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Topics:

• A) Why foresight capacities are needed, more than before, and what weaknesses to overcome,
• B) The main issues developing countries should address to better implement their SDGs,
• C) How to reinforce or create institutions responsible for strategic foresight,
• D) The need to link prospective scenarios, strategy, and politics.

The Future does not exist; it is built by human beings.
Why to strengthen foresight capabilities:

- The fulfillment of SDG will require reinforced foresight units:
  - Vision and coordination to better implement and perform are required;
  - At this point strategic foresight will acquire higher priority;
  - Countries that start first will be better placed.

From WHAT to HOW
Why to strengthen foresight capabilities (2): Developed countries taking the lead


The elaboration of strategies in Latin America is sporadic

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Main issues that developing countries need to anticipate:

- Six trends for developing countries:
  - Disruptive technologies
  - Natural resource scarcity
  - Demographic changes and the displacement of power
  - Urbanization
  - Climate change
  - Democratic governability

- Strategic goals for Latin American countries:
  - Advancing democracy
  - Transformation of productive infrastructure
  - Social inclusion
  - Regional cooperation and integration
  - Action on climate change

- Other goals related to the SGDs:
  - Education
  - Natural resources
  - Education
  - Asia
  - Governance
Foresight and strategy capacities require new institutions

- Advisory boards to the President or Prime Minister
- Interdisciplinary
- Not distant from short-term decision making
- Open
- Collaborating in international and regional networks
- Institutionalizing technological forecasting
Strategic prospective and politics

- Political commitment is key
- Prospective studies provide attractive elements for a narrative
- Future studies can facilitate building a convergent vision and therefore enhance social and political agreements
- Citizen participation and open and transparent debates that inform and educate public opinion may help solve recognized complex problems.
- Prospective studies and strategies should provide inputs for improving policies and delivering results
- Strategies consistent with national patterns, realities, structures, behaviors and values
Thank you