

## The Millennium Project: an International Network of Nodes

The Millennium Project is a global participatory futures research think tank organized as an independent, interdisciplinary, and transinstitutional information system, providing an international capacity for early warning and analysis of global long-range issues, opportunities, and strategies. The purposes of The Millennium Project are to assist in organizing futures research, to improve thinking about the future, and to make that thinking available through a variety of media for consideration in policymaking, advanced training, public education, and feedback—ideally to accumulate wisdom about potential futures. It is a “strategic global intelligence” that interconnects global and local perspectives through its network of 45 Nodes and over 4,000 participants from around the world.

### Millennium Project Nodes

The Millennium Project is organized into “Nodes”, groups of individuals and institutions that identify key futurists, politicians, scientists, business planners, and scholars in their regions to participate in The Millennium Project research.

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- Argentina
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Brussels-Area
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Czech Republic
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- India
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Kenya
- Korea
- Kuwait
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Montenegro
- New Zealand
- Peru
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Silicon Valley, USA
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela
- Cyber Node, Internet
- Global Arts/Media

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**GLOBAL FUTURES**  
COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM



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## State of the Future

This extraordinary overview of global prospects for civilization is updated and improved via an online futures collective intelligence system on technology, environment, governance, ethics, human and international development—what the educated person should know in the global age. It is a unique input for policymaking and those interested in global change. Teams of experts around the world collaborate to improve insights and strategies. It contains an executive summary and over 8,500-pages of The Millennium Project's 16 years of cumulative research and 1,300 pages on methods—all searchable for easy access. The *State of the Future* provides a framework for understanding global change via 15 Global Challenges:

- Sustainable Development & Climate Change
- Water
- Population and Resources
- Democratization
- Long-term Policymaking
- Globalization of Information Technology
- Rich-Poor Gap
- Health
- Decisionmaking Capacities
- Conflict Resolution
- Improving the Status of Women
- Transnational Organized Crime
- Energy
- Science and Technology
- Global Ethics

and also includes special studies in areas such as:

- Global Scenarios
- Government Future Strategy Units
- Global trends in Stereotypes about Women
- Education and Learning 2030
- Future Issues of Science and Technology
- Future Ethical Issues
- Middle East Peace Scenarios
- Environmental Security
- Futures Research and Decisionmaking
- Future Economic Elements
- Latin America 2030
- And much more

## Global Futures Collective Intelligence System

Integrates all of The Millennium Project's information, groups, and software into an interoperable, searchable, and participatory system for improving global insights and strategies. News feeds, computer models, discussions, scanning systems, situation charts are organized for each global challenge. It provides decision makers, advisors, educators with insights that reflect the consensus and/or range of views on the important issues of our age. The engagement of the user with our information, participants, and software is intended to help humanity become more proactive.

## Futures Research Methodology

The Futures Research Methodology Version 3.0 is the largest collection of internationally peer-reviewed chapters on futures methods ever assembled, with 39 chapters totaling 1,300 pages. Executive overviews are given of each method's history, description, usage, strengths and weaknesses, usage in combination with other methods, and speculations about future usage.

## State of the Future Index

The State of the Future Index (SOFI) is a measure of the 10-year outlook for the future based on historical data for the last 20 years. It is constructed with key variables and forecasts that, in the aggregate, depict whether the future promises to be better or worse. The SOFI is intended to show the directions and intensity of change and to identify the factors responsible. It provides a mechanism for studying the relationships among the items in a system—how making a single change ripples throughout a system, creating some intended as well as unintended consequences. SOFIs have been created for several countries. We also produce the global SOFI—an annual report card for the world.

## A truly international perspective, free from single agendas

A Planning Committee of 60 members from 30 countries and the Board of Directors oversee 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, D.C. office of The Millennium Project acts as the coordinating and publishing facility for this globally distributed system.

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- University professors and students
- NGO executives
- International consultants
- Managers of UN organizations
- Futurists, think tank professionals
- Authors, bloggers, journalists
- Those studying future prospects for the world