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- 1. Situation Chart Current Situation, Desired Situation, and Policies to Address the Gap
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- 3. Digest: News articles, Scanning items, and Updates to the challenge by day, week, month, and year
- 4. <u>Updates</u>: Latest edits to the challenges with sources that triggered them
- 5. <u>Scanning</u>: Important information with ability for annotation and to rate their relevance
- 6. <u>News</u>: Latest news items, ability to rate their relevance, and see their new feed sources
- 7. <u>Comments</u>: public feedback on any item
- 8. <u>Real-Time Delphi</u> survey: questions added at any time; answers added to situation chart and else-where
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15 Global Challenges

- 1. How can sustainable development be achieved for all while addressing global climate change?
- 2. How can everyone have sufficient clean water without conflict?
- 3. How can population growth and resources be brought into balance?
- 4. How can genuine democracy emerge from authoritarian regimes?
- 5. How can policymaking be made more sensitive to global long-term perspectives?
- 6. How can the global convergence of information and communications technologies work for everyone?
- 7. How can ethical market economies be encouraged to help reduce the gap between rich and poor?
- 8. How can the threat of new and reemerging diseases and immune micro-organisms be reduced?
- 9. How can the capacity to decide be improved as the nature of work and institutions change?
- 10. How can shared values and new security strategies reduce ethnic conflicts, terrorism, and the use of WMD?
- 11. How can the changing status of women help improve the human condition?
- 12. How can transnational organized crime networks be stopped from becoming more powerful and sophisticated global enterprises?
- 13. How can growing energy demands be met safely and efficiently?
- 14. How can scientific and technological breakthroughs be accelerated to improve the human condition?
- 15. How can ethical considerations become more routinely incorporated into global decisions?

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All strategic thinkers and managers can benefit from access to GFIS. --- Stanley G. Rosen, Former President, Association for Strategic Planning

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