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Wakanda Shakes the World

What does it mean for an African nation to lead the global future?

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Great review of @theblackpanther by my friend @gateteviews "It is funny how the real African continent and African people are closer to Wakanda a fictitious city, than it is to the miserable, hellish continent depicted by western media and religions."



Black Panther: Africans can project no limits to the...

My friend who'd bought a ticket to go see Black Panther was told by her sneaky 12 year old that the film was about a comic superhero. She gave him the ticket inst...

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"#BlackPanther does not show a gifted black individual as an outlier, an accident of nature, it shows a mighty extended society, living in the normalcy of abundance, cohesion and power" #BlackPanther #RwandaToWakanda













What we'll cover in this presentation

1. Strategic Foresight is a skillset increasingly embraced by leaders working within our complex and uncertain world

2. Lots of innovation happening around the SDGs and agenda 2030 to prepare for and shape the future of sectors, countries, cities

3. BUT lots more to do.... strategic foresight activities need to move from adhoc and tactical efforts to being systemic part of community & government decision making













































Three benefits of Strategic foresight

- 1. Vision: Make strategic choices to shape the future you want
- 2: Manage risk: Build preparedness for alternative possible futures
- 3. Organisational Agility: Create future-ready and alert organisations that can adapt as the future evolves







A CRITICAL skillset for decision-making and emergent planning under conditions of complexity

- Global & local => a long-term international framework delivered locally
- Interdependent and indivisible
 => whole of government &
 systems approach
- Transformation => requires
 new innovation & resources,
 the ability to co-create &
 harness the potential of
 technology through
 participation





Agenda 2030 and Innovation in Strategic Foresight

Humanitarian organisations

GAHL IARAN CERN **IFRC**



ILPES



World Bank ILO CEPAL UNICEF FAO

IMF OECD

Countries **Finland** Germany Colombia Rwanda

Nations Wales Cities NYC









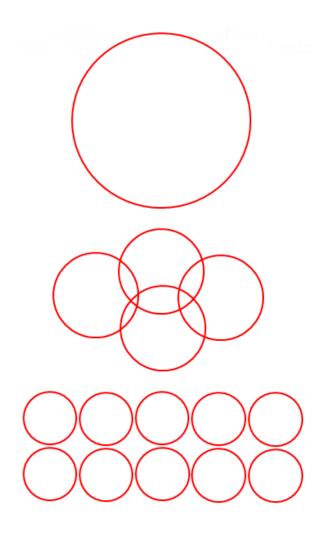
Tea Food/Insects Energy/Infrastructure/ Carbon Oceans







UN is exploring how a foresight mindset supports development interventions, policies & programmes



Global

- Identifying the key, emergent frontier issues
- Using scanning and scenarios to support integrated action across the Development-Humanitarian-Peacebuilding nexus

Regional

- Develop 'futures awareness'
- Horizon scanning programmes
- Convening national foresight & strategy unit

Country

- Identify local perspectives & needs
- Integrated analysis, planning & foresight processes by Resident Coordinators
- Supporting governments



Growing appetite from key leaders

"Strategic foresight means better policies – it is about questioning what we expect, and testing whether our hopes are realistic. It is about reaching beyond forecasting into exploring the unexpected".

Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, 2018

"Foresight... is an effective tool to formulate a more robust and strategic national development framework for the country"

Sri Lanka Minister of Planning, 2015

"[We] need enhanced capabilities in foresight methodologies and approaches that take volatility and complexity as their starting point to generate insights that enable transformative actions towards inclusive and sustainable development" UN Secretary General's 2030 report, 2018



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Twelve 2018 applicants and 2 Special Award winners from Latin and Central America Special Awardee: South America



Launching NGFP2019 Competition

Aline Roldan

Daniel Olarte







Age **29**

Brazil



Colombia





Age

32

Final Thoughts

What is still outstanding:

- 1. How to **INSTITUTIONALISE**
- 2. ALLIANCES
- 3. Key to **DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL**
- 4. Beyond Cassandra: foresight for PREVENTION

How can we apply and demonstrate IMPACT in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at 2019 HLPF?

