## SCALING UP 2016

GETTING YOUR MESSAGE THROUGH



#### IT HELPS IF YOU'RE GROUNDED IN REALITY

- IF YOU'RE NOT ON THEIR AGENDA, AND YOU'RE ASKING FOR A MEETING, YOU'RE AN INCONVENIENCE
- YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED TO SPEND TIME AND MONEY TO GET NOTICED

# GOVERNMENTS ARE MOTIVATED BY TAKING CREDIT AND AVOIDING BLAME

- HOW CAN YOU GIVE THEM A WIN
- HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AVOID A FAILURE

## WHAT ARE THE FACTS

- HISTORY
- INITIATIVES
- ATTITUDES

## HOW TO CRAFT YOUR MESSAGE

- BORROW THEIR LANGUAGE
- •TRY TO SQUEEZE YOUR ISSUE INTO THEIR AGENDA
- BREAKTHROUGH WITH A GREAT LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

## USE STORIES, ANECDOTES AND EXAMPLES

SUPPORT WITH DATA, FACTS AND EVIDENCE

## BRING THEM SOMETHING OF VALUE

YOUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE HAPPY TO SEE YOU

## SEE THE RIGHT PEOPLE

IN THE RIGHT ORDER

## **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

- PRO TIP: YOU NEED TO DO SOME HOMEWORK
- **IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MINISTER**
- •YOU HAVE A RELATIONSHIP ONCE THEY ARE ALSO PREPARED TO HELP YOU

## THE APPROACH

•NO PLAN SURVIVES CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY

THE OODA LOOP

## RESPECT THEIR TIME AND THEIR AGENDA

- DO NOT CONSTANTLY SEEK MEETINGS
- **DO STAY IN TOUCH**

## A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

 YOUR VALUE AS A STAKEHOLDER INCREASES IN PROPORTION TO YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP DURING A POLITICAL CRISIS

## DEEPENING THE RELATIONSHIP

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT KEY DECISION MAKERS