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