



UNDP RBAP Strategic Foresight Week 2022: reimagining ways to Decide, Design, and Deliver.

5 sessions and 3 days, 19-21 January 2022!

How can UNDP be fit for the future? In 2021 the Strategy, Policy and Partnerships (SPP) unit's Strategic Foresight portfolio has been testing approaches to this question.

The Asia-Pacific region is a fast growing, fast adapting region. To stay ahead, organisations of the future will need new methods to support strategy and planning to anticipate these crises and mitigate risks. The ability to be anticipatory - to act in preparation of 'what could happen' - is the learned skill and application of foresight, and is a bedrock of the Secretary-General's [Our Common Agenda](#) report.

The Foresight portfolio is developing an evolved offering of applying Strategic Foresight into the ways in which we decide, design, and deliver programmes. This means getting better at systematically looking and planning for what is ahead to manage complexity. In partnership with our pioneer country offices, we have developed accessible Foresight approaches that can be implemented by country offices for their Country Office Business Plans (COBP) Country Programme Documents (CPDs), and Project document design (ProDoc).

Approach and Objective

You're invited to the inaugural RBAP Foresight Week from 19 – 21 January 2022! Over the course of 3 days and 5 action-packed virtual sessions, we will explore a Strategic Foresight package put together by SPP (Strategy, Partnership & Policy), that COs can employ in 2022 for anticipatory planning. We have timed our event in January so that COs can use insights for programme planning and begin embedding foresight processes.

The full schedule of events and recordings of each session will be made available on our event page: <https://www.sparkblue.org/strategic-foresight-week-2022>.

Our 3D approach is designed for all UNDP RBAP staff, regardless of previous experience with foresight management, and is also open to regions outside RBAP.

DAY 1

DECIDE: Foresight for Strategy & Planning

Session 1: Launch event: UNDP RBAP of the Future & Panel: Foresight within Governments and Institutions

Session 2: Foresight Playbook: Investing in CO Foresight Champions

Day 2

DESIGN: Foresight for Capability Building & Culture

Session 3: RBAP Policy Brief Launch: Reimagining Development & Inclusive Imaginaries

Session 4: Horizon Scanning: Country Programme Documents (CPDs) and Country Office Business Plans (COBPs)

Day 3

DELIVER: Thought leadership of emerging futures in Asia-Pacific

Session 5: Closing Panel: Designing and Delivering an Anticipatory UNDP

Through these sessions, Country Office colleagues will come away with the following:

- Experimentation with key strategic foresight tools and approaches to understand how and when to apply with key focus on CPDs, COBP and projects for anticipatory UNDP.
- Key findings on emerging development issues for planning and new pipeline programmes, including launch of the RBAP Policy Briefs and key policy direction.
- How to build an offer for government partners.
- Experience sharing by our CO champions and external foresight specialists who have engaged with governments.
- Sign up for support from our team for CO planning, capacity and thought leadership.

[Join us directly on Zoom for all 5 sessions.](#)

