# FFCOI FOCUS

Focusing on the latest news and events affecting the FFCOI community





#### **EMERGING TRENDS**

**Emotionally Intelligent AI** 

Solar Canoes in the Amazon

Smart Wetlands



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**OUR NEXT MEETING** 

September 12 Webinar

"Disruptions on the Horizon"

## Happenings

**NEW AI SCANNING HITS REPORT:** Improve foresight efficiency by leveraging AI-generated scanning hits. "Foresight Finds" scans an extremely large and fine-tuned corpus to generate weak signals, emerging trends, and prospective future events that could impact your organization. By significantly reducing or eliminating the need to conduct a human-powered scanning exercise, foresight experts can move much more quickly to their consideration of the impacts of these findings and accelerate their development of insights and action plans. To obtain a **complimentary introductory report for your organization**, contact Robin Champ at LBL Strategies.

**FREE GUIDE TO SCENARIO PLANNING:** <u>Futures Platform</u> offers <u>Scenario Planning: A Step-by-Step Guide</u>, a free e-book designed to help you establish scenario planning as a continuous, systematic practice in your organization. (POC: Futures Platform)

GRANTS TO MITIGATE AI-DRIVEN POWER CONCENTRATION: The Future of Life Institute has launched a new \$4 million grant program to support projects that work to mitigate the dangers of AI-driven power concentration and move towards a better world of meaningful human agency. Individuals, groups, or entities working in academic and other non-profit institutions are eligible to apply, and grants will be made on a rolling basis. (POC: Grants)

### Admin & Announcements

**FFCOI WEBINAR:** On September 12, Rami Sarakbi, Foresight Analyst at <u>Policy Horizons Canada</u>, will join us to talk about "<u>Disruptions on the Horizon</u>," a new report that identifies and assesses 35 disruptions for which Canada may need to prepare and explores some of the interconnections among them. The work is based on extensive research, literature review, workshops, and surveys. <u>RSVP here</u>.

**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR FFCOI SPRING 2025 SUMMIT**: FFCOI is now accepting <u>speaker applications</u> for the 2025 Spring Summit. The event will be held in person in Washington, DC on April 8, 2025. Foresight practitioners from government, public, and private organizations are welcome to propose a topic for a 30- to 45-minute individual talk, panel, discussion, or Q&A session.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, with a **deadline of November 1**, 2024. Speakers will present in person. Because FFCOI has no dues or budget, you must be able to fund your own transportation to the DC area. Selected speakers will be notified in February. (POC: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak)

**CONNECT:** Our <u>website</u> is back! Back issues of this newsletter are posted, and we will gradually recover and post historical presentations (with the authors' permission). Watch for more updates to the site!

**IMPORTANT UPDATE TO FFCOI DISTRIBUTION LIST**: We are updating our distribution list! If you still want to receive our emails, **please sign up on our new distribution list**. **In October we will begin using the new distro – discarding the older list**. Be sure to sign up for both your personal and work emails, if you would like to receive updates at both. Follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u> to get the latest news and send us an email or a message on LinkedIn with ideas for future speakers and content. (POCs: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak, Eric Popiel, Jeremiah Cottle, and Brian Coppersmith)