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State of the Future 2011 and Latin America 2030 Scenarios Presented in Spain on November 16th (Madrid), 17th (San Sebastian) and 18th (Bilbao)

The Latin America 2030 Scenarios and the 2011 State of the Future will be presented in Spain, on November 16th (Madrid), 17th (San Sebastian) and 18th (Bilbao) within three different open events. The main event in Madrid is co-organized by the Millennium Node in Spain (PROSPEKTIKER) and the city development agency (MADRID EMPRENDE) and the speakers will include Jose Cordeiro, Jerome C. Glenn and Yarima Sosa of the Millennium Project, together with other important representatives such as Enrique V. Iglesias, Iberoamerican General Secretary.

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The Millennium Project consists of more than 40 Nodes all around the World, among which the Spanish Node is included. This Node (<http://www.proyectomilenio.org>), coordinated by PROSPEKTIKER, has the collaboration of LKS, the MONDRAGON Corporation and other Institutions. As for its goal, in a participatory way, it is the promotion of the joint reflection of institutions and experts groups about the already identified 15 great challenges, at global level.



On January 1st 2005, the 'Madrid Emprnde' Economic Development Agency was founded, as part of the Economic and Employment Department of Madrid City Council. It has been established to place Madrid in that select group of leading world cities such as London, Paris, New York and Tokyo. To do so, the Agency is working to both encourage and drive forward the economic development of the city and its economic fabric, through three specific areas: competitiveness among small and medium sized companies, encouraging entrepreneurship, and improving the commercial infrastructure of the city and attracting foreign investment.

The Millennium Project (<http://www.millennium-project.org>) was created in 1996 as the first global think tank, conducting independent futures research through its 40 nodes around the world, connecting local and global perspectives. The nodes are groups of people and institutions that bring together the brains of the region and the feedback from the overall results. It has the support of United Nations organizations, multinational corporations, universities, foundations and governments of Azerbaijan, Kuwait, South Korea and the USA.

The Millennium Project is a global think tank that conducts futures research, consisting of more than three thousand scientists, intellectuals, artists, entrepreneurs, academics, politicians, and journalists. They are dedicated to the study of the future and generating ideas for improving the human condition gathered in forty nodes located on every continent.

The Millennium Project has made annual reports since 1996 as a contribution to the better understanding of the global challenges that humanity is facing in building the future. These studies and the development of prospective scenarios allow support in the search for solutions to global challenges.

The 2011 State of the Future finds the world is getting richer, healthier, better educated, living longer, and is more peaceful and better connected; yet half the world is potentially unstable. The food prices are rising, water tables are falling, corruption and organized crime is increasing, environmental viability to sustain life is declining, debt and growing economic insecurity is rising, climate change continues, and the gap between the rich and poor is widening dangerously.

According to Jose Cordeiro, Venezuelan director of the Millennium Project and coordinator of the Latin America 2030

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Scenarios, the region has to move forward and look to the future now that is celebrating the bicentennial of its independence. Latin America is currently at a crossroad and a vision of the future is fundamental to improve the living conditions of the expected 700 million Latin Americans alive by 2030. Thus, the Millennium Project devised four possible scenarios to the year 2030 based on the input of over 500 futurists from 60 countries in all continents. Cordeiro said that "If Latin America changes its vision of the future, it has the opportunity to join the rank of developed countries by 2030".

The world is in a race between implementing ever-increasing ways to improve the human condition and the seemingly ever-increasing complexity and scale of global problems. The global future can become far more unstable and dangerous if we do not take urgent measures to fight global organized crime, corruption and climate change.

It states that significant improvements are being made in reducing poverty, extending longevity, and limiting conflict. However, the battle against the growth of carbon emissions, rising temperatures, unemployment, corruption and terrorism are being lost. In 2010, 90 percent of global natural disasters, which killed 295,000 people at an approximate cost of 130 billion dollars, were related to climate and climate exchange rates.

The number of unstable states grew from 28 to 37 between 2006 and 2011, even though there are fewer wars, which fell to 10 from 14 the previous year. Half of the world remains vulnerable to social instability and violence. The inequalities are compounded by the rising costs of food, water and energy, which could result in 400 million migrants in 2050. The report also contains a State of the Future Index, based on analysis and evaluation of 700 experts from around the world based on 28 factors, including education, health, wealth, conflict, freedom and the environment. The Index shows a period of 10 years of improvement, but warns that "there is no guarantee of a bright future".

The [2011 State of the Future](#) is a summary of our overall situations, problems, solutions and prospects for the future, from the 15 Global Challenges. These include energy, food, science and technology, ethics, development, water, organized crime, health, decision making, gender relations, demography, war and peace, and others. The recommendations are specifically targeted to senior executives, thought leaders, strategic planners, public policy experts, political advisors, non-profit organizations, teachers / professors and anyone interested in an overview of our prospects for the future. This report analyzes a wide range of policy initiatives geared toward the future, such as: potable water, seawater-based agriculture, environmental safety in the central United States and China, strategic trust, a comprehensive strategy to combat organized crime and collective intelligence.

According to Jerome Glenn, executive director of the [Millennium Project](#) and one of the authors of the report, there is room for optimism: "If we can improve our decision making as individuals, groups, nations, and institutions the world will be better than it is today".

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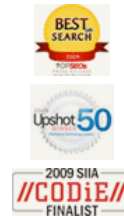
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