

**9th Annual
World Futures Day 24-hour Round-the-World March 1st**

CALL FOR FACILITATORS

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GENERAL REMARKS

During the World Futures Day on March 1, the Millennium Project organizes a 24-hour around-the-world conversation for futurists and the public to discuss their views about challenges and opportunities for the futures of humanity for building a better future for all. Beginning March 1 in New Zealand at 12 noon NZ time, the open conversation about the future moves west and lasts until 12 noon Hawaii time (GMT-10). Anyone can join the discussions at their noon time or when they can.

This is the 9th edition of the World Futures Day 24-hour round-the-world conversation by the Millennium Project and it's the 12 year since Future Day was launched by H+. We graduated it to World Futures Day.

Partners of the Millennium Project for this edition are Humanity+, the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), the World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF), and the Association of Professional Futurists (APF).

The WFD is a relaxed conversation about the future. No heavy agenda; just old and new friends sharing thoughts.

LINK TO REGISTER AS FACILITATORS OF THE WFD

If you want to facilitate your timezone during the World Futures Day on March the 1st, 2022, you can register here by putting your name and email address:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mlqR-sYAqcKmSYwNtNK4XILIt6JhyBSeKI9zOu7cnFk/edit> If you have troubles accessing the file, please asks for sharing through Gdocs or write to Mara Di Berardo (MP Comms Director and Italy node co-chair) at mdiberardo@GMAIL.COM.

We will accept only 3 facilitators per time zone. Please, don't delete names that have already signed to add your name but contact them in order to help.

There may be 1 to 3 co-facilitators per time zone; communicate with your co-facilitators about which roles (below) each would like. It is very important that the roles be designated before the meeting.

FACILITATORS' 1-HOUR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2022

We will have a Facilitators' 1-hour Meeting 10 AM EST (New York time)/4.00 PM CET (Europe) February 21st to test the access and discuss procedures. It will be recorded and sent to you if you can't make the meeting or if you would like to review the meeting. We will use Zoom compliments of Paul Epping (Co-Chair of the Dubai Node but now he spends most of his time in the Netherlands):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5221011954?pwd=UEg4TXhYMnU0TGxyNzNsUUd6dXQ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 522 101 1954

Password: Dubai

Updates on the WFD are posted on <https://www.millennium-project.org/tmp-news/> and the zoom link for World Futures Day (WFD) will be posted there as well.

ROLES OF THE FACILITATORS

Assuming there are more than one Facilitator in your time zone, communicate with each other to decide which roles each would like.

Zoom Host of the meeting

Each time zone has a designated Zoom (it can be the Moderator, the Note Keeper or the chat facilitator). The session is launched by Paul Epping, but then each time-zone's Zoom Host takes over from the previous. Each time-zone's Host has to make sure to make the next time-zone's designated person a Host before signing off. To make sure that this will go on smoothly, please do the following:

- Paul Epping will start the first session (New Zealand) and assign the New Zealand facilitator the host.
- If you are a host, sign-in at least 10 minutes before your time slot
- Click on "Participants" to see who is the present Host (it is indicated in parenthesis next to the person's name)
- In a private chat, send a message to the present host for letting him/her know that you are the next host
- As your hour ends, pass on the Zoom Host status to the next host. To do this, click on participants, and see the name of the next host (who sent you the private message), then at the right of the name click on "more" and make that person a Host.
- Make sure that the new roles appear changed in the List of Participants.
- DO NOT leave the zoom meeting before passing on the Host role to someone else. If you have to leave the meeting before the next designated Host comes in, look at the list of Participants and pick a person you know and ask in a private chat if (s)he accepts to continue hosting. Ask the next Host to make sure to also pass on the hosting role before leaving the zoom.
- Paul Epping will include the sign in details of his Zoom in the Google Sheets, in case connections get lost, so that the event can continue.
 - The person who is then the host, has to open the link again.
 - Then, this person is now Paul Epping (scary.... ;-)) and has to make someone else temporarily host.
 - Then he/she logs out as Paul Epping and
 - signs on again with using the link.
 - Then asks the temporary host to make him/her host again and the show continues

Moderator

Facilitate the conversation, invite people to briefly introduce themselves (unless there are too many) and invite them to share their ideas for improving the future. You can come to the conference whenever you want, but at least ten minutes before 12 noon your time or the time you agreed to. AND you are welcome to invite people you would like to talk with about the future.

When your timezone is launched, it is very important that you:

- Mention your timezone (UTC+1, ecc.);
- Inform the participants that the meeting is recorded; the recording will be used for the transcription, will be erased soon often, and won't be shared outside the WFD Scientifici and Organizing Committee;
- Mention the Chatham House Rule: one can quote, and use material but not cite the source. It will be applied for the reporting and must be applied by everyone participating to the meeting and disseminating its contents (e.g. journalists and bloggers);
- Try to draw forth good ideas from the participants. For those who talk too much or long, diplomatically remind them that there are others we'd like to hear from as well. If someone becomes too impolite or forgets to mute themselves when others are talking, or they leave the room with a radio on – you can mute them.

You can ask the online participants any question you want. Here are some as examples from previous global conversations: Will increasing complexity and polarization lead to new forms of democracy? Can self-organization on the Internet reduce dependence on ill-informed politicians? How should artificial intelligence and new organisms from synthetic biology be governed? How to anticipate and prevent disinformation and other forms of information warfare? What are the best cost/effects and time to impact ways to turn around global warming? Can new concepts of employment be created to prevent increasing unemployment caused by the acceleration of technological changes? Will there be a phase shift of global attitudes in the near future about what is important about the future? Think of what question you would like to ask.

Note keeper and reporter

Take notes on the key ideas and insights of your hour timezone. Define an estimate for the total number and upload them through this form asap:

<https://forms.gle/1tCn5U2azdkSSg1T8>

If you have troubles using it, please send them to Mara Di Berardo at mdiberardo@GMAIL.COM who will be doing the overall report on the conversations.

Send an estimate of the total number of participants in your time zone.

Notes and reports are very important for this purpose. What you should include in your report and some general suggestions:

- A list of main themes discussed during your time zone. You may refer to the the 15 global challenges facing humanity to define them (<https://www.millennium-project.org/15-global-challenges/>);
- A summary of the contents discussed for each theme: problems, solutions, group agreements vs. single opinions for each, further description of each;
- Estimation of the total number of participants for your session;
- try to report the contents as closest to the originator/s as possible;
- Don't forget the Chatham House Rule;
- You may use the chat contents if useful;
- Share your report with the other co-facilitators for additions, review, etc. before sending it to the WFD Committee.

When the report is ready, fill the form with information about your session and upload the file of the report through this form: <https://forms.gle/1tCn5U2azdkSSg1T8> You need a Google account to upload the file. If you have trouble using the form, please send an email with the information requested in the form and the file of your report to Mara Di Berardo at mdiberardo@GMAIL.COM who will be doing the overall report on the conversations. Please, send your report within 1 week after the WFD.

Chat facilitator

Keep track of the chat area and animate; people tend to put references making for a great bibliography of the 24-hour conversation. These do not have to be put in the notes, as the organizers will have a copy for all.

Organize your time zone

Please, contact your co-facilitators (the ones that have already signed the xls file) in order to define the roles of each and to organize the timeslot with them.

If you are the only facilitator for your time-zone, make sure to fulfill your Zoom Host and facilitator roles. If you can also sketch notes, good; but if not, please do it immediately after you pass on the hosting function.

DOCUMENTS

You can read some of the themes discussed during the 2021 WFD on Futures:

Di Berardo, M. (2021). A global discussion about our possible futures during the 2021 World Future Day. Futures(136). February 2022. DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.futures.2022.102905> The publication will be open until March 23 by using this link: <https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1eWEH3jdJhAYq>

A pre-launch news is available on The Millennium Project website:

<https://www.millennium-project.org/2022-world-futures-day-pre-launch-and-2021-wfd-results/>

The press release, together with the link to join the WFD, will be sent soon on <https://www.millennium-project.org/>. Updates about the WFD will be published on <https://www.millennium-project.org/tmp-news/>.

CONTACTS

The 2022 WFD Scientific and Organizing Committee is composed by Jerome Glenn, Elizabeth Florescu, Paul Epping, Brock Hinzmann, and Mara Di Berardo.

If you are planning collateral events related to 2022 WFD, please report them to mdiberardo@GMAIL.COM. Feel free to contact Jerome Glenn (jerome.glenn@MILLENNIUM-PROJECT.ORG) and Mara Di Berardo (mdiberardo@GMAIL.COM) for any need.

Thank you for your support!