A platform for environmental & societal foresight

Thinking together to illuminate the future
The Veolia Institute

Designed as a platform for discussion and collective thinking, the Veolia Institute has been exploring the future at the crossroads between society and the environment since it was set up in 2001. Its mission is to think together to illuminate the future.

Working with the global academic community, it facilitates multi-stakeholder analysis to explore emerging trends, particularly the environmental and societal challenges of the coming decades.

Committed to tackling the major challenges facing our societies, the Institute focuses on a wide range of issues related to the future of urban living as well as sustainable production and consumption (cities, urban services, environment, energy, health, agriculture, etc).

Internationally recognized as a legitimate platform for exploring global issues, the Veolia Institute has official NGO observer status under the terms of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Foresight Committee

Drawing on the expertise and international reputation of its members, the Foresight Committee guides the work of the Veolia Institute and steers its development.

Harvey FINEBERG
President of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Former President of the US Institute of Medicine

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International lawyer, Former Prime Minister of Quebec, Chair of the Foresight Committee

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Former Managing Director of the World Bank, Former Vice-Chancellor of Cape Town University

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Our international network

Over the years, the Veolia Institute has built up a high-level international network of academic and scientific experts, universities and research bodies, policymakers, NGOs, and international organizations.

The Institute’s insights

The Veolia Institute Review - FACTS Reports

This international and interdisciplinary review is a vehicle for compiling and sharing the experiences and expertise of different stakeholders, by combining feedback from the field and expert analysis.

Our conferences

The Institute organizes conferences on foresight issues addressed in The Veolia Institute Review - FACTS Reports.

Our foresight discussions

Facilitating contact with high-level experts to discuss emerging trends for Veolia’s top executives and managers:

- The Veolia Institute Talks
- Foresight working groups.

Recent issues:

- Artificial intelligence & robotics in the city
- Common goods
- Indoor air quality
- Plastics
- Resilient cities
- Smart cities
- Urban farming
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