

World Futures

Scanning form

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Submit a scanning hit each week. Use this form and post it to the Scanning Hits Discussion Topic for the appropriate week.

Title		Author	
Brief source		Date	
STEEP Category/s		Keywords	
URL			

Type <i>(bold one)</i>	Actual event New trend New cycle New plan Potential event New information New issue						
Brief description of the item							
How could the future be different as a result?							
What are the potential implications for...?	...Stakeholder name:						
Overall effect <i>(bold one)</i>	Confirming (baseline scenario)	Creating (a new scenario)	Resolving (between two scenarios)	Impact <i>(0-5)</i>		Plausibility <i>(0-5)</i>	
Baseline, new or resolved scenario (s)				Novelty <i>(0-5)</i>		Timeliness <i>(0-5)</i>	
Scanner				Date Submitted			

Category definitions:

Title	The title of the piece
Author	The primary author of the piece
Brief source	The name of the journal or organization that released the piece
Date	The date the piece appeared
STEEP categories	The one or more STEEP categories the piece relates to
Keywords	Other important terms that describe the piece
Full citation	The full journal or book citation or the URL

Types:	
Actual event	An event that has already happened, but which few people know about and whose implications are not fully developed
New trend	Consistent increase or decrease, more or less of something over time
New cycle	Recurring increase and decrease, more and then less of something over time
Potential event	A potential happening or occurrence
New information	Information that has just been released
New issue	Debate, conflict, decision, “Should we/they...”

Brief description	A short paragraph describing the event or the new piece of information. What happened or what new information appeared?
What could be different about the future?	A brief comparison about the future before and after this event. How does the future change a result?
What are the implications for ...?	Future consequences of this event for a specific person, group or domain. State the person, group or domain that would be affected.
...Name	The name of the person, group, organization, community, country or domain

Overall impact	<p>Confirming – confirms the baseline future; supports an existing condition, trend or plan</p> <p>Creating – creates a new scenario or plausible alternative future</p> <p>Resolving – shows that one scenario is becoming more probable compared to others</p>
Baseline, new or resolved scenario(s)	The scenario that is confirmed (baseline) or created (new) or made more probable (resolved) by this scanning hit.
Impact (0-5)	How much is this event or information likely to change the future for that person, group or domain?
Plausibility (0-5)	How likely will this change actually affect the future?
Novelty (0-5)	How new is this event or piece of information to those involved?
Timeliness (0-5)	How much time do those involved have before this item becomes public or is framed in some way?
Scanner	The person submitting the hit
Date submitted	The date the scanning hit was submitted