

The World in 2050 (TWI2050) Drivers for Transformation: “Development”

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Scope

Development encompasses all, so the main scoping criterion here was to avoid overlap with the other drivers captured in this session:

Population & Human Capital;

ICT;

Investment & GDP growth;

Food;

Urban Infrastructure; Energy;

Planetary boundaries; Biodiversity & Ecosystems; Air Quality; Water.

-> Emphasis on Social Development dimensions

Key challenges for social development

- Quality of life (well-being, fulfillment, peace & security, freedom of beliefs, liberty of expression and of access to information)
- Meeting of basic services and needs (nutrition, housing, sanitation, education & culture, health, pension, transport)
- Employment (decent jobs) AND leisure time (x work load)
- Adequate and sustainable level of consumption
- Reduction of inequalities (between genders, income classes, ethnic groups, countries), enhanced equality of opportunities, sense of belonging, empowerment

What drives social development

- Economic development
- Social policies
- Technical change
- Performance of key institutions (political representation, justice)
- Culture and moral values

What does social development drive

- “Happiness” (more social development)
- Solidarity with future (and present) generations
- Improved institutional building, accountability and governance
- Economic productivity and development
- Environmental sustainability