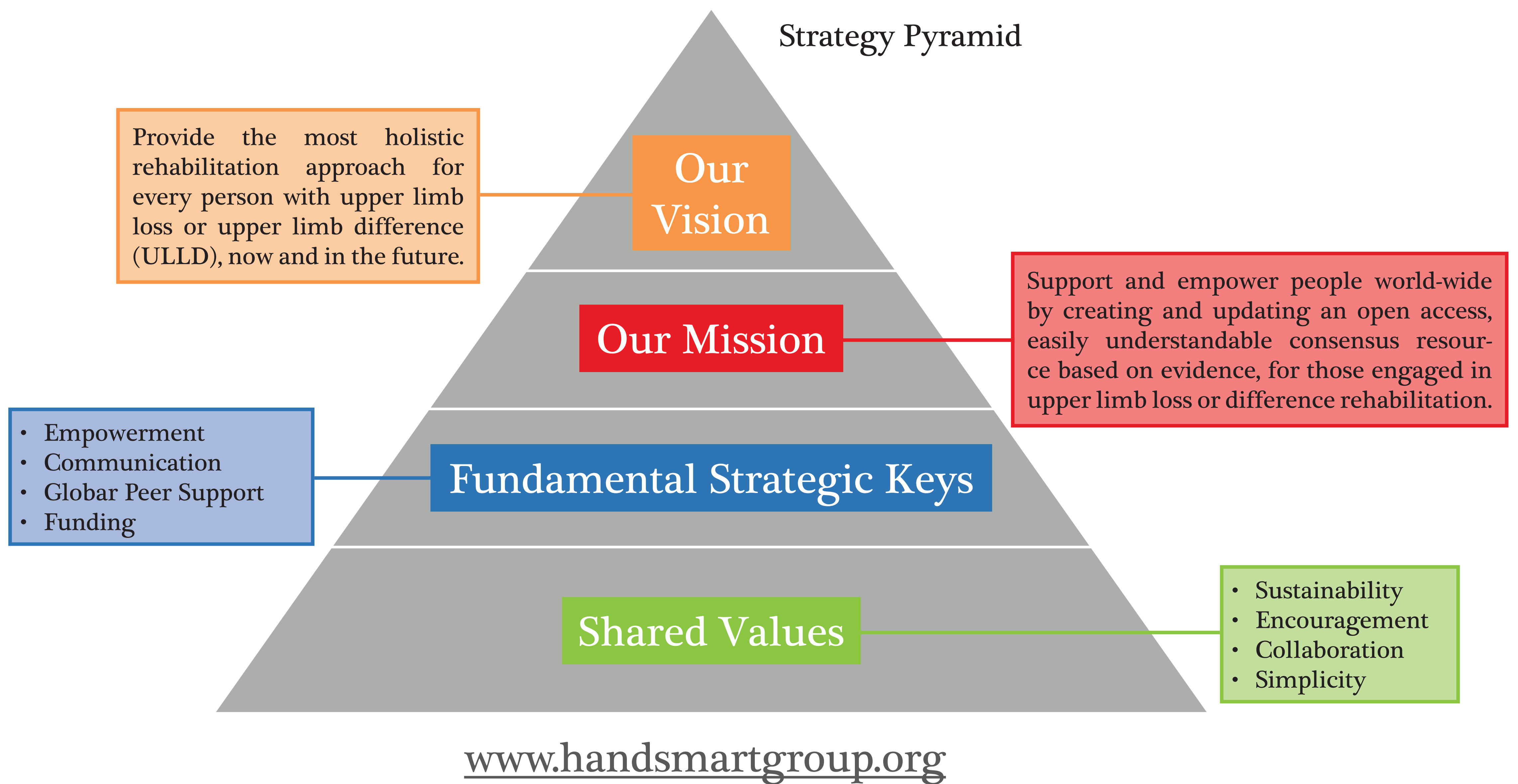


# handsmart group

## Development of an International Expert Group for Sharing Resources of Upper Limb Absence Worldwide



### Objectives and Work Plans

- Enhance **public awareness** for the upper limb prosthetics community
- **Establish a network** to improve the communication among peers worldwide
- Support clinical practice with **evidence based rehabilitation resources** to improve their approaches in the international context
- Acquire sources of **consistent funding**

### Working Groups

- Network and Communication
- Rehabilitation Resources for Children
- Rehabilitation Resources for Adults
- Finance and Organization

### Output and Results

- In **February 2016** twelve independent international experts (11 therapists, 1 prosthetist) met in Berlin, Germany and established a group for sharing resources of upper limb absence worldwide. The meeting was initiated by Ottobock.
- The **handsmart group** was formed. It is a **non-profit group**, and the members are working on a voluntary basis.
- The clinicians are independent practitioners or working with a company and **specialized in upper limb rehabilitation**.
- The **vision and mission** were developed along with the name and logo, the chair was elected and working groups were formed to address the objectives.
- External parties involved in ULLD rehabilitation are invited to **collaborate and support** the group
- Chair: Birgit Bischof
- Financial officer: Sandra Ramdial



### handsmart group Members

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