Excerpt: His Highness the Aga Khan explains three imperatives for successful human endeavour

"One of the most important lessons I have drawn from my experience of all manner of different countries in different stages of economic development and following different policies is the need, everywhere, for consistent management, in a stable framework.

"All human endeavour, whether it be Government or private, economic, professional, social or artistic has three quite simple imperatives if it is to achieve results:

"First, it needs to define its goals or objectives;

"Second, it must identify the means by which those goals can be attained and the time within which they should be accomplished;

"Third, and most important of all, it is necessary to monitor objectively and consistently the actual performance and measure it against the original targets."

His Highness the Aga Khan's 1977 National Press Club Reception address (Dacca, Bangladesh)
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See also: His Highness the Aga Khan on accountability