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### Chapter Five: Major Contemporary Global Issues

#### 5.1. Survey of Major Contemporary Global Issues

- the world today is distinctively different from, say, the world of the 1970s or 1980s – because of the end of the Cold War
- This new period is now well established though it is still often referred to as the post-Cold War period
- The distinctiveness of the post-Cold War period rests upon the predominance of new issues. the agenda of world politics has been transformed
  - No longer is world politics dominated by
    - Issues arising from East–West relations
    - the threat of nuclear war
    - the ideological struggle between liberal democracy and Marxism–Leninism, crisis diplomacy, and so on
  - The international community is now preoccupied with other issues such as
    - the search for a 'New World Order'
    - the impact of terrorism
    - the disparities in wealth between developed and developing countries
    - environmental issues and so on
- What makes an issue a global issue? The answer to this question is found in addressing the following four interlinked questions
  - What is the extent or scope of an issue? Does it affect large parts of the global arena or it is confined and contained to a narrow scope?
  - What is the urgency or intensity of the issue?
    - is a rather subjective question, since it relates to the general question of 'significant to whom?'
  - What is the salience or visibility of a given issue?
    - This question relates to the roles of the media or other actors who confer urgency or intensity
  - What is the centrality or location of an issue?
    - This is partly an objective issue of geography, implying that the closer the issue is to important actors the greater the attention and significance it will acquire

# Global Trend Productivity Guide



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## **Global Trend Productivity Guide:**

*Brands as Productive Assets: Concepts, Measurement, and Global Trends* World Intellectual Property Organization, Carol A. Corrado, Janet X. Hao, 2014 The paper looks at brands from an economic point of view It defines concepts analyzes the conditions under which brands are long lived productive assets and contribute to economic growth and reviews the measurement of investment in brands It finds that a productive role for brands is consistent with assumptions used in the economic analysis of innovation Finally it offers an analysis of economic development that suggests branding rises with growth

**The SDGs and food system challenges: Global trends and scenarios toward 2030**, 2024-02-12 Progress toward reducing global hunger has stalled since the mid 2010s In fact hunger is on the rise again driven by slowing economic growth and protracted conflict intensified by the impacts of climate change and economic shocks in many low and middle income countries In addition food systems worldwide have suffered disruptions in recent years caused by the COVID 19 related global recession and associated supply chain disruptions and exacerbated by the war in Ukraine These factors have also jeopardized efforts at addressing the challenges to food system sustainability The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related sustainable development goals SDGs defined in 2015 recognize these challenges and set ambitious targets to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition and to make agriculture and food systems sustainable by 2030 Many other fora have restated and reiterated these ambitions including the 2021 United Nations Food System Summit UNFSS While governments around the world have subscribed to these ambitions collectively they have not been very specific as to how to achieve the SDGs and related goals and targets except for three means of implementation MOI involving i increases in research and development ii reductions in trade distortions and iii improved functioning and reduced volatility in food markets This paper is part of a wider effort at assessing the international community s follow through on the above ambitions and the related implicit or explicit commitments made toward action for achieving them While not presenting new research findings we bring together available evidence and scenario analyses to assess the progress made toward the ambitions for transforming food systems the actions taken in regard of the internationally concerted agenda and the potential for accelerating progress The number of hungry people in the world has risen from 564 million in 2015 when the SDGs were agreed to 735 million in 2022 While declines to between 570 and 590 million by 2030 are projected this is far above the 470 million projected in the absence of the COVID 19 pandemic and the Ukraine war The share of the world s people unable to afford healthy diets is projected to decline from 42 percent in 2021 to a still far too high 36 percent by 2030 On the means of implementation levels of spending on agricultural research and development have increased particularly in key developing countries such as Brazil China and India However rates of investment remain too low for comfort particularly in low income countries Also little progress has been made in reducing agricultural trade distortions and many countries continue to use trade policy measures such as export restrictions which have proven to increase the volatility of both world and domestic

food prices We conclude that progress toward the SDG 2 targets has been dismal and that the food system challenges have only become bigger But we also find that it is not too late to accelerate progress and that the desired food system transformation can still be achieved over a reasonable timespan and at manageable incremental cost Doing so will require unprecedented concerted and coherent action on multiple fronts which may prove the biggest obstacle of all

The Routledge International Handbook of Globalization Studies Bryan Turner,2013-01-11 The Routledge International Handbook of Globalization Studies offers students clear and informed chapters on the history of globalization and key theories that have considered the causes and consequences of the globalization process There are substantive sections looking at demographic economic technological social and cultural changes in globalization The handbook examines many negative aspects new wars slavery illegal migration pollution and inequality but concludes with an examination of responses to these problems through human rights organizations international labour law and the growth of cosmopolitanism There is a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches with essays covering sociology demography economics politics anthropology and history The Handbook written in a clear and direct style will appeal to a wide audience The extensive references and sources will direct students to areas of further study

**Guidelines on irrigation investment projects** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,2019-04-15 Irrigation has been and will continue to be an agricultural and rural investment priority Development of the irrigation sector faces multiple challenges including water scarcity and degradation competition over shared resources and the impact of climate change Innovations are needed to address these challenges as well as emerging needs and to promote productive equitable and sustainable water management These guidelines produced by an inter agency team highlight experiences and lessons learned from global irrigation investment operations They introduce innovative approaches tools and references and provide practical guidance on how to incorporate or apply them at each stage of the investment project cycle The guidelines will be a useful resource for national and international professionals involved in irrigation investment operations

*Global Trends in Real Estate Finance* Graeme Newell,Karen Sieracki,2009-10-08 To operate effectively in today s dynamic global real estatemarkets it is essential to understand the complex processes thatunderpin them This up to date work which brings togethercontributions from industry and academic experts from around theworld is a valuable corollary to effective investmentdecision making within the property sector and will be of interestto post graduate property students researchers and practising realestate investors Recent years have seen some rapid developments in the globalscale and structure of real estate markets Such transformationshave been paralleled by significant changes in the financialstructures and processes that serve these markets includingsophisticated new investment and finance structures and products Examples of these include the real estate investment trusts REIT products that have been developed in USA Europe and Asia therange of unlisted products emerging in UK and Europe and theinnovative financing structures being developed in manycountries *Global Trends in Real Estate Finance* addresses thisemerging complexity and

sophistication in contemporary real estate markets by discussing the history, merits and implications of a range of products and processes. Also examined are the changes in the practices and environment needed to ensure the success of these property products including increased disclosure, corporate governance, market transparency and improved skills base. Chapters are written by leading international contributors, both academic and practitioner. The context is explicitly international with a focus on UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and the USA. The aim is to identify specific market areas to describe the key innovations rather than simply providing a description of various geographical markets.

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**Global Employment Trends for Youth 2013** International Labour Office, 2014-01-30. Incorporating the most recent labor market information available, *Global Employment Trends for Youth* provides a detailed view of the youth labor market situation around the world. It shows where progress has or has not been made, updates world and regional indicators and provides detailed analyses of medium-term trends in youth population, labor force and employment and unemployment. This year's report reveals that the youth employment crisis continues in developed as well as developing economies. Little progress has been made in reducing youth unemployment in the advanced economies since the height of the economic crisis, while in most developing regions youth unemployment rates are projected to remain at the same level or increase in the medium term. Drawing on the results of school-to-work transition surveys, the report

shows that developing regions face major youth employment challenges relating to the quality of work Global Trends in Wildlife Management International Union of Game Biologists. Congress,1992 **Global Issues** Jackson,1993-02 In this book the editor has been mindful of the needs of the beginning student Each unit begins with an article providing a broad overview of the area to be explored The remaining articles examine in more detail some of the issues presented in the introductory article The unit then concludes with an article or two that not only identifies a problem but suggests positive steps that are being taken to improve the situation The editor has made a conscious effort to present a wide variety of ideologies and theories The most important consideration has been to present global issues from an international perspective rather than from a purely American or Western point of view By encompassing materials originally published in many different countries and written by authors of various nationalities the anthology represents the great diversity of opinions that people hold on important global issues Another major consideration when organizing these materials has been to explore the complex interrelationship of factors that produce issue areas such as Third World development To the reader **Study Guide to accompany Environment, 4th Edition** Peter H. Raven,Linda R. Berg,John Aliff,2003-10-10 Work more effectively and gauge your progress as you go along This Study Guide that is designed to accompany Raven s Environment 4th Edition includes study outlines key terms and practice questions in a variety of formats multiple choice matching short answer and discussion critical thinking The key to a sustainable future lies with the students It is their passion their understanding of the issues and most of all their choices that will shape the future of our planet As it has through three previous editions Peter Raven and Linda Berg s Environment gives students all the skills and tools they need to make the right choices for a sustainable environment Covering the enormous environmental challenges facing our world today this Fourth Edition helps readers think critically about these challenges and understand the concepts that underlie environmental problems *Guide to U.S. Government Publications* Thomson Gale,2005-08

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