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Geopolitical realities and COVID-19 impact on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of SDGs

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Looking at the big picture

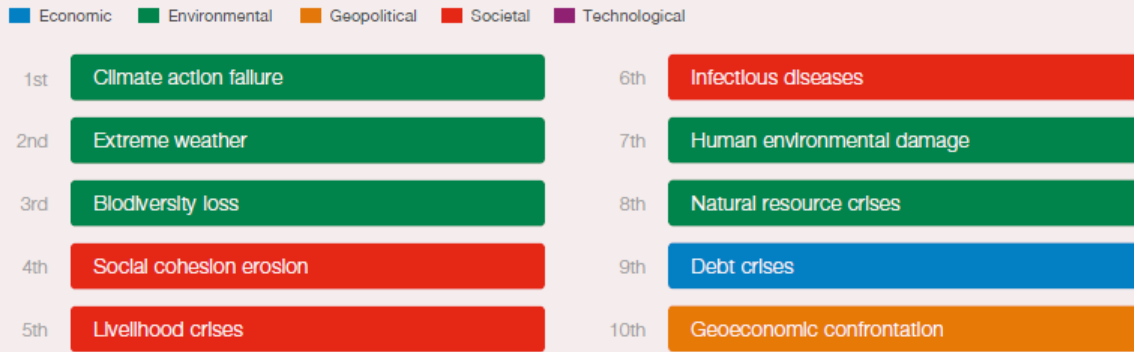
There are big currents of change at a global scale that have the potential to affect the development of nations even beyond 2030. These forces are known as **megatrends**.

- Population aging
- Rapid global urbanization
- Increasing social inequalities
- Crisis of liberalism and globalization
- Polynodal world
- Innovation and technology development acceleration
- Climate Change and environment degradation
- Natural resources scarcity
- Illnesses pattern changes



There are major risks but also opportunities in the horizon.

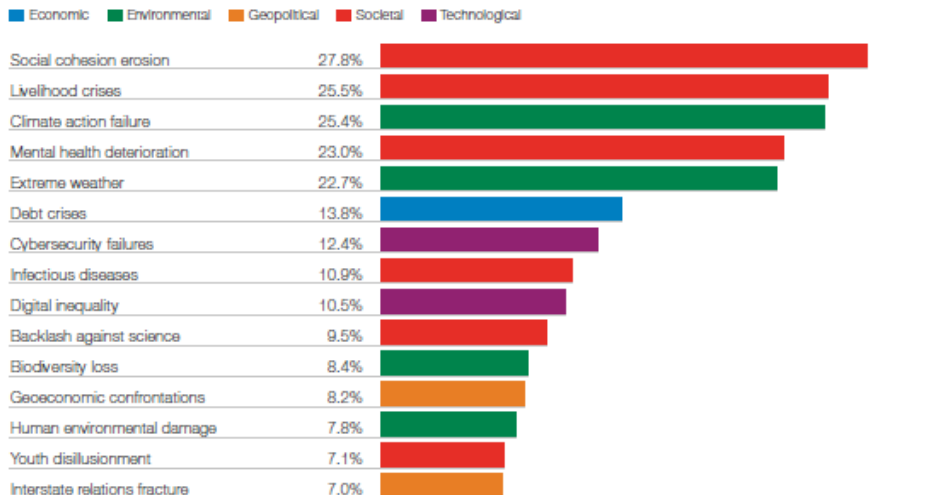
“Identify the most severe risks on a global scale over the next 10 years”



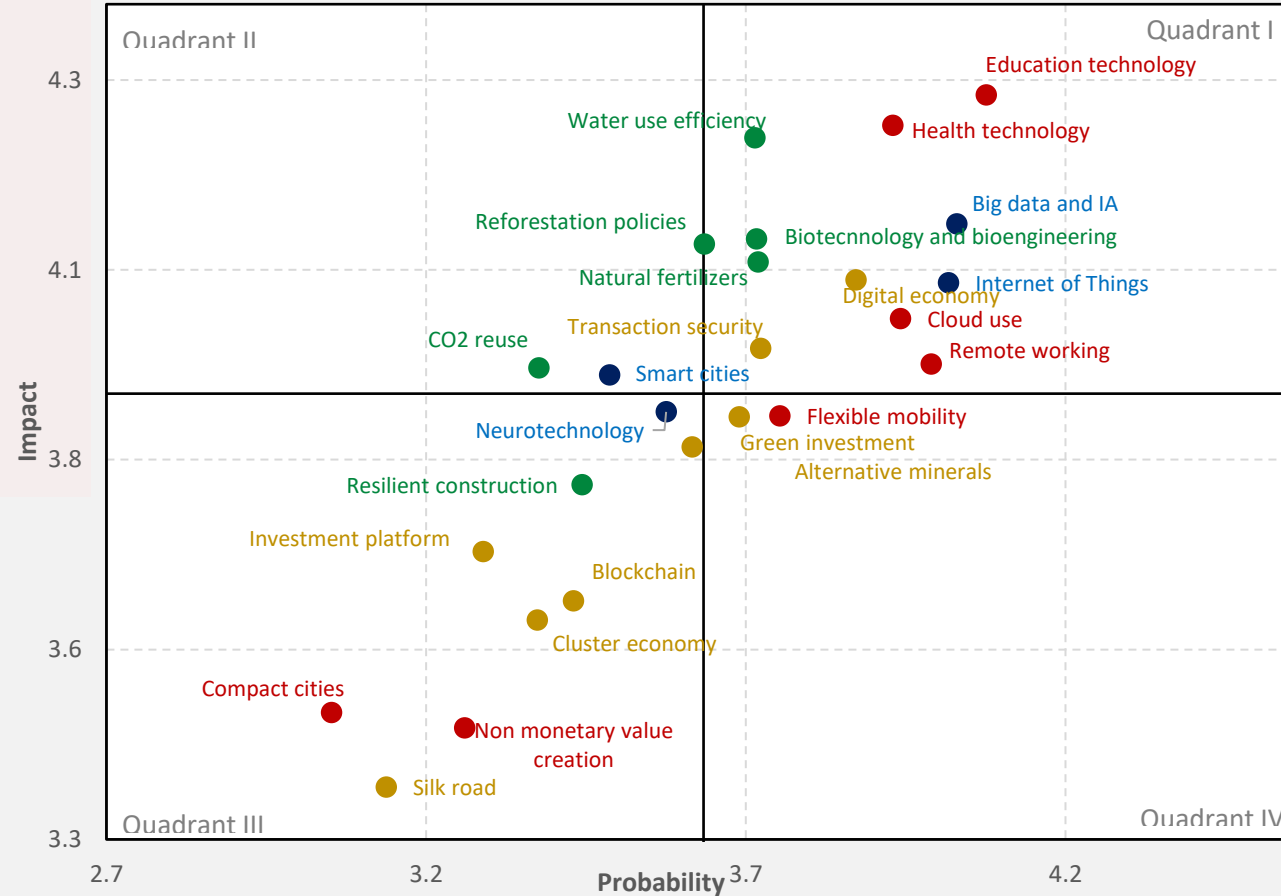
Source: World Economic Forum Global Risks Perception Survey 2021-2022

COVID-19 Hindsight

Risks that worsened the most since the start of the COVID-19 crisis



Global and national opportunities 2022-2032



Source: National experts - Risk and Opportunities - Delphi. Ceplan 2022.

However, disruptive events could happen anytime.

So, we have to be aware of 'heralds of change'.

Weak signals: first indicators of a change or an emerging issue that may become significant in the future.



Children and teenagers overexposure to screens



Increase in conflicts – more social polarization



Tensions between superpowers for global hegemony



Democracy fragility



Narcostate



Educational regression due to COVID-19



Families erosion



Automations and AI impact on work and employment

And prepare even for the improbable.

Wildcards: low probability but high impact events



Accelerated insertion of women in STEM



Superpowers in open conflict



Cybersecurity major failure generates chaos



New pandemic due to antibiotics resistance



Irreversible damages to biodiversity menace survival of ecosystems

We have to question our future, to generate new visions and strategies

Answering these profound questions can help individuals and organizations to initiate transformation

1. What is the **history** of the issue? What events and trends have created the present? (*current situation analysis*)
2. What are your **predictions** for the future? If current trends continue, what will the future look like? (*trending scenario analysis*)
3. What are the **hidden assumptions** of the future predicted by you? Is there anything that is taken for granted (for example, in terms of gender, nature, technology or culture)? (*causal layered analysis*)
4. What **alternatives** would there be to the future predicted or feared by you? If you changed some of your assumptions, what alternatives would emerge? (*alternative scenario analysis*)
5. How is your **desired future**? (*visioning*)
6. How did you get here? What **steps** did you **take** to understand the present? (*backcasting*)
7. Is there any **supporting speech or story**? If not, set up a metaphor or story that can provide cognitive and emotional support for understanding the desired future. (*inspiring*)

