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Ken O'Donnell is a dynamic, stimulating speaker and widely experienced consultant whose strong point is questioning common assumptions in the business and personal development contexts and helping others approach common challenges from a more humane perspective.

He has an immense enthusiasm to help improve inter-personal relationships on a global level. Using an empathetic and sensitive approach that respects the dignity of all individuals and cultures, he helps individuals, teams, public figures, and executives to deal with the challenges of working in a complex world while retaining a sense of calm and sensitivity towards the issues that sustainable development brings to all.

Born in Australia and based in Brazil, he has worked as a consultant in organizational development, advanced quality management and strategic execution in over 30 countries. Ken is the author of 15 books on personal and organizational development, some published in nine languages. His background as an **Industrial Chemist** in research, developing and controlling quality for companies such as *Max Factor* and *General Foods*, allowed him ample experience in consulting about Total Quality and Reengineering Management. For seven years he worked in communication training with companies such as *Unilever*, *Alcoa* and *Citibank*.

He is fluent in three languages – English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Living and working extensively on five continents has given him the skill to help and motivate others with his practical knowledge of cross-cultural experience. This capability reinforces leaders and builds strength, productivity and communication at all levels.

AUTHOR

As an author, he has written books about personal and organizational development with sales reaching more than 500,000 copies, including *The Soul in Business*, *Roots of Change*, *Self-empowerment*, *Lessons for Life*, *Peace Starts with You*, and *Endoquality*. *In the Eye of the Storm* (co-authored with Brian Bacon) addresses survival for organizations and individuals in times of chaos. His most recent book is *Human Values at Work – from the wall to practice*. Any proceeds from the sales of these books have been used to further voluntary service of others.

Online Interviews

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tECj6zKte18
www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiovX9gpwUA&feature=related
www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3ycNU6dIFA
www.youtube.com/watch?v=eO8fPtIH-TM

EXPERIENCE AS A CONSULTANT

He has worked as an Consultant or Trainer in Organizational Development and Strategic Planning for many multinational companies including Dupont-Merck (USA), JFK International Airport (New York), Central Bank (Bolivia and Brazil), Xerox (Brazil), Mercedes Benz, Fiat, Citibank, Telefónica (Spain), Vale, Globo TV Network, Petrobras (Brazilian Petroleum), Infraero, Banco do Brasil, Belgo Mineira, BankBoston, and Novozymes as well as many District, State and Federal Departments in many countries, including Education, Health and other Ministries. During 2001–2002, he trained and coordinated a team of 100 in the strategic restructuring of the Ministry of Education of Mexico (250,000 employees).

Other assignments include coordinating the values development programs and strategic convergence of the Industrial Federation of the State of Parana in Brazil (Federacao das Industrias do Estado do Parana – FIEP) and the Competence Management Program of the Itaipu Binacional Hydroelectric. He has conducted more than 2000 lectures and workshops in Europe, Australia, Asia and the Americas.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER & TRAINER

2010–2012	Telefonica University, Barcelona. Trainer 'Leading High Performance Teams'
2009	44th Congress of Human Resource Managers, Mexico. Keynote speaker
2009	Brazilian Association of Training and Development. Awarded 'Personality of the Year'
2008	Latin American Global Forum on Sustainability - Call to Action, Curitiba, Brazil

Ken has also given lectures or conducted courses at these academic institutions:

- University of Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- University of Sydney (Australia)
- Wirtschaftsuniversität (Economics University) (Austria)
- Sao Paulo Catholic University (Brazil)
- Dom Cabral Foundation (Brazil)
- Brasília National University (Brazil)
- National Institute of Public Administration (Brazil)
- University of Santiago, Santa María and Valparaiso (Chile)
- University of Bogota (Colombia)
- Universities of Oldenburg and Bremen (Germany)
- University of Perugia (Italy)
- Malaysian Institute of Public Administration
- University of Malaysia
- New University and University of Lisbon (Portugal)
- Russian Academy of Sciences (Economic Unit)
- Russian Institute of Public Administration
- Universities of Barcelona and Valencia (Spain)
- IHM Business School (Sweden)
- Bosphorus University (Turkey)
- University of Istanbul (Turkey)

AWARENESS THROUGH MEDITATION

Ken is Director for the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU; www.brahmakumaris.org) in South America. BKWSU is an internationally recognized NGO with general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN. The Brahma Kumaris community is participating and supporting many environmental initiatives including the UN Conference on Sustainability Rio +20 in 2012 and the UNFCCC's climate change conferences. In addition, the Brahma Kumaris advocates environmental awareness at each of its centres across the globe