Network of Global Future Councils
2018-2019 Term

Overview
The World Economic Forum’s Network of Global Future Councils is the world’s foremost interdisciplinary knowledge network dedicated to promoting innovative thinking on the future.

Mission
The Network provides thought leadership on key global challenges, and the impact and governance of emerging technologies through:
- Scoping and monitoring trends and developments
- Contextualizing global shifts within the main regional or national frameworks
- Deepening understanding of the drivers and enablers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and its impact on global systems
- Informing the World Economic Forum’s strategic initiatives by providing analysis and feedback on the direction of existing projects as well as new areas of focus
- Highlighting the implications of these dynamics for decision-makers

Membership
Each council will be comprised of 20 of the most forward-looking experts from the Forum’s global networks. Members can take advantage of the following benefits:
- Collaboration with a global network of experts across disciplines
- Interaction with the Forum’s stakeholder communities, including the chief executive officers of some of the world’s largest corporations, decision-makers from government and international organizations, and leaders from other stakeholder groups
- The Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils in the United Arab Emirates
- The extensive reach of the Forum’s platforms to access and disseminate ideas, research and analysis
- The opportunity to put ideas into action by being engaged in initiatives, task forces and activities undertaken by the Forum and its partners
- The possibility to engage in global, industry and regional events organized or hosted by the World Economic Forum
Mandate
Members commit to contributing their expertise and knowledge, and exploring key lessons and ideas in the framework of council discussions. They advise on a vision for progress in their area of expertise and provide recommendations on how to achieve it.

Engagement
Council members engage in regular online interactions via the Forum’s TopLink platform, emails and regular virtual meetings (4-6 per year). The council meets in person at the Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (11-12 November 2018).

Expectations
Members of Global Future Councils are nominated for a one-year period and are encouraged to participate regularly in council activities. Membership will be revoked if a member fails to participate in three consecutive activities of the council (the World Economic Forum may review this decision if the member has been prevented from participating by force majeure).

2018-2019 Portfolio of Global Future Councils

Global and Regional Agendas

Global Future Council on Biodiversity and the Bio-economy
Global Future Council on Cities and Urbanization
Global Future Council on Consumption
Global Future Council on Cybersecurity
Global Future Council on Development Finance
Global Future Council on Digital Economy and Society
Global Future Council on Energy
Global Future Council on Entrepreneurship
Global Future Council on Financial and Monetary Systems
Global Future Council on Food Systems Innovation
Global Future Council on Geopolitics
Global Future Council on Health and Healthcare
Global Future Council on Human Rights and Technology
Global Future Council on the Humanitarian System
Global Future Council on Information and Entertainment
Global Future Council on Infrastructure
Global Future Council on Innovation Ecosystems
Global Future Council on International Trade and Investment
Global Future Council on Long-term Investing
Global Future Council on Mobility
Global Future Council on the New Economic Agenda
Global Future Council on New Metrics
Global Future Council on the New Social Contract
Global Future Council on Production
Regional Future Council on Europe
Regional Future Council on the Korean Peninsula
Regional Future Council on the Middle East
Regional Future Council on Russia

Enablers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Global Future Council on Advanced Energy Technologies
Global Future Council on Agile Governance
Global Future Council on Biotechnology
Global Future Council on Computing
Global Future Council on Human Enhancement and Longevity
Global Future Council on Neurotechnologies
Global Future Council on New Network Technologies
Global Future Council on Space Technologies
Global Future Council on Values, Ethics and Innovation
Global Future Council on Virtual and Augmented Reality