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Hidden Dimensions

THE KEY DISRUPTION OF THE FUTURE (NEEDS TO BE TRUST)

The world has turned into a global village, technological progress has reduced distances, and global political and economic processes create countless new opportunities for cooperation. Meanwhile, we face growing inequality and increased security threats arising along a number of social axes. Complex and dynamic challenges can no longer be resolved through approaches to which we have grown accustomed.

Therefore, the future can no longer be understood through forecasts, but needs to be perceived through the prism of strategic anticipation and tools such as megatrends, scenarios and disruptions. However, a clearer picture of the future is only a first step, enabling the identification of the problems, but not their resolution. Climate change, a new emerging economic crisis, migration and other challenges will affect us all, so we must ask ourselves how we intend to deal with them.

Growing tensions are already threatening security around the world, and emerging challenges and new threats in particular may further erode trust at all levels (between generations, nations, states, interest and social groups, etc.). This might fuel tension and generate additional threats, leading to an even more precarious security situation. Therefore, trust is vital for ensuring a future of well-being and security, despite inevitable disruptions.

We will address the issue of trust by seeking answers to the question of how we measure it, whether we understand the factors that affect it and how we can contribute to reversing the global trend of eroding trust in all social contexts.