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However, water tables are falling on all continents, intrastate conflicts and refugee numbers are increasing, glaciers are melting, income gaps are increasingly obscene, coral reefs are dying, ocean acidity is increasing, ocean dead zones have doubled every decade since the 1960s, half the world's topsoil has been destroyed, youth unemployment has reached dangerous proportions, traffic jams and air pollution are strangling cities, \$1–1.6 trillion is paid in bribes, organized crime takes in twice the money per year as all military budgets combined, civil liberties are increasingly threatened, and half of the world is potentially unstable.

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Massive transitions from isolated subsistence agriculture and industrial economies to an emerging global Internet-connected pluralistic civilization are occurring at unprecedented speed and uncertainties. Monitoring major indicators of progress from health and education to water and energy shows we are winning more than we are losing—but where we are losing is very serious. After seventeen years of continuous monitoring of global change as documented in the annual *State of the Future* reports, it is clear that humanity has the ideas and resources to address its global challenges, but it has not yet shown the leadership, policies, and management on the scale necessary to guarantee a better future.

The report distills insights on 15 global Challenges and strategies to address each. Some of the recommendations in the report include:

- US-China 10-year environmental security goal to reduce climate change and improve trust
- Growing meat without growing animals to reduce water demand and GHGs
- Seawater agriculture for biofuels, carbon sink, food without rain
- Global collective intelligence systems input for humanity's long-range strategic plans
- Tele-nations connecting brains overseas to the development process back home
- TransInstitutions for more effective implementation of strategies
- A global counter-organized-crime strategy
- State of the Future Index as better alternative to GDP a measure of progress

This is the 17th *State of the Future* report produced by The Millennium Project – a global participatory think tank with 50 Nodes around the world. It was selected to be among the top 10 think tanks in the world for new ideas and paradigms by the 2013 University of Pennsylvania's GoTo Think Tank Index and as a 2012 Computerworld Honors Laureate for its innovations to collective intelligence systems.

This report is for thought leaders, decisionmakers, and all those who care about the world and its future. Readers will learn how their interests fit into the global situation and how the global situation may affect them and their interests. It has an executive summary, State of the Future Index, assessment of 15 Global Challenges, Global Futures Intelligence System, and more. This is both a readable book and a resource report to keep on your desk.

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