



tt30 – the young think tank of the Club of Rome

1. About

Year of foundation: 2000/2001

Number of members: 31 regular members, 3 associate members

Legal status: registered under the umbrella of The Club of Rome

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2. Activities 2005/2006

Web of the Problematique

tt30 adopted the World Problematique as the central concept for its work. The think tank considers it as important to provide an agenda of themes that it sees as priorities in a global context from the perspective of the young generation. tt30 presents the results of its discussions in this regard in a graphical format in its "Web of the Problematique". The graphical approach was chosen to highlight the complexity of the Problematique and the interdependence of the issues as well as a potential rebound effects. The web can be read as an agenda, from the perspective of the coming generation, of the central challenges humanity is facing.

Most recently, tt30 has launched a beta version website to create a knowledge repository and platform for collaboration involving the whole group. The website is located at <http://www.hallofnations.com> (temporarily) and contains some content generated by tt30 members, especially the Web of Problematique project group. Further content and project updates will be highlighted on this *wiki*-based website by each group. Members will be able to edit and modify the content independently.

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Knowledge Sharing across Cultures

The aim of the project is to explore issues of communication amongst different types of knowledge (e.g. technological, scientific, policy making, local, indigenous, corporate etc.). 'Knowledge sharing' is a term to express the movement of different types of information and knowledge (i.e. "knowledges") from one location to another and the integration of these knowledges into different socio-cultural contexts. The project seeks to analyse different approaches to knowledge sharing in terms of both policy-making and practical experiences of practitioners.

The KS project seeks information to respond to tt30's Web of the Problematique's three pillars of 'unequal access to goods, information and technology', 'conflict and disruption of value systems', and 'lack of good governance' by exploring the idea that multi-cultural communication integrating different types of knowledges is important in building a better world and improving governance. In order to gain insights into practical expertise of both policy-making and practical expertise, the KS project team has designed two surveys to be disseminated among policy-makers and practitioners.

Please contact the project group if you are involved with or aware of a project that includes communication of different types of knowledge or engages with cross-cultural communications. We will be happy to extend to you a questionnaire.

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ICT for Education & Development

The ICT for Education & Development projects have several milestones, all of them related to information & communication technologies as a key medium to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and particularly "Education for All".

After the group was created last year in Rio de Janeiro, the team has carried out the following tasks:

- Contributions within the World Summit on the Information Society: actively presenting tt30 and supporting the participation of the Club of Rome within the event in Tunis (November 2005).
- Elaboration of a book dealing with ICT and development. This book is to be presented in September in Nigeria. There are three parts in the book: technologies for development, ICT supporting the MDGs and case studies. Participants are tt30 members as well as Associate CoR members and members of academia and international organizations.
- Co-organization of the conference "ICT for Education and Development: Reinventing Africa's Future". This conference will be held in Abuja immediately after the tt30 Annual meeting.

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Beyond Oil

This project is developing a study which will determine the readiness of the economies of oil producing countries for the time when oil is no longer available as their main income generator. The analysis includes economies of 26 countries using at least 15 different criteria. A study of the 26 countries for the "Beyond Oil" era will be completed with a league table ranking all 26 surveyed countries.

In order to ensure that the results of the findings are calibrated as close as possible to reality, the criteria chosen to assess each country measures different categories. These include forecasted economic performance. Another criterion will measure the political framework of the surveyed country, which will measure factors such as lack of corruption and press freedom. The project will also measure society and future skills environment of the country. Factors which will be measured will include how much each country is investing in its human resources, which are one of the most important elements for the success of beyond oil projects. The results of the project will be available at the beginning of July. Comments are welcome.

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The Limits to Force: Redefining Leadership

When it comes down to the core problem of humankind's various crises, no matter what one's focus is, almost always the core issue is a problem of human will. Most major problems in this world that are persistent enough to be deemed a "crisis," can be solved with relatively simple changes in human actions that, collectively, make the difference. If everybody made better life choices, shared more, consumed less, valued peace over violence, behaved honestly and responsibly, cared about the environment, etc., the world's problems would seem much more manageable and many crises could be averted altogether. Yet the operative word here is "everybody." There still exists insufficient means for controlling human behavior on a micro-level.

So what, in reality, is a crisis of human will? It is a crisis of leadership. The project "The Limits to Force" examines what it means to be a leader. The focus of this inquiry is leadership for sustainable development.

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Renewable Energy Technologies

The contribution of various Renewable Energy Technologies (RET) to the African energy market has been investigated. Particular attention has been paid to the importance of RET to African development in general and to the ICT in particular. The outcome of this will be in the form of a chapter contributed to a book published following the 2006 tt30 Annual Meeting in Nigeria. Further work will be carried out to demonstrate the application of the concept of the "RET Triangle" with particular focus on Nigeria.

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Holistic Literacy for Sustainable Humans

Beyond doubt education plays a key role in promoting deep understanding as well as good practices favourable for sustainable development. The concept of holistic literacy (or *holiteracy*) in this context refers to elementary knowledge and practical skills allowing an individual to better understand the relevance of their individual actions in relation to both local and global future system sustainability. Holistic literacy implies interdisciplinary outlook including interrelations between social, economic, environmental, cultural, technological and value-system related aspects.

This project's focus is to promote holistic understanding of various mechanisms and processes critical for long-term global system sustainability. Such an understanding, or a *culture of holistic thinking*, is of utmost importance.

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3. Publications

tt30: *Letters to the Future* (Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome: Seville 2005)

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please contact tt30 for a complimentary copy

Abstract:

Letters to the Future builds on the richness of tt30's diversity. It features a short book of letters. Letters provide some suggestions about our generation's point of view of the world: what we think about the current situation and what we fear and hope for the future. From the beginning, the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome has kindly supporting the project.

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