

THE WORLD SUMMIT  
OF THE COMMITTEES  
OF THE FUTURE 2022

12 – 13 OCTOBER | HELSINKI | FINLAND



PARLIAMENT  
OF FINLAND

# THE PERSPECTIVE OF ART ON FUTURES

Presentation: Ama Ofeibea Amponsah, VIDEO PRESENTATION  
Director of Ásikó Art School, Curator,  
Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos  
Performance: Lávre Johan Eiran, Artist  
Ailu Valle, Artist



# COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

A world map in a dark blue color, centered on the Atlantic Ocean. The country of Austria is highlighted in a lighter shade of blue. A small white arrow points to the highlighted area, with the word "Austria" written in white text next to it.

Austria



→ 9.40 – 9.50

# AUSTRIA

Ms. Therese Niss

MP, Committee for Research, Innovation  
and Digitalization, Austrian National Council



→ 9.50 – 12.00

# DISCUSSION

Committees' Suggestions  
for important Future Topics

Joint Statement

Collaboration and next World Summits



Committee Suggestion

# PATH 2222

Ms. Kristiina Salonen, MP

Mr. Ville Kaunisto, MP

Committee for the Future, Parliament of Finland



# TECHNOLOGY AND THE PAST & FUTURE OF HUMANKIND

Wheel

Farming

Alphabet

Taxation

Electricity

Vaccines

Combustion engine

Internet

*Neural networks*

*Robotisation*

*Positioning solutions*

*AI-services*

*Genome editing*

*Solar power*

*Synthetic speech*

Due to the maturing of many radical technologies, the coming decades will see transformative changes in many sectors of industry and in how people's day-to-day life is organised.

How do we direct the potential of technology for the ecological reconstruction of the economy?



# HUMANITY IN 200 YEARS?

*Technology vs. biology?*

*Digitalisation vs. brains?*

*Virtuality vs. bodies?*

*Planetary boundaries vs. values?*

*Crises vs. cultural evolution?*

**Will someone living in 2222 experience their body and physical health as well as humanity and communality in the same way as someone living in 2022?**

**How do we support the development of an ecosocial civilisation – humanity that strives to establish a balanced equilibrium between human activity and the limits of our planet?**





# ALGORITHMS MANIPULATING OUR INNER CAVEMAN

*Excitement*

*Source-criticism?*

*Provocation*

*Objectivity?*

*Opinion*

*Information?*

*Like-mindedness*

*Tolerance?*

*Division*

*Democracy?*

*Information influence*

*Freedom of speech?*

The owners of those media algorithms that best appeal to our emotions can most effectively drive their own agenda

How can we guarantee reliable and credible information on the global situation and on the state of the world?



# OF WHAT IS HOPE BORN?

*Loneliness vs. belonging*

*Fear vs. trust*

*Anxiety vs. meaningfulness*

*Hopelessness vs. resilience*

Everyone should feel inclusion  
in the community

The hope young people have,  
in particular, must be nurtured.

What does it require at  
the level of the individual to  
achieve a good future?



# WE NEED FUTURE SKILLS

*Future consciousness:*

*Understanding causality*

*Systemic thinking*

*Beliefs of agency*

*Perceived responsibility*

*Openness to alternative*

Our understanding of the future is based on our reasoning structures, values and on the limits of what we are able to imagine.

Future skills make it possible to imagine and strive for good futures, keeping people functional when faced with uncertainty.

How can we develop future skills into a civic skill equal to literacy?



A futuristic digital globe with a robotic hand and a human hand interacting with it. The globe is glowing with blue and purple light, surrounded by a network of lines and nodes. A white robotic hand is positioned at the top right, touching the globe. A human hand is positioned at the bottom, reaching up towards the globe. The background is dark with blue and purple light effects.

# The Future Committee

## Parliament of Iceland

Lilja Rannveig Sigurgeirsdóttir,  
vice-chair



A. The Future Committee of the Parliament of Iceland suggests to discuss the following future challenges or opportunities at the Committees of the Future Summits beyond 2022:

- ❖ The future of democracy.
- ❖ Technological changes leading to sustainable and fair transition and prosperity.
- ❖ Demographic changes.

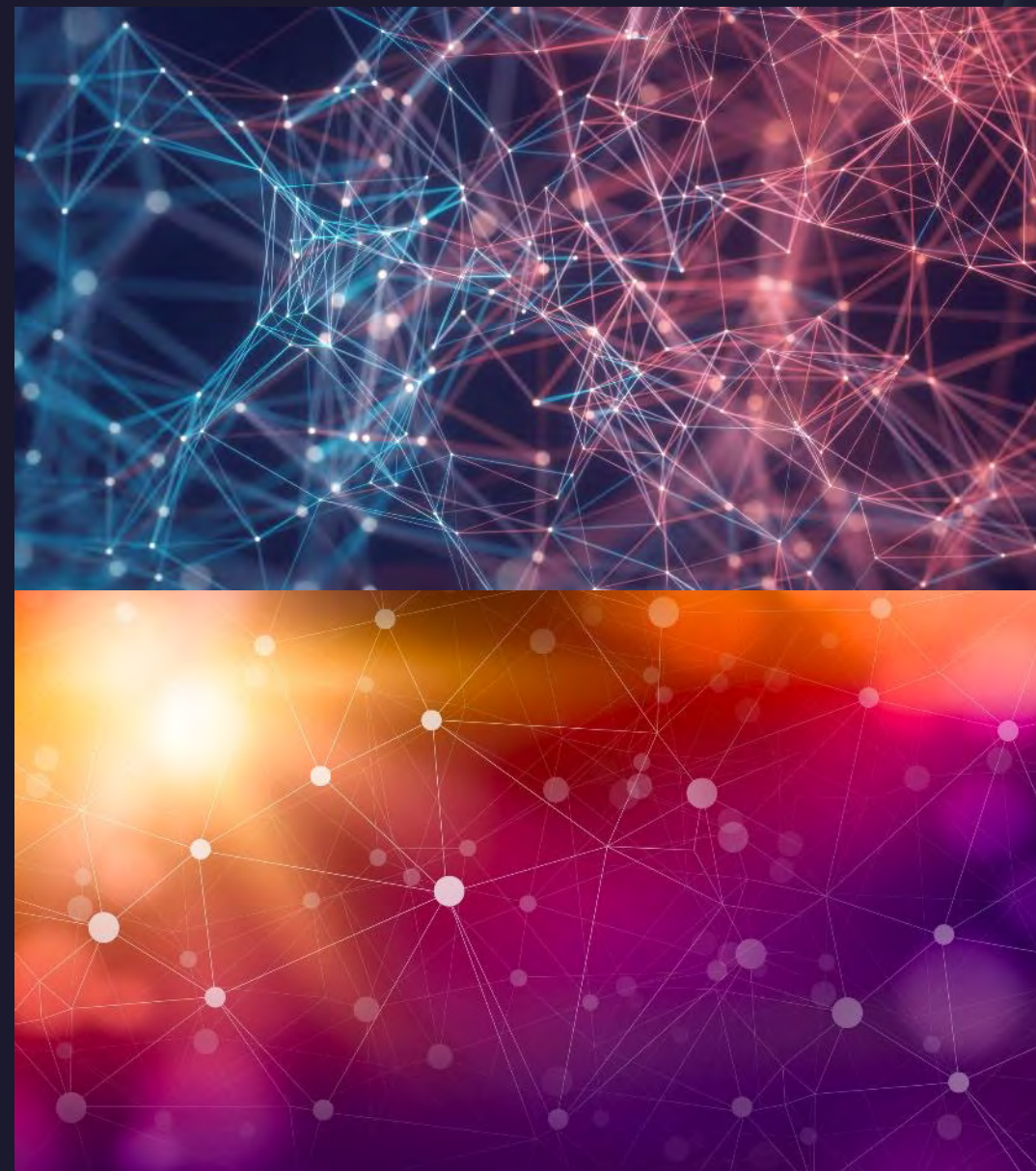
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B. The committee proposes a mutual website for the committees with shared vocabulary and examples of best practices in strategic foresight and scenarios planning to facilitate networking and collaboration.



Lilja Rannveig Sigurgeirsdóttir, vice-chair  
Future Committee  
Parliament of Iceland  
[www.althingi.is](http://www.althingi.is)



# **Suggestions for Joint Future Activity**

Committee for the Future of the Seimas, Lithuania

Helsinki, 12 October 2022



## Suggestions for Future Topics

1. Clarifying and promoting purpose and scope of CFF in Parliamentary activity.
2. Role of Parliaments in promoting and strengthening the ecosystem of anticipatory governance.
3. Supporting global and regional Parliamentary and Governmental agendas for the future.
4. Embedding and developing Parliamentary technology foresight.
5. Guarding the future of democracy.

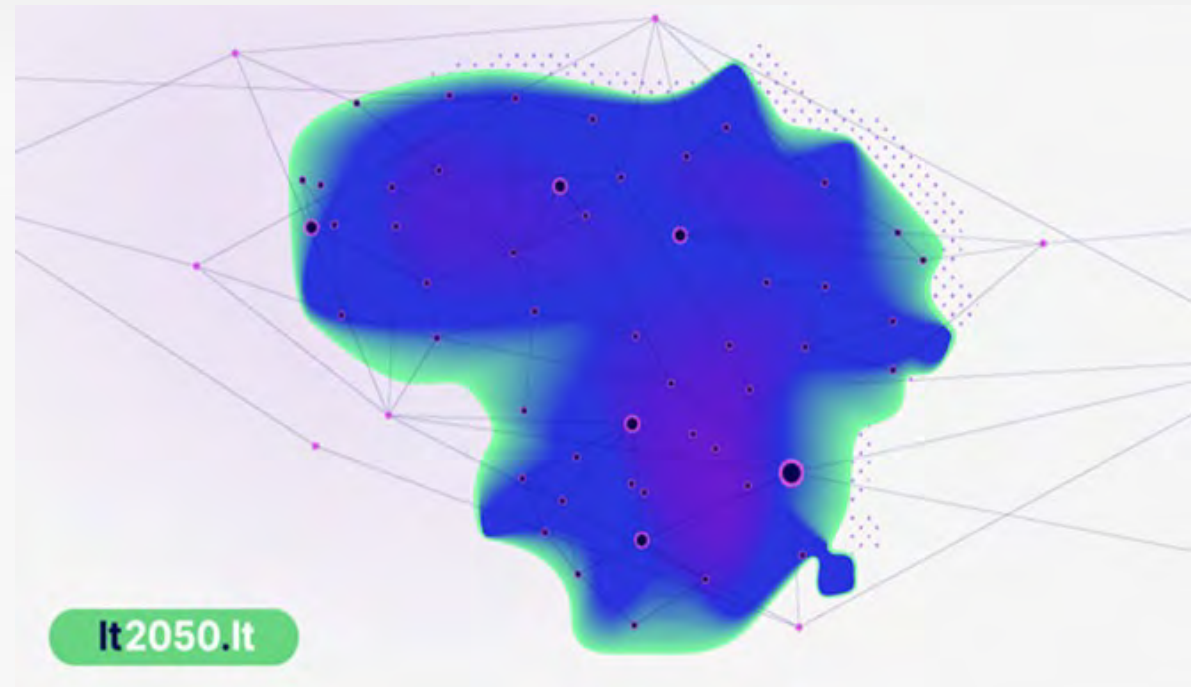
## THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD

12-14 May 2023

The Seimas, Vilnius, Republic of  
Lithuania

Open to:

- Parliamentary Committees for the Future and their equivalents
- Parliamentary knowledge services
- Experts on anticipatory governance



## Why Vilnius?

In 2023, Vilnius will celebrate its 700th anniversary as a capital city of Lithuania. In 1323, the Sovereign of Lithuania Gediminas sent over 20 letters to European cities inviting tradesmen, knights, the clergy and craftsmen to establish themselves in his royal city and promising them legal, religious and cultural tolerance. The ethno political, cultural and confessional diversity and European political identity expressed in Gediminas' letters remain relevant to Lithuania for 700 years.



## Overall topics

1. Embedding the future in parliamentary practice: theoretical considerations and practical cases
2. Parliamentary futures technologies: empowering, consensus building, legitimisation, oversight
3. Geostrategic foresight, modelling and scenarios
4. Conflict and peace in the geostrategic perspective
5. Geostrategic impact on social and economic policies
6. Prospects for the development of democracy and parliamentarianism
7. Streamlining policies for survival, coexistence and well-being of humanity
8. The role of technology foresight in parliamentary futures



## Main foci

1. Conflict and Peace: world after war in Ukraine
2. Politics of Life Sciences: Biotechnology, Epigenetics and what next
3. Our Digital Future: support to and regulation of Quantum Computing, AI and Metaverse



# JOINT STATEMENT



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The Committees of the Future have gathered to The World Summit of the Committees of the Future in Helsinki on 12 – 13 October 2022. The World Summit is the first time that parliamentary committees whose responsibilities relate to reviewing long-term future developments have convened globally.

In this context, the participants of the World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2022 state the following:

- Achieving peace and a balance between the wellbeing of the people and that of the planet require increased future-orientation in decision-making. Parliaments are the most appropriate institutions to support this.
- Committees of the Future are a tool for parliaments and their members to increase the future-orientation in decision-making. Committees of the Future review phenomena, developments and alternatives that could be relevant for the future and relate these to decision-making.
- Phenomena driving the future development of countries are often transnational. Inter-parliamentary and inter-cultural futures dialogue is therefore useful for recognising emerging challenges and common interests. It is also a means to learn about new ways to do futures-related work in different parliaments.

- The Committees of the Future continue to meet in World Summits of the Committees of the Future.
- Committees of the Future encourage the creation of new committees of the future as well as other mechanisms to support future-oriented decision-making in parliaments around the world.
- Any committee of the future can host a World Summit of the Committees of the Future. The World Summits will be arranged every October.
- The next host will be decided in each World Summit.
- The host of the next official World Summit of the Committees of the Future will be Uruguay 2023.
- The committee that hosts the World Summit can freely design the agenda of the meeting and to invite any committee of the future, including new entrants.
- We encourage the Committees of the Future to stay actively in touch with each other between the World Summits – the next possibilities being “The Future of the World Congress” in Vilnius, Lithuania 12 – 13 May 2023 and the “Congress of the Future 2023”, Santiago, Chile in 16 – 22 January 2023.



# COLLABORATION AND NEXT WORLD SUMMITS





# CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Joakim Strand

Chairman of the Committee for the Future



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