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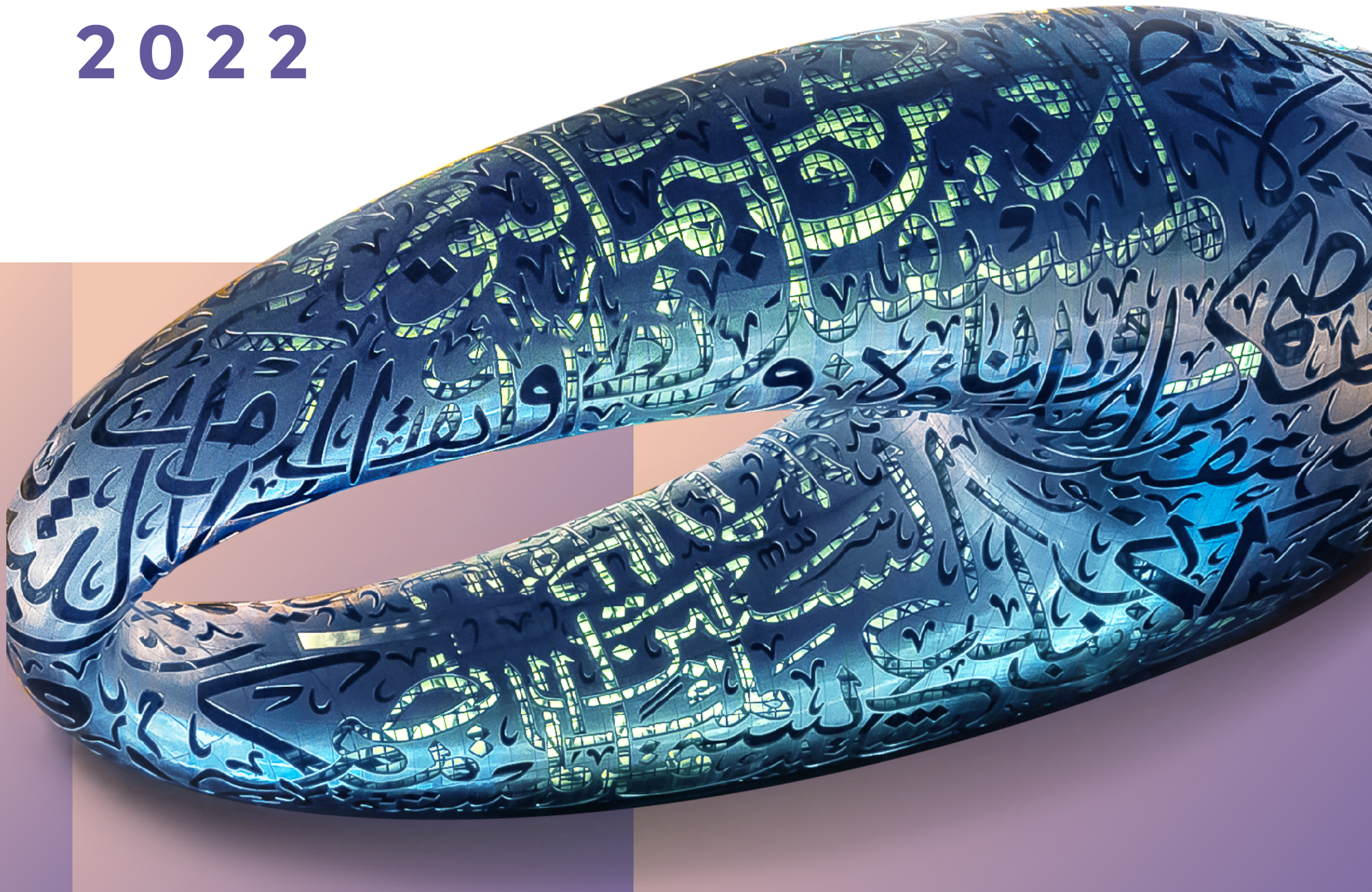
AGENDA

11 - 12 OCTOBER 2022



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Designing the Future of the World

What will the world look like in the future? The future is typically viewed as an evolving paradigm of our present world and how we imagine our challenges and inspiration are transforming it. The forum will discuss the most significant transformations we are seeing as individuals, society and governments and what they mean for our future 20, 30, 40 years from now. The forum discusses space migration and the potential for the human civilization to become an interplanetary civilization, the potential digital divide between the connected, unconnected and underconnected and whether it may be possible in the near future to inhabit a truly digital reality.

What Does it Mean to be Human in the Future?

The impact of ongoing transformations and advancements on companies and countries is widely studied, discussed and debated. The impact of these shifts on humans and societies need to be seen as a priority in order to create human centric growth. The forum takes a deeper look at the impact of ongoing shifts and currents on humans, and in particular, the increasing integration of technology in our daily lives and across societies and the ethical implications of such.

Hedging Our Bets

Through the process of creative destruction, many technological and societal advances create new opportunities. These advances simultaneously render certain industries obsolete. The forum explores the impact of technological advances and trends on specific sectors, including energy, trade and materials manufacturing to discuss what they may look like in the future and the impact of these advances on traditional industrial practices.

Mitigating Existential Risk Through Foresight

Existential risks may be one of the primary motivations behind foresight and future practices across the world. However, whether this is and should be possible is a critical debate within and beyond foresight practice. The forum explores how foresight as a discipline and practice is evolving and how it can help us address the opportunities and risks facing us. If futures and scenarios are the way forward, how do we develop them in ways that are meaningful and impactful?

DAY 1
SESSIONS

TUESDAY
11TH OCTOBER 2022

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM | MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE

Themes in Focus:

- Future: A Global Outlook
- Re-imagining Digital and Physical Boundaries
- Future Proofing Risks
- Technologies Powering the Future

8:00 - 9:00 AM — Registration

9:00 - 9:15 AM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

OPENING SESSION | FUTURE: A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Welcome to 2071

Speaker
His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications, UAE

9:15 - 9:45 AM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

KEYNOTE | FUTURE: A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Why Must Foresight Evolve?

Speaker
Amy Webb
Chief Executive Officer, Future Today Institute

9:45 - 10:00 AM — Break

10:00 - 10:45 AM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

PANEL | FUTURE PROOFING RISKS

How Can Governments Mitigate Challenges Through Foresight?

In the wake of various global shocks, including the Covid-19 pandemic and the international supply chain crisis, strategic foresight is clearly becoming a critical policymaking tool for governments around the world. Recognizing the importance of the future, how have these foresight practitioners in government have used foresight to identify and respond to a broad range of risks.

Speaker
Sophie Howe
Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Speaker
HE Abdulla Nasser Lootah
Director General, Prime Minister's Office UAE

Speaker
Jeanette Kwek Hsinlan
Head, Centre for Strategic Futures, Prime Minister's Office Singapore

Moderator
Eric Nedl
Canada Towards 2000 Project

10:00 - 10:45 AM — AUDITORIUM

PANEL | RE-IMAGINING DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

How Will We Live in a Digital Future?

Given the ubiquity of discussions around the metaverse, avatars, virtual land, and Web 3.0, it is clear that we are may be close to inhabiting life, at least theoretically, in a truly digital sphere. What are the opportunities and risks of this digital future?

Speaker
James Mahby
Principal-Scientist, Dstl (MOD) UK

Speaker
Toshi Hoo
Director, Emerging Media Lab, Institute for the Future

Speaker
Tea Davilov
Director, Foresight Centre

Speaker
Jerome Glenn
Chief Executive Officer, The Millennium Project

Moderator
Dr. Trish Levery
OECD

10:45 - 11:00 AM — Break

11:00 - 11:45 AM — AUDITORIUM

PANEL | RE-IMAGINING DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

Will Borders be Relevant in the Future?

Traditionally, citizenship was considered an important part of individual and social identity, whether national or regional. Nevertheless, the vast channels of immigration across countries, and across governments, are transforming the conventional models of citizenship. This panel will invite experts to discuss whether citizenship, citizenness and geography can be unbundled to allow for truly global citizens in the future.

Speaker
Dubai Abudhoul
Chief Executive Officer, Fikar Institute

Speaker
Joshua Polchar
Strategic Foresight Lead, OECD

Speaker
Dr. Amy Hochadel
Director of Global Business, Connected Places Catapult

Speaker
Scott Smith
Changeist

11:00 - 11:45 AM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

PANEL | RE-IMAGINING DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

Will the Space Industry Shape the Coming Century?

Discussions around the potential for humans to become an interplanetary civilization and eventually find homes on other celestial settlements have gained significant momentum in recent times. Yet, the ramifications of such a move are vast and it is critical we should take precautions over space 'colonization'. This panel will invite experts to debate whether humans can and should strive to become an interplanetary civilization.

Speaker
Mark Bauer
Minister of Justice, Argentia

Speaker
Dr. Athena Coustenis
Director of Research, National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris-Meudon Observatory

Speaker
Diego Urbina
Team Lead, Future Projects and Exploration Space Applications Services

Speaker
Michal Zise
Space Architect

Moderator
Saeed Al Gergawi
Dubai Future Foundation

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM — Break

12:00 - 12:30 PM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

CONVERSATION | TECHNOLOGIES POWERING THE FUTURE

Why Should We Focus on the Future?

Speaker
HE Mohammad Al-Gergawi
Minister of Cabinet Affairs, UAE
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees and Managing Director, Dubai Future Foundation

Speaker
Dr. Michio Kaku
Theoretical Physicist and Futurist

12:30 - 1:30 PM — Lunch Break

1. MOTF Lobby
2. Auditorium pre-function

1:30 - 2:15 PM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

LIGHTNING TALK | FUTURE PROOFING RISKS

What is the Biggest Existential Risk that We are Facing Today?

In this session, panelists will explore the biggest existential risks facing humans today. It will also explore how, if at all, these risks could transform into opportunities. The session will also explore low-probability high-impact risks and estimate the potential capabilities of future technologies in enabling us to face these risks.

Speaker
Dr. Anders Sandberg
Senior Research Fellow, Future of Humanity Institute

Speaker
Jasef Hargrave
Director and Global Foresight Leader, Arup

Speaker
Dr. Lucy Kimbell
Social Design Institute

1:30 - 2:15 PM — AUDITORIUM

LIGHTNING TALK | FUTURE PROOFING RISKS

Critical Risks: How to Move from Insights to Action?

How can we ensure that our focus on emergent risks catalyzes effective responses? In this session, panelists will explore the challenge not only of identifying critical risks, but also share lessons on how future thinkers help move the decision makers they support from insight to action.

Speaker
Shannon Cruz
Chair, Association of Professional Futurists

Speaker
Alisha Bhagat
Futures Lead, Forum for the Future

Speaker
Michael Coetzee
VP Salesforce Futures, Salesforce

1:30 - 2:15 PM — THE HEAL INSTITUTE LEVEL 5

CONVERSATION | TECHNOLOGIES POWERING THE FUTURE

How Much Will Your Data Be Worth in the Future?

This session will explore alternate forms of digital currencies. Could personal data effectively be monetized by business. It also explore the possibility of a future in which the creation of wealth is to pay for digital services. The session will highlight a potential role for individuals in the data ecosystem. Should individuals control their data and own revenue from it?

Speaker
Prof. Sylvie Delacroix
Co-Chair, Data Trusts Initiative

Speaker
Anita Kapoor
Co-Founder, Aapti Institute

Moderator
Melanie Subin
Future Today Institute

2:15 - 2:45 PM — Break

2:45 - 3:45 PM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

DEBATE | RE-IMAGINING DIGITAL AND PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

Is Digital Poverty the New Global Crisis?

The widespread use and adoption of digital technologies is increasing access to knowledge and economic opportunities across most countries. Critics, however, argue that increased technological development is also widening the gap between the connected, unconnected and underconnected. Panelists will discuss the impact of the digital transformation on social and economic equity.

Speaker
Dr. Eva-Maria Muller-Stuler
Partner Data & AI, Ernst & Young

Speaker
Vina Ohar
President, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

Speaker
Ubanga Sesan
Executive Director, Paradigm Initiative

Speaker
Anna Bogdana Rusu
Head of Public Sector, cLabs

Moderator
Dr. Max Di Luca
University of Birmingham

2:45 - 3:40 PM — AUDITORIUM

DEBATE | TECHNOLOGIES POWERING THE FUTURE

Can We Depend on a Sustainable Energy Future?

The ongoing energy transition has been identified as a key policy priority globally. However, given that some countries may be better prepared to transition to more sustainable energy systems than others, it is important for governments to make and forge development. This debate will invite experts to weigh the energy transition against the argument for economic growth and prosperity.

Speaker
Dr. Nizaren Lakhani
Head of Boards of Trustees, Futures Studies Forum for Africa and the Middle East

Speaker
Lourdes Vega
Director, Research and Innovation Center on CO2 and Hydrogen, Khalifa University

Speaker
Geraldine Wessing
Chief Political Analyst, Shell plc

Speaker
Angeliki Kapsoliou
Strategy and Innovation, European Space Agency

Moderator
Dr. Jonathan Radcliffe
University of Birmingham

3:45 - 4:30 PM — FUTURE HALL LEVEL 7

CONVERSATION | FUTURE: A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Why Experiencing the Future will Save Humanity?

Once the frontiers of foresight practice, the outcome becomes an essential part of hundreds of companies and consulting toolkits. Where does it come from? What are its goals? And how it is currently practiced, theorized, and delivered? Panelists in this session will discuss the shift from theory to practice in creating real experiential futures through the Museum of the Future.

Speaker
Dr. Stuart Candy
Director, Situation Lab at Carnegie Mellon

Speaker
Dr. Jake Dunagan
Research Director, Institute for the Future

Speaker
Brendan McGetrick
Creative Director, Museum of the Future

Moderator
Dr. Kristin Alford
Director, MOD, University of South Australia

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2
SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY
12TH OCTOBER 2022

9:00AM - 4:30PM

MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE

Themes in Focus:

- Law and Regulations of Tomorrow
- People, Planet and Future Prosperity
- Next Generation Talent and Wealth
- Future Trends 2023 and Beyond

9:00 – 9:30 AM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

KEYNOTE | PEOPLE, PLANET AND FUTURE PROSPERITY

Can We Predict the Future of Our Species?

Speaker
Dr. Jamie Metzl
Founder and Chair, OneShared World

9:30 – 9:45 AM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

CONVERSATION | LAW AND REGULATIONS OF TOMORROW

How Can Governments Regulate Future Trends and Technologies?

What does the future look like, and how might we develop new frameworks, systems, and policies to regulate these potential futures?

Speaker
HE Obaid Al Ruemi
Minister of State for Government Development and the Future, UAE

Moderator
Jane Witherspoon
Euronews

9:45 – 10:00 AM — Break

10:00 – 11:00 AM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

DEBATE | PEOPLE, PLANET AND FUTURE PROSPERITY

Do You Really Want to Live Forever?

Scientific advances and breakthroughs are making human longevity increasingly possible. Many people have expressed their desire to live longer, and the ongoing progress will help counter diseases and degeneration. Nevertheless, such assertions are being met with significant debate on the societal impact of human longevity. This session will invite experts to explore the potential impacts of increasing human longevity.

Speaker
Dr. Jose Cordero
Vice Chair, Humanity Plus

Speaker
Dr. Hanan Al Suwaidi
Chief Business Officer,
Dubai Academic Health Corporation

Speaker
Dr. James Kirkland
Noshier Foundation Professor of Aging Research, Mayo Clinic

Speaker
Dr. Alex Zhavoronkov
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Insilico Medicine

Moderator
Bronwyn Williams
Metaverkis

10:00 – 11:00 AM
AUDITORIUM 3

DEBATE | LAW AND REGULATIONS OF TOMORROW

Will the Future of Regulation be Private Sector Driven?

While it is critical for regulators to safeguard societies and economies by regulating innovation, it is still critical to balance heavy regulation with supporting and driving innovation. This session will explore the question of whether the private sector entities could eventually become self-regulating, and if so, what it will mean for the role of government.

Speaker
Dr. Clare Bazzol
Co-Founder, Public Sector Foresight Network

Speaker
HE Ahmad Al Bedawai
Assistant Secretary General,
General Secretariat of the Cabinet, UAE

Speaker
Dr. Bilal Golub
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, GoForesight Institute and Helist Europe Country Manager

Speaker
Lin Kayser
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hypergamic Group

Moderator
Jessie Ellis
Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

PANEL | FUTURE TRENDS 2023 AND BEYOND

How Good Are Governments Anticipating the Future?

In the wake of various global shocks, including the Covid-19 pandemic and the international supply chain crisis, strategic foresight is rapidly becoming a critical policymaking tool for governments around the world to assess uncertainty. This panel showcases the way foresight practitioners in government have used foresight to identify and respond to a broad range of risks.

Speaker
Maria Langan-Riekhof
Director, Strategic Futures Group,
National Intelligence Council

Speaker
Tiina Nuunonen
Strategic Foresight Lead, UN Global Pulse

Speaker
Imran Arshad
Director, Policy Horizons Canada

Moderator
Paul Salem
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Middle East Institute

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
AUDITORIUM 3

DEBATE | NEXT GENERATION TALENT AND WEALTH

How Do We Define Wealth in the Future?

It is increasingly argued that the global monetary system is seeing a complete transformation due to the advent of new technologies and the emergence of new economic models, which are creating new forms of wealth and value. This discussion will explore the potential shift away from traditional monetary forms of value and the role emerging technologies will play in creating alternative forms of wealth.

Speaker
Duncan Cass-Beggs
Counsellor for Strategic Foresight, OECD

Speaker
Dr. Susann Roth
Chief of Knowledge Management,
Asian Development Bank

Speaker
Joseph Raczynski
Technologist and Futurist, Thomson Reuters

Moderator
Vilas Dhar
Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
AL WASL LEVEL 5

CONVERSATION | PEOPLE, PLANET AND FUTURE PROSPERITY

Can We Decolonize the Future?

Foresight and future practitioners around the world are widely acknowledging the importance of developing an inclusive view of the future that challenges existing cultural definitions and allows us to unleash pervasive cultural norms. Panelists in this session will discuss how foresight and future practitioners can "decolonize the future".

Speaker
Dr. Noudi Okorafor
Writer, Afrofuturfuturism Productions

Speaker
Anisha Bhagat
Futures Lead, Forum for the Future

12:00 – 1:00 PM — Lunch Break

1. MOTF Lobby
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1:00 – 1:45 PM
AUDITORIUM 3

CONVERSATION | LAW AND REGULATIONS OF TOMORROW

Is This the Demise of Law as We Know It?

In a future filled with new realities, decentralization, global citizens, and the exploration of alternative environments the basic and fundamental, the traditional concepts of law no longer make sense. New "jurisdictions" and global economies have and will continue to emerge. But how will law, as a sector and profession, innovate to meet the demands of this new world? This session brings together legal futurists and experts from diverse backgrounds to discuss the new frontier of law.

Moderator
Prof. Steven Freeland
Emeritus Professor, Western Sydney University

Speaker
Sabia Ahmad
Chief Executive Officer, Regulatory & Governance,
Dubai Economy & Tourism

Speaker
Mark Bow
Minister of Justice, Anguilla

1:00 – 1:45 PM
TOMORROW TODAY LEVEL 2

SHOWCASE | NEXT GENERATION TALENT AND WEALTH

Can Befriend Artificial Intelligence?

In this session the speaker discusses whether machines may still be distinguishable from those in the future, and explores the point at which machines are considered living, albeit technological, beings.

Speaker
Prof. Youngsook Park
Chair, UN Future Forum

1:00 – 1:45 PM
THE HEAL INSTITUTE LEVEL 4

CONVERSATION | NEXT GENERATION TALENT AND WEALTH

Can Foresight Extend to Multiple Generations?

In this session speakers will discuss the unique prospects and challenges faced by different generations and the importance for policymakers to ensure "intergenerational fairness".

Speaker
Catarina Tully
Managing Director, School of International Futures

Moderator
Jonna Lonkova
The LEGO Group

1:45 – 2:00 PM — Break

2:00 – 3:15 PM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

FORESIGHT WORKSHOP | FUTURE TRENDS 2023 AND BEYOND

Can We Predict 2023?

In this session, panelists and experts explore what lies ahead in 2023 by noting key trends we should be paying attention to, and how governments, companies and societies should be responding.

Leading
Dr. Patrick Noack
Dubai Future Foundation

2:00 – 2:45 PM
TOMORROW TODAY LEVEL 2

CONVERSATION | PEOPLE, PLANET AND FUTURE PROSPERITY

Will We Have Museums in the Future?

With an increasing emphasis on experiential value, immersive technologies, and the growth of arts and culture institutions, panelists in this session explore existing trends in the roles museums play in identity building and contributing to soft education.

Speaker
Dr. Stefan Brandt
Director, Fatuhain

Speaker
Majed Almansoori
Deputy Executive Director, Museum of the Future

Moderator
Nice Dawson
The Imaginarium

3:15 – 3:30 PM — Break

3:30 – 4:15 PM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

PANEL | NEXT GENERATION TALENT AND WEALTH

Can The Future Be Taught?

How do we educate the next generation of futurists? Join this esteemed panel of foresight educators and practitioners as they share their lessons and insights from decades of foresight education, what works, what doesn't, what is changing, and what is coming next.

Speaker
HE Aisha Miran
Assistant Secretary-General, Strategy Management and Governance, Dubai Executive Council

Speaker
Dr. Peter Bishop
Executive Director, Teach the Future, Inc.

Speaker
Dr. Erik Overland
President, World Futures Studies Federation

Speaker
Dr. Ozgun Saritas
Head of Laboratory for Science & Technology Studies, University of Manchester & HSE University

Moderator
Susan Cox-Smith
Changeist

3:30 – 4:15 PM
OSE HOPE LEVEL 5

CONVERSATION | LAW AND REGULATIONS OF TOMORROW

Can We Make Other Planets Livable in our Lifetime?

Terraformation – the process of modifying the atmosphere of a planet to make it more hospitable to human habitation – is a science fiction. Nevertheless, scientific advances are suggesting that terraforming Mars, the Moon or even potentially the Earth may eventually become possible. In this session, panelists will explore the potential of terraformation.

Speaker
Dr. Noudi Okorafor
Writer, Afrofuturfuturism Productions

Speaker
HE Salem Al Marri
Director General, Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre

Speaker
Dr. Chaunhui Dong
Staff Scientist, Princeton University

Speaker
Dr. Midhat Gazzawan
Professor of Physics, American University of Sharjah

Moderator
Dr. John Sweeney
Westminster International University in Tashkent

4:20 – 4:30 PM
FUTURE HALL 1 LEVEL 7

CLOSING REMARKS

The Way Forward

HE Khalfan Belhoul
Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Future Foundation

END OF DAY 2