



The Commercial Excellence Cycle

A compact reference for every conversation

01 PLAN

Know what you are walking into

- What specific outcome are you trying to achieve in this conversation?
- What do you know about this customer, their priorities, and where they are in their buying journey?
- What is your commercial hypothesis going into this meeting?

Most meetings are lost before they start. The strongest advantage you can bring into a room is knowing something about this customer that they have not yet fully articulated themselves.

TOOLS

Coherence Map / Buyer Persona Canvas

02 EXECUTE

Follow the Challenger sequence

- Are you teaching before pitching? Is the reframe landing as intended?
- Are you adapting your message to the person in front of you?
- Are you maintaining productive tension, or backing down too quickly?

Watch for the moment the customer leans forward. That is when the insight has landed. From there, your job is not to keep selling. It is to keep listening.

TOOLS

Conversation Architecture / Discovery Canvas

03 EVALUATE

Understand what you caused

- What happened in the conversation versus what you planned?
- What did the customer reveal, whether consciously or not?
- What did you cause to happen? Focus on your actions, not the outcome.

The fastest-improving commercial teams are not the ones with the best natural talent. They are the ones who review honestly. This is the step where compounding begins.

TOOLS

Coherence Map (review) / Conversation Replay

04 IMPROVE

Change one thing next time

- What specifically needs to change in your next conversation?
- Is this a knowledge gap, a skill gap, or a habit gap?
- What will you practice, prepare, or study before the next one?

One specific change, consistently applied, outperforms ten general intentions. The question is not what you will do differently. The question is what you will actually change.

TOOLS

Compounding Model / Economics of Value