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GOALS FOR EVERYTHING FOR ALL (G4E4A)AGAIN? Maybe a Few?

Our speaker today is David Harries, a nuclear engineer who has been a senior military officer, consultant on security, & advisor & professor in heavy engineering, national development, humanitarian aid, post-conflict, & post-disaster response & recovery, executive development in strategic foresight, & post-graduate education. He is a Principal of the Security & Sustainability Guide, a Fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science engaged on its Existential Risks To Humanity project, a Board Member of the National Indigenous Women's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem, & Member of Canadian Pugwash.

DESCRIPTION: In 1970, the UNGA established 0.7% of GNP as rich nations' target for Development Assistance. Few countries achieved it. Thirty years on, in the worry of 2000, the UN Millennium Summit established 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for 2015. Progress was irregular & unimpressive. In 2012, the UNSG called on 26+ international leaders to advise on a post-MDG agenda. Agenda 2030—17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—followed the MDG in 2016. Progress has been very uneven. Amid non-stop 'dire-dom' of the 2023 UNGA—the UNSG stating: "Humanity has opened the gates to hell"—the world was asked to rescue the SDGs. Nearly a year into this year of universal, 'unprecedentedness', with the ever-present competition among development-focused organizations, rescue is unlikely, & a case for another set of goals....hard to make.

The presentation will be followed by a conversation, questions, & observations from the participants.

CACOR acknowledges that we all benefit from sharing the traditional territories of local Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, & Inuit in Canada) and their descendants.



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G4E4A....AGAIN? Maybe....a Few?

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Disclosure

The 0.7% Goal

The Millennium Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals

'goal'-ing

2023 Context: Unprecedentedness

Examples of goals, goal-making, goal-keeping

T ('Maybe') G4A

DISCLOSURE

1. April 2023 Question:
“Will something follow the SDGs”

2. Volunteer a talk

3. MONTHS of....

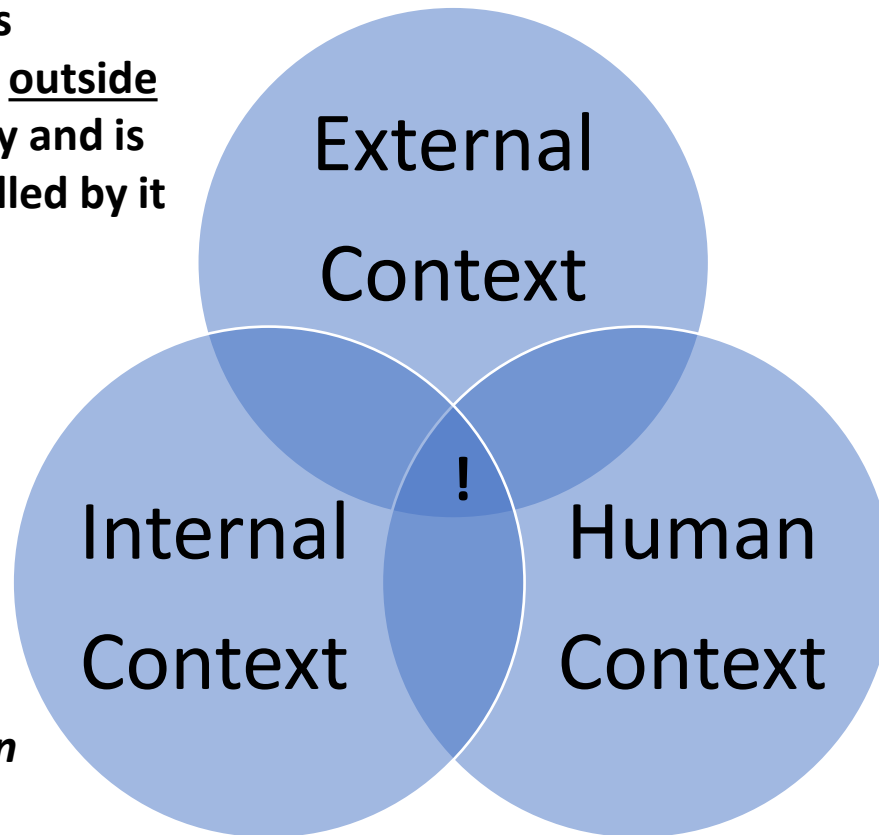


3. **Cont** masses of ‘information’



CONTEXT is PLURAL

It is what is
happening outside
the country and is
not controlled by it



It is what is
happening within
the country and *can*
be controlled by it

It is the *competing* suites of
Biases, Assumptions and Interests
(BAI) *unique* to every individual
everywhere regarding

Social and
Technological and
Economic and
Environmental and
Political and
Legal and
Ethical and
Security **issues**

1970 - The .7% of GNP>GNI GOAL

- 1958 Suggestion by World Council of Churches
- During 1960s Suggestions of 1%>>.75% of GNP
- 1969 Concept of ODA: OECD DAC, Pearson Commission .7% by 1975.... or 1980

24 Oct 1970 - UN Resolution on .7% of GDP

Exceptions: e.g., Switzerland, USA

“repeatedly re-endorsed at the highest level at international aid and development conferences”

- 1993 Denominator changed from GNP to GNI
- 2005 the 15 members of the 2004 European Union agreed to reach the target by 2015, and, the EU, the G8 Gleneagles Summit and the UN World Summit committed to .7%

2023 - .7% still the 'goal'

Only eight countries have ever reached ODA of .7% of GDP/GNI least once

1970 – *some* CONTEXT

- ‘Stable’ Cold War geopolitics
- Pre-decolonization
- Pre- internet
- *First* 747 pax flight
- Pre-climate change alarms
- UN – 127 members
- Pre-”Limits to Growth”
- Vietnam War

dh ? A (western) version of a first ‘belt and road’ campaign.

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Millennium Development Goals

The **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** were **eight** [international development goals](#) for the year 2015 that had been established following the [Millennium Summit](#) of the [United Nations](#) in 2000, following the adoption of the [United Nations Millennium Declaration](#). These were based on the OECD DAC International Development Goals agreed by Development Ministers in the "Shaping the 21st Century Strategy".

Among the **22 non-governmental organizations** assisting were the United Nations Millennium Campaign, the Millennium Promise Alliance, Inc., the Global Poverty Project, the [Micah Challenge](#), The Youth in Action EU Programme, "Cartoons in Action" video project and the 8 Visions of Hope global art project.

The eight goals were measured by 21 targets, each with a specific date.

At first; Focus on Water issues

2010 A UN review conference in September adopted a global plan to achieve the eight goals by their target date. New commitments targeted women's and children's health, and ...the worldwide battle against poverty, hunger and disease.

2013 Report: VERY uneven progress; none to some.

Canada's pledges a mixed-goal total of ~ &1.7 billion

No *apparent* connection to the 1970 OECD .7% commitment

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_Development_Goals



2000 – *some* CONTEXT

- UN – 191
- Global Population - 6.2 billion
- Internet emergent
- Self-determination chaos after Cold War ‘stability’
- Mid-decolonization
- “End of history” (FF) after a century with three WWs
- “World is flat” (TF), with spikes (RF)
- Peace dividend ?
- Y2K scare
- USSR fails (communism and socialism ‘defeated’ by democracy and capitalism)
- UN’s Human Security best year(s)



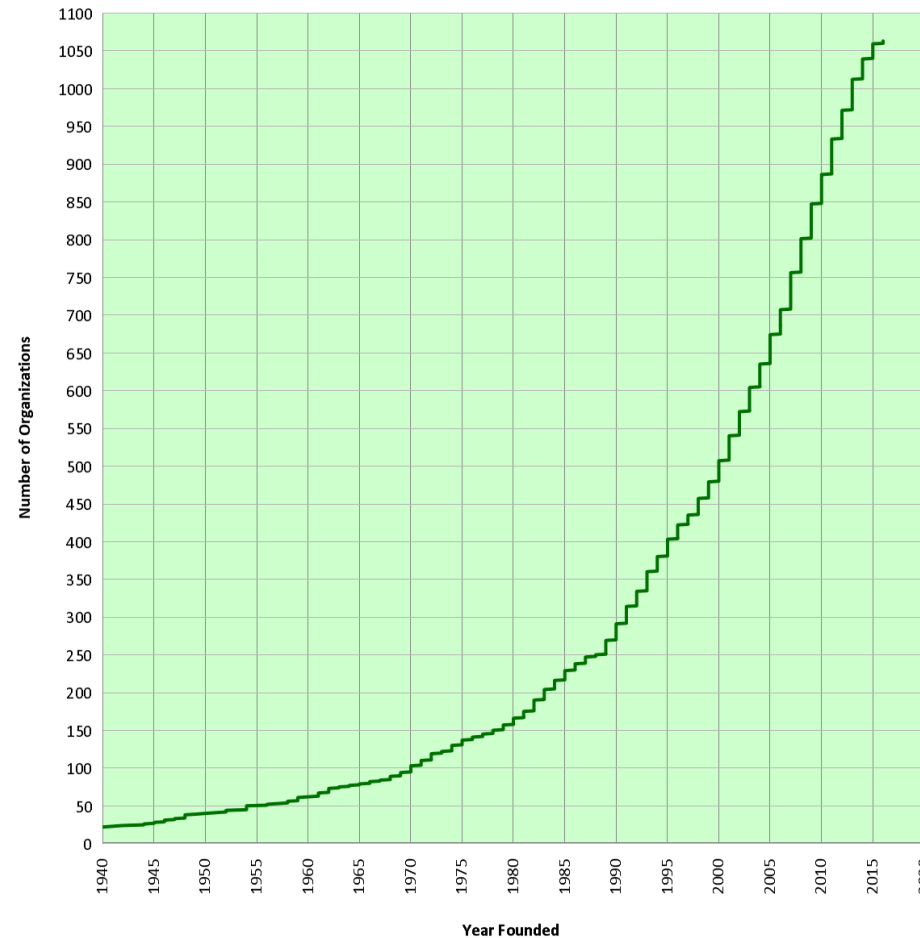
2012: Extensive critical comment of Sachs' Millennium Villages Project in the Economist and the Lancet

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainable_Development_Goals

Growth of Security and Sustainability Organizations, 1940-2016



Some 'Background' to SDGs

- No (apparent) influence from MDG content, progress or outcomes
- No (apparent) connection to the .7% commitment
- 2012 – UNSG calls for a post-MDG Agenda (~30 experts “representing 70 countries”)
 - Focus on gender, education and health issues
- 2015 - Agenda 2030 begins based on 2015 UNGA Res: “The Future We Want”
- 2017 UN publishes targets and Indicators for each SDG
- Canada ‘investing’ \$59.8 million from 2018-2031
- 2020-2030 UNSG’s ‘Decade of Action’



30 experts plus extensive 'consultations

We decided to go with 17 goals and 169 targets.



I know many of you wanted less and some of you wanted more.



So we decided to go right in the middle, that way nobody is happy.



fresh spectrum



And/or

Vs \neq



SEVENTEEN DIFFERENCES

MDG

- Before SDGs
- **8 goals**
- **21 targets**
- **60 indicators**
- By one small group of tech experts
- Achieve ½ way by 2015 on hunger/_{poverty}
- For dev/LDCs; rich give to poor
- Ignored 3 pillars to end hunger
- Focus on Social dimension & health
- No focus on holistic development
- **Only about prevalent challenges**
- Hunger and poverty 'combined'
- Lower cost
- Aid flow funding
- Nothing on peacebuilding
- Nothing on monitoring, evaluation, accountability
- Quantity over quality (of education)

SDG

- After MDGs
- **17 goals**
- **169 targets**
- **232 indicators**
- By 30 UNOWG rep 70 countries with INTENSE multi-sector consultation
- Achieve zero hunger, poverty, child deaths +++++
- Targets/applies to all countries. All are to ACT
- Addresses 3 pillars; gender, people and government participation
- Inclusion, econ growth, health, environment, equity, HR, non-D
- Holistic development
- **Prevalent, present AND upcoming challenges ((BUT NO 'FORESIGHT'))**
- Poverty, hunger, food, nutrition addressed separately
- Much more costly
- Funding by means of inclusive economic development
- Peacebuilding is key to ending poverty and hunger
- BY 2020, significant increase in 'disaggregated' data, nationally-relevant
- Quality education for a more humane world

<https://www.publichealthnotes.com/mdgs-vs-sdgs-17-differences/>

2016* – *some* CONTEXT

(Crimea in Russia/Russia in Ukraine)

Mass terrorist attacks in Brussels, Orlando, Nice...

Paris Agreement signed

Attempted Coup in Turkey

YES to Brexit

Trump elected US President

Presidents impeached in Brazil and South Korea

Gotthard Tunnel opens

Duterte elected Philippines President

DPRK nuclear tests

UNSCR 2334 condemns “Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories”

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016>

*“the worst year ever?”

GOALS AGAIN?

GOAL 'TYPES'

I FOUND, ONLY IN ENGLISH

- Active/physical//tangible (prevention, mitigation, adaptation, recovery,)
- Passive/intellectual//intangible (more discussion, more clarity, more ambition)
- An act
- A package
- A program
- A process
- A (safe) place
- A (durable) condition
- A (desired/doable) objective
- A challenge
- Imposed, suggested, voluntary, obligatory
- Flexible for Timing, 'Space' for achievement, changes to Context
- Personal, professional, cultural, religious, hierarchical
- What I/we want, need, should do
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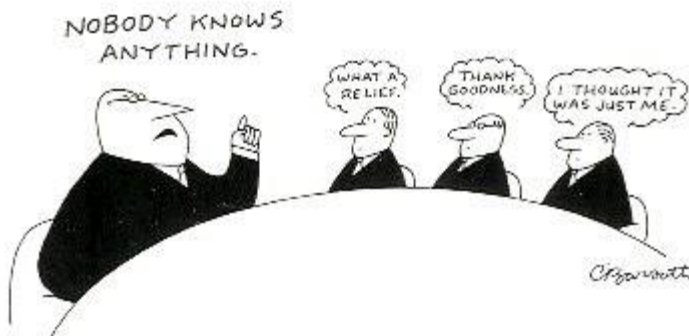


2023 – some CONTEXT

Overwhelming, inter-connected, churning, complexity



Nobody/No Body in control<> Everybody/Every Body in charge



WELL, THAT'S RUBBISH, YOU KNOW.
NOBODY CONTROLS ME. I'M
UNCONTROLLABLE. THE ONLY ONE WHO
CONTROLS ME IS ME, AND THAT'S JUST
BARELY POSSIBLE.

- JOHN LENNON -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2gLimvreVc>

PEAK UNPRECEDENTEDNESS

2023 – PEAK UNPRECEDENTEDNESS

“This was not the plan” (TF)

CLIMATE CHANGE DISASTERS: FIRES, FLOODS, HEAT BOMBS, LANDSLIDES,

POLITICAL CHAOS: MULTI-POLARITY, DISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT, COUPS, FLIP-FLOPS

SPORTS: SOCCER, TENNIS, BASEBALL,

AI: BANE OR BOON, APOCALYPSE OR VALHALLA (SOME MIDDLE GROUND APPEARING)

NATURE: MASSIVE MULTIPLE EARTHQUAKES; Afghanistan, Morocco, Turkey, dam failure

of MASS KILLINGS

HUMANITY IN MILLIONS IN EXTREME PERIL: EVACUATED, DISPLACED, DISAPPEARED, DESTROYED.....

INDIA, CHINA, ISRAEL.....

LOYALTY TO INDIVIDUALS

‘BRUTAL VOYERISM’

DE-GLOBALIZATION: FLEXIBLE BILATERALISM

INTENSIFYING INEQUALITY: OF WELL-BEING, OPPORTUNITY, ‘WEALTH’

NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE

NATO RESURGENT

BRICS to eleven members

UFOs ARE IMPORTANT ISSUE

OPIOD EPIDEMICS

UN DYSFUNCTION > UNSC IRRELEVANCE, P2-1-2

NEW EXPRESSION: transactional diplomacy/bilateralism, judder, urban doom loop, sacrifice zones, economic security state (46)

Frank Bruni, NYT Journalist
‘unprecedented is overused’

2024 'goal'-matters

US Presidential election **RESULTS**

UN - Summit **of** the Future (postponed from 2023)

UNSG - 'Our Common Agenda' https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Common_Agenda

Climate change **CONSEQUENCES/connections**

Ukraine ?

Middle East ?

Taiwan ?

Russia?

DPRK?

...meanwhile

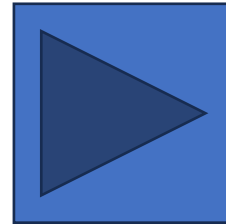
- .7%
- KYOTO ACCORD – COP 28 (4)
- WORLD ACADEMY OF ART AND SCIENCE: **SSG (5)**, HS4A, ER4H, E4HS...
- INTERNATIONAL CONFS ON SCIENCE AND WORLD AFFAIRS (8)
- MILLENNIUM PROJECT - **15 GLOBAL CHALLENGES**
- CLUB OF ROME – E4ALL ; **‘TURNAROUNDS’ (5)**
- INTNL INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (daily reports of many *meetings*)
- ECOCITY BUILDERS (many)
- ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION – “BIG BETS” book
- WORLD SUSTAINABILITY FORUM - many
- EARTH NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN (many)
- INTERACTION COUNCIL W/WORLD YOUTH COUNCIL (STRATEGY ‘X’)
- **GENEVA SCIENCE AND DIPLOMACY ANTICIPATOR**
- COALITION FOR THE UN WE NEED – C4UNWN

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AI, TI, WAPO CLIMATE COACH, HRC, G7, G20, QUAD, QUINT, NAM

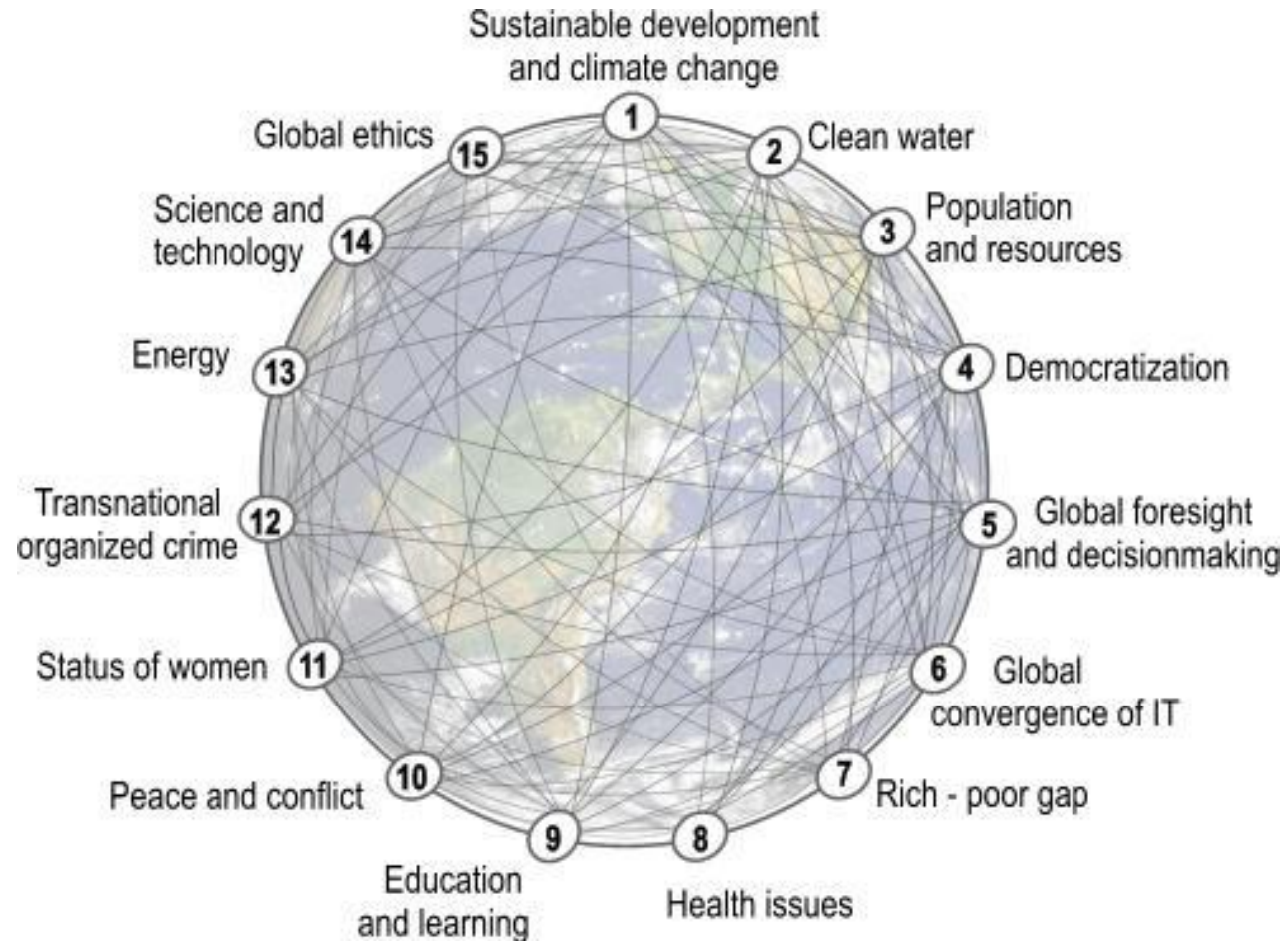
SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE

One PURPOSE(of five)



MILLENNIUM PROJECT

The State of the Future



E4ALL

THE 17 SDGS ARE 'assigned' to one of the FIVE TURNAROUNDS

TURNAROUNDS

1. POVERTY
2. INEQUALITY
3. EMPOWERMENT
4. FOOD
5. ENERGY

Table 1 – The five turnarounds, their SDG clusters and related policy interventions

| | Poverty turnaround | Inequality turnaround | Empowerment turnaround | Food turnaround | Energy turnaround |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| SDGs considered under the turnaround | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SDG 1: Poverty ▶ SDG 2: Zero Hunger ▶ SDG 6: Clean Water Sanitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing ▶ SDG 4: Quality Education ▶ SDG 5: Gender Equality ▶ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth ▶ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities ▶ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions ▶ SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals²⁷ | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SDG 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production ▶ SDG 14: Life Below Water ▶ SDG 15: Life On Land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SDG 7: Clean Energy ▶ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure ▶ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities ▶ SDG 13: Climate Action |
| Indicators modelled under the turnaround | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fraction of population living below US\$6.85/ per day ▶ Prevalence of undernourishment ▶ Safe water access ▶ Safe sanitation access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Average Wellbeing Index ▶ School life expectancy ▶ Female pre-tax labour income share ▶ Worker disposable income ▶ Ratio of owner incomes to worker incomes ▶ Public services per person total (k\$/p/y) ▶ Social tension | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fertiliser use (Mt/y) ▶ pH in ocean surface ▶ Expansion of cropland (Mha) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Electricity access ▶ CO₂ intensity ▶ Emissions per person ▶ Observed warming |
| Overall aim of the turnaround | GDP growth rate of at least 5% for lower-income countries until GDP per person is greater than \$15,000/year. | By 2030, the wealthiest 10% take less than 40% of national income. | Full gender equity in terms of agency, rights, resources and power in both law and employment. | A regenerative, sustainable food system that works for all within planetary boundaries. | Improved energy access for citizens of lower income countries. Zero emissions by 2040 through low-carbon energy sources and efficiencies. |

²⁷ The inequality and empowerment turnarounds are modelled together, so the same SDGs are examined.

WORLD SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Comment from Kenneth Stokes; senior WSF official 30 Aug 2023

I took particular note of the proposition associated with the UN Trusteeship Council. **In mid-to-late April 2023, the U.S. Biden administration and several other members of the G7 apparently rejected the Our Common Agenda's (OCA) proposal to re-purpose the Council.** It was a challenging proposition to begin with as it required the UNSC's approval. At the same time, **the G77+China have contested other proposals in the OCA pertaining to networked multilateralism. Moreover, they managed to postpone the OCA's call for a Summit of the Future from this September to September 2024.**

For almost a year, the World Sustainability Forum has been in close correspondence and frequently met with President of the UNGA Csaba Korosi who formally endorsed the Forum's recommendation for the UNGA to establish a [Commission on Human Responsibility](#). That recommendation drew upon concepts mooted in the OCA. Of relevance to the WAAS group discussion, **the Forum advocated for a globally networked Systemic Risk Foresight Facility (SRFF) to operationally support the Commission's work.** The Forum's recommendations were presented to the UNGA's policy forum in early April 2023. The Forum's recommendations, including the SRFF, and PGA Csaba Korosi's endorsement of them are known to UNSG A. Guterres. The Forum invited UNSG Guterres to embrace elements of the Forum's recommendation in the outcome documents of the Summit of the Future. **We are hopeful of a detailed response from the UNSG in the coming weeks.**

GESDA

GEVEVA SCIENCE AND DIPLOMACY ANTICIPATOR (2019)

- ...bridge government policy and science.....

“What we are trying to achieve with GESDA is new, and hence, difficult: To link anticipation that looks far ahead, with action that is immediate is a major challenge in itself,”

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/science/swiss-backed-project-aims-to-avert-new-cold-war-in-science/ar-AAPgDzh>

NEW GOALS?

CRITERIA for SUGGESTION

NEEDED

IMAGINABLE

TECHNOLOGICALLY PLAUSIBLE

HUMANLY DOABLE

FINANCIALLY AFFORDABLE

...WHILE ADMITTING BARRIERS AND OBSTACLES that include

PERSONALITIES, POLITICS, MULTIPOLARITY, POPULISM, NATIONALISM, WILLFUL BLINDNESS&DEAFNESS, fomo, fotu.....

GOALS 2045: aka 'Visions', or Flights of Fancy

SUPREME WORLD COURT

UNSC.2

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WORLD SUPREME COURT 2045

Justice delayed ispoor justice

Tens of THOUSANDS of 'alleged', 'suspected', or 'verified' cases of war crimes in Ukraine by only Russians. See also Sudan, Myanmar, ME, Nagorno-Karabakh,

International Court of Justice 1945: aka the World Court, is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations.

International Criminal Court 2002: It is the first and only permanent international court with jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.

Universal Jurisdiction over Genocide (+) under Conventional International Law *

Courts of 193 'sovereign' (UN member) states

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*Universal Jurisdiction over Genocide under conventional Intl Law UN Res 260 9 Dec 1948

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL.2

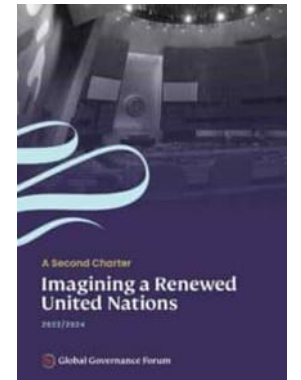
- At birth: 51 members - P5 plus five in two-year rotation, with monthly Presidency ((m2W))
- 1965: 117 members – P5 plus 10 in two-year rotation, *NO CHANGE*
- 2023: 193 members – *NO CHANGE*. 61 UN members have never been in the UNSC

2045

-Brazil and India are ‘permanent’ members

-UNSG is President

-Vice-President (operations) is a (second) UN Deputy Secretary-General



<https://www.democracywithoutborders.org/29633/declaration-calls-for-un-charter-review-study-group-presents-proposals/>

GLOBAL ANTICIPATION COUNCIL 2045

“THIS WAS NOT THE PLAN”

....because ‘we’ did not look ahead honestly enough and in time to gain insights into what should have been, if not ‘on the radar screen’, ‘anticipated’ in enough detail to **plan** to be better prepared for some of the ‘unprecedented’ events and conditions.

A ‘Kyoto Accord’- like consortium of public, private and civil society organizations formally active in ‘Foresight’.

‘Self’-funded?? Billionaires?? Global tax??

‘Executive’ includes the World Youth Council, GESDA, The Elders ??