

## The Millennium Project

An international think tank  
dedicated to answer the question:

How can humanity work together  
for a better future?

### The Millennium Project:

#### An international network

The Millennium Project is an international network of over 1,000 futurists, scholars, business executives and planners, scientists and policymakers from more than 50 countries.

#### A global futures think tank

This international network is a world-wide think tank dedicated to exploring global futures by interviewing and surveying individuals in corporations, universities, NGO's, UN organizations, and governments to understand world change and to identify actions to reach the best possible future for humanity as a whole.

#### A truly international perspective, free from single agendas

The Millennium Project is organized into Nodes. Each Node consists of a group of individuals and institutions that identify creative and advanced experts to participate in Millennium Project research. They interconnect global and local perspectives.

#### The Millennium Project Nodes are located in:

- ◆ Beijing, China
- ◆ Buenos Aires, Argentina
- ◆ Cairo, Egypt
- ◆ Caracas, Venezuela
- ◆ Helsinki, Finland
- ◆ London, United Kingdom
- ◆ Madurai/New Delhi, India
- ◆ Moscow, Russia
- ◆ Paris, France
- ◆ Prague, Czech Republic
- ◆ Rome, Italy
- ◆ Sao Paulo, Brazil
- ◆ Tehran, Iran
- ◆ Tokyo, Japan

Extensive information about  
the Millennium Project,  
its annual *State of the Future* report,  
the State of the Future Index,  
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New insights  
into Global Challenges



### The Millennium Project publishes the annual *State of the Future* report

The report provides an assessment of the global situation and future trends; normative, exploratory, and very-long-range scenarios, and annotated bibliographies of hundreds of scenarios; special studies on future issues of science and technology, environmental security, and analysis of international policies and goals.

Each *State of the Future* report improves and builds on the previous edition. It consists of a series of executive summaries in 90 pages accompanied by a CD-ROM of about 2,000 pages with complete details of the Millennium Project's accumulative work since 1996.

Each report addresses the international situation on the following 15 Global Challenges, with sensitivity to regional perspectives, prospects for the future, policies and actions to address them and indicators to measure progress:

- ◆ Sustainable Development
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Population and Resources
- ◆ Democratization
- ◆ Global, Long-Term Policymaking
- ◆ Globalization of Information Technology
- ◆ Rich-Poor Gap
- ◆ Threats to Health
- ◆ Decisionmaking Capacities
- ◆ Conflict Resolution
- ◆ Improving Women's Status
- ◆ Transnational Crime
- ◆ Energy
- ◆ Science and Technology
- ◆ Global Ethics

### The Millennium Project also produces the annual *State of the Future Index*

This comprehensive index aims to measure world progress on the 15 Global Challenges addressed in the *State of the Future* report. Based on historical data of key indicators and analysis of trends, it quantitatively forecasts whether the future promises to be better or worse.

### The Millennium Project also produces studies in other specialized areas, such as:

- ◆ Counterterrorism Strategies
- ◆ Future Issues of Science and Technology
- ◆ Environmental Security Issues
- ◆ United Nations Millennium Summit Analysis
- ◆ Early Warning and Decisionmaking
- ◆ Long-Range Goals for Governance
- ◆ African Futures 2025
- ◆ Future Research Methodology, a comprehensive peer-reviewed handbook of tools and methods for futures research

### Who can benefit from the Millennium Project's information?

- ◆ CEO's and Top Executives in Global Corporations
- ◆ Any Executive with International Responsibility
- ◆ Corporate Strategic Planners
- ◆ Global Project Managers
- ◆ Policymakers
- ◆ Universities
- ◆ Associations
- ◆ Foundations
- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Students

### The Millennium Project is overseen by an International Planning Committee

A planning committee of 37 members from 21 countries oversees the Project's direction. The Project's administrative principals are director Jerome C. Glenn, senior fellow Theodore J. Gordon, and director of research Elizabeth Florescu. The Washington, DC, office of the Millennium Project acts as its coordinating and publishing facility, under the auspices of the American Council for the United Nations University.

### The Millennium Project's work has been recognized by leading organizations

- ◆ Named one of the best foresight organizations by the US Department of Energy
- ◆ Annually selected among "Top Picks" by the *Future Survey*
- ◆ Recognized as one of the leading "Best Practices" by United Nations Habitat.

### How the Millennium Project works

The Project employs a mix of standard futures research methods and new tools the Project has developed itself to investigate the leading factors shaping the future of the world. These processes are designed to identify and evaluate challenges that face humanity, and to create possible future scenarios.

Participants from around the world provide local perspectives for the Millennium Project through questionnaires, interviews, meetings and online discussions.

### How is the Millennium Project financially supported?

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