
- HIV/AIDS
- Marketers must understand the people's views, must market products that correspond to society's core and address the needs of different sub cultures in a society.



INTERNATIONAL

- International environment: companies that operate internationally find themselves in a far more complex business environment because every country has its own unique environmental factors, with its technology, culture and laws.
- Developing countries depend on technology imported from developed countries for their self development.



PHYSICAL / NATURAL

- Physical/Natural environment: can be seen as the environment from which the organisation gets its limited resources.
- Marketers need to be aware of the threats and opportunities associated with trends in the natural environment: the shortage of raw materials, especially water; increase cost of energy(oil and electricity) and increased pollution levels(chemicals)



TECHNOLOGY

- Technological environment: is perhaps the most dramatic force now shaping our destiny.
- New technology create new markets and opportunities. However every new technology replaces an old technology e.g. CD vs. Records, DVD vs. Video cassettes; open-heart surgery, hydrogen bomb and the submachine guns.
- The marketer should monitor the following trends in technology: the pace of change, and the opportunities for innovation.



ECONOMIC

- Economic environment: The economic variables in a country can have great influence on the market of the organisation.
- Three variables can influence the economic environment, they are the income of the consumer, inflation and recession.



POLITICAL and LEGISLATIVE

- Marketing decisions are strongly affected by development in the political and legal environment. Government is seen as a creator of order in the sense that laws and regulations are created and enforced by them.
- Sometimes these laws also create new opportunities for business.(rating agencies for BEE Score Card)
- This laws and regulations of the country are represented in the constitution.
- E.g trade polices, tax, consumer rights. BBBEE and labour laws



SWOT ANALYSIS

- The aim of SWOT(Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) is to help managers to identify internal strengths and weakness of a business and external opportunities and threats facing the business.
- · The strengths and weakness are all internal to the organisation and are under the control of management.



STRENGHTS

- These are features of a company's market, operations or people which help the company to succeed.
- This are areas a business does particular well. that sets it a part from its competitors.
- Examples: good customer relations, technological expertise, good financial standing.



WEAKNESS

- These are features of a companies' operation which can inhibit it in the market place.
- Examples : outdated technology, inferior products, lack of marketing awareness.
- It is the responsibility of management to fix this problem.



OPPORTUNITIES

- · Is an area of buyer need in which the organisation can perform advantageously.
- It could include a rapidly developing market which the company is in position to enter.
- Examples: expanding into other countries. introducing a new product line



THREATS

- · This are factors that are in the market outside the company's control, which could threaten its existence.
- · These are factors that can harm business.
- · Threats should not be treated as they are, but should be seen as a challenge or even as opportunities for businesses
- · Examples: changes in consumer markets, substitute products, unfavourable rate of exchange and increase in competitors.



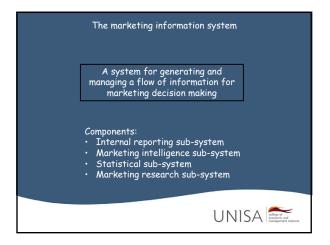
Marketing research

Process of designing, gathering, analysing and reporting information that may be used to solve a specific marketing issue

- How do we segment the market?
 What are the wants and needs of the market?

- How do we measure the market?
 Who are our competitors?
 Which model of the product will best suit the market?
 What is the best price?
- How will we communicate with the customers?







Market potential: The maximum possible sales of a specific product in a specific market over a specific period of time for all sellers in the industry.

Sales potential: The upper limit of sales that a firm could possibly reach for a specific product in a specific market over a specific time period.

Market potential and sales forecasting

Levels of market measurement:

 Consumer level
 Product level
 Geographic level
 Time level

Relevant markets for measurement:
 Total market
 Available market
 Target market
 Penetrated market

Market potential and sales forecasting

Methods for estimating market and sales potential:

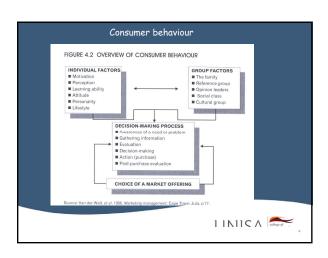
Breakdown methods

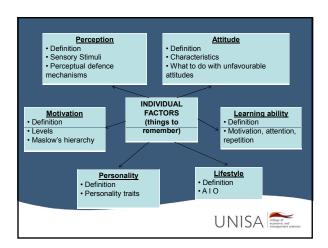
Market forecast: An estimate of the expected sales of a specific product in a specific market over a specific time for all sellers in the industry

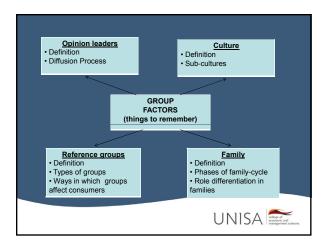
Sales forecast: An estimate of the number of units a firm expects to sell of a specific product in a specific market over a specific time



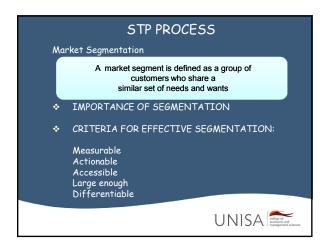


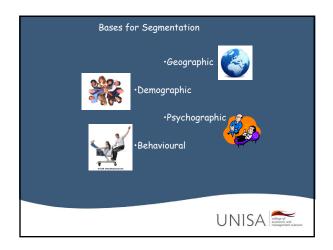


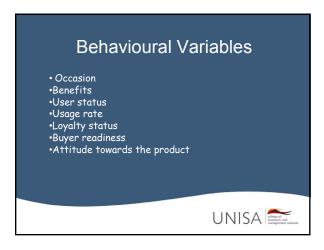












Target marketing

WHAT IS TARGET MARKETING

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING TARGET MARKETS

ATTRACTIVENESS AND PROFITABILITY
SEGMENT SIZE AND GROWTH POTENTIAL
COMPATIBILITY WITH ORGANISATIONAL OBJECTIVES
RESOURCES AND SKILLS OF THE ORGANISATION
COST OF REACHING THE TARGET MARKETS



POSITIONING

The place the product occupies in the consumer's mind relative to competing products.

• Positioning process (page 118 of your study guide)

•Positioning methods

