### Global megatrends and future research.

### The role of think tanks in knowledge dissemination and policy advice.

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*Abstract: This paper aims to shed light on the role of think tanks in knowledge dissemination and policy advice in the field of global megatrends and future research. Diverse think tanks engage in megatrends and future studies and strategic foresight. They are setting agendas and are influencing decision-makers though often in an implicit rather than an explicit way. Based on an analysis of the evolving landscape of think tanks and on interviews with diverse think tanks in different countries and regions, this paper provides practical insights into the interaction of think tanks with policymakers, business leaders, asset managers, and the wider public and their contribution to megatrends analysis and future research.*

Interview questions:

1. Which are your key strategies and challenges in reaching out, influencing your target audience and, thus, creating impact? How is your organization positioning itself within the landscape of think tanks, nonprofits in your country or region or globally?
2. How did the focus and scope of your work evolve in the past years? Did you extend your network, in which directions?
3. Do you connect to megatrends and future research in your work? If yes, how relevant are megatrends analysis, future research or strategic foresight studies for your work and on which aspects and methods are you focusing? If no, how do you perceive the proliferation of megatrends, future research and strategic foresight studies from the perspective of your think tank?
4. How do you see the landscape of think tanks evolving in the next years, in your country or globally? Which topical and methodological trends do you perceive?

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