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Strategic Foresight tools play a key role in the fields of Design and Urban planning, and offer a bright future for cities across the world. According to some recent statistics

**“68%  
of the world population  
is projected to live in  
urban areas by 2050”<sup>1</sup>.**

Furthermore, urban planners and designers aim to develop cities around the world to apply new development plans, strategies and create new landscapes and design features, in order to make cities more resilient, functional, sustainable and attractive.

Therefore, integrating foresight in design thinking and urban planning aims to connect a network of cities in the world, which can be possible through more dynamic and effective government and civil society participation, as well as engagement from scholars to promote sustainable development. Strategic foresight has highlighted the need to create a comprehensive vision for the cities around the world in order to create a long-term planning for the future of cities.

In this perspective, Foresight experts are aware of the benefits and opportunities of connecting Foresight to Urban Planning and Design procedures to overcome the challenges and create urban sustainability.

1. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), (2018).

Decision-makers need to rely on new emerging solutions and approaches given the current global situation marked by rising issues such as climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic crisis as well as socio-economic issues.

Given the dynamic nature of designing, it is definitely a field that helps to trigger and generate creative thinking. Nowadays, designers explore their innovation and creativity into tangible ideas so that they can be used in a design thinking process.

The designers explore their talent and creative thinking, Design skills are needed in tomorrow's workplace. Designing is considered as a discipline that offers creative and innovative ideas. In addition, a designer has the capability to use its design skills to innovate and transform customer experiences.

The future of work is empowered by design. Designers are capable of creating a design landscape and integrate knowledge and methods from various disciplines to enable and promote innovation and creativity.

The Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO, under its ambition of anticipating future trends, will organize a training and roundtable on **"Foresight, Design and Urban Planning"** that will be held on **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at ICESCO Headquarters.**

This roundtable and Training are dedicated to scholars and academics from colleges of architecture, architects, urban planners, Institutes of architects, arts and design, interior designers, and researchers from different academic fields. It promises boosting the right skills and will be presented by renowned experts in the fields of Foresight, Design, and Urban planning to inform and underline the importance of linking Foresight to Design and Urban Planning.

This roundtable and immersive training aim to raise awareness on the importance of foresight methods in the fields of design and urban planning. It will serve as an opportunity to support the decision makers in their quest to ensure a sustainable future for the cities of the Islamic world and beyond and shed the light on the importance of linking foresight to design and urban planning. The training experience aims to provide the attendees and participants a very enriching experience with practical tools to critically assess their skills and competencies to adopt the right mind-set and motivation in the future.

# Objectives Objectives Objectives Objectives Objectives

This round table and Training provide an opportunity to answer the following objectives:

- Share the best practices and foster the understanding of Foresight, Design and Urban Planning,
- Raise awareness and showcase the important role of Foresight tools in the field of Design and Urban planning,
- Promote the culture of Anticipation and Foresight to support the decision makers to ensure a sustainable future,
- Identify current trends in the field and how they can be useful in the future,
- **Shed** the light on the importance of Design thinking,
- **Provide** training and learning opportunities on necessary skills for a sustainable approach to Foresight, Urban planning, and Design.





## Expected Outcomes

Foresight, Design and Urban Planning” Roundtable & Training is intended to achieve the following desired outcomes:

- **Organize** a roundtable and training on Foresight, Design and Urban Planning.
- **Build** a strong long-lasting network of expert in the fields of Foresight, Design and Urban planning.
- **Introducing** the participants to important tools and skills in the fields of Foresight, Design, and Urban planning.
- **Help** the participants to acquire and strengthen knowledge, skills & competencies to deepen their understanding and providing insight for action-driven initiatives.
- **Produce** a final report about the main takeaways and findings of discussion during the roundtable and Training.



# Audience Audience Audience Audience Audience



Scholars and Academics from colleges of Architecture.



Architects.



Urban planners & designers.



Institutes of architects, arts and design.



Interior designers, and researchers from different academic fields.

# Methodology Methodology Methodology Methodology Methodology

The event will rely on a participatory approach through the organization of a High-Level Roundtable, and immersive training to discuss the importance of Foresight, Design and Urban planning, alongside networking sessions.

The training is intended and designed to be highly interactive, encouraging discussions and interactions between participants and experts.





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