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**OUR NEXT MEETING****March 3, 2022**

Happenings

WORLD FUTURES DAY - MARCH 1st: Join folks in this 24 hour around-the-world open conversation on the future known as World Futures Day. The Millennium Project organizes global conversations for both futurists and the public to discuss challenges and opportunities for building a better future for all. Anyone can join the conversation at any time of the day. **Be sure to join this interactive and insightful day of futures.** (POC: [Jerome Glen](#))

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – MARCH 8TH: International Women's Day is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women's achievements and raise awareness about women's equality. In honor of this day consider the **Women in Innovation Awards**. The first and only accolades that celebrate and elevate women, and those championing women, in the field of innovation. Know of women in foresight paving the way? Be sure to submit nominations by April 1. (POC: [Women In Innovation](#))

TRAINING: BUILDING ALTERNATIVE FUTURES SCENARIOS: Enroll in Institute for the Future's **Scenario Building training** to learn the step-by-step process of crafting visionary scenarios. Learn IFTF's unique approach – part analysis, part art – to design plausible, provocative paths to multiple futures. The course runs from March 23 – April 8 in 5 live-online sessions over 3 weeks. Government and non-profit discounts are available. (POC: [Cindy Baskin](#))

WEBINAR: ASP GOVERNMENT COP: Registration is now open for the next Association for Strategic Planning Government CoP webinar which will be held March 10. Speaker includes the Grant Thornton Public Sector group who will discuss a report released last fall, *Meeting the Moment: Tips for Turning Strategic Plans into Results* along with their latest development in Federal agency strategic planning. Be sure to RSVP. (POC: [Woody Stanley](#))

Admin & Announcements

FFCOI MARKS ITS 9TH ANNIVERSARY: Help us celebrate on March 27th as FFCOI celebrates 9 years! Thank you to all the past, present, and future members who help keep the FFCOI going strong over the years. Your dedication and support over the years is what keeps FFCOI running on the graces of volunteers. Cheers to many more years!

NEXT MEETING: Join us at 1pm (EST) on March 3rd as we host: **David Bengston**, Environmental Futurist and Social Scientist with the Strategic Foresight Group of the Northern Research Station, US Forest Service. Dave will present an overview of the Futures Research carried out by the US Forest Services' Strategic Foresight group over the past 10 years. He will discuss where the Futures Research fits into the agency's structure, summarize the wide range of projects undertaken, discuss several individual projects and methods, and describe how this work has been useful to planners, managers, and policy makers in his agency. **Be sure to RSVP at [FFCoI.org](#) by 2/28/2022.**

CONNECT: To stay connected or learn more about FFCOI, be sure to check out our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) and follow our social media platforms on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to get the latest news and happenings. As always, we welcome ideas for future speakers and content for **FFCOI**. Send us an [email](#) or a message on [LinkedIn](#). (POCs: [Sharabelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), & [Eric Popiel](#)).