

2052 – A Global Forecast for the Next Forty Years

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12 scenarios for the 21st century



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Limits Scenario 1: Resource crisis



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Source: Meadows, Randers and Meadows, LTG 30 year update, 2004

Limits Scenario 9: Sustainability



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A REPORT TO THE CLUB OF ROME

The Limits to Growth

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For all numerical data and the forecast model, consult the book website www.2052.info

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The five regions used in the 2052 forecast

Region	Population 2010	GDP 2010	GDP per person 2010
	(billion people)	(trillion \$ pr year)	(1000 \$ pr person-year)
US	0,3	13	41
China	1,3	10	7
OECD-less-US (1)	0,7	22	30
BRISE (2)	2,4	14	6
ROW (3)	2,1	8	4
Sum world	6,9	67	10

(1) Old industrial world, including EU, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand etc

(2) Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa and the ten biggest emerging economies

(3) The remaining ca 140 countries of the world



World population will peak in 2040



Figure 4-1 Population – World 1970 to 2050

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World GDP growth will slow down



Definition: GDP = Population aged 15 to 65 years multiplied with Gross labour productivity

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Global consumption will peak in 2045



Figure 4-4: Production, Consumption and Investment – World 1970 to 2050

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Energy use will peak in 2040



Figure 5-1: Energy Use - World 1970 to 2050

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Fossil fuel use will peak around 2030



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World CO₂ emissions will peak in 2030



Figure 5-3: CO2 Emissions from Energy Use – World 1970 to 2050.

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Temperature will pass +2 degrees C in 2052



Figure 5-4: Climate Change – World 1970 to 2050

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Discussion of the 2052 forecast

- Growth in population and GDP will slow "by itself" – because of human decision making, not because of planetary constraints
- 2. But growth will not slow fast enough to avoid a climate crisis
- 3. There will be enough resources including energy, water and food to cover demand (which is not the same as need)
- 4. There will be more poverty both in the rich and the poor world

There will be huge regional differences



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Main conclusions from the 2052 forecast

 World population and economy will grow more slowly towards 2052 than most people expect
but still fast enough to trigger a climate crisis

Consumption will stagnate because world society will have to spend ever more on repair and adaptation

 The short-term nature of man
reflected in the short term focus of democracy and capitalism is the root cause of this development

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What does this mean for the EIB?

- 1. Slow GDP growth in Europe for decades also in the rest of the industrialised world
- Continuing increase in the amount of repair and adaptation work – leading to reduced consumption growth



Slowing growth in total productivity - USA



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Fertility decline in EU-15 – 1950 to 2010



Figure A4-1 Total Fertility – EU15 1950 to 2010

Definition: Total fertility = Number of children per woman during reproductive age

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OECD outside the US – 1970 to 2050



What should the EIB do?

- 1. The EIB should work to increase human wellbeing in a world with constant GDP and declining population
- 2. The EIB should help establish "repair and adaptation packages" financed with newly printed money

Time to turn!



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