Global philanthropy is evolving, and contain signals of its emergent future. The current economic crisis emphasizes the importance of revisiting assumptions and understanding emerging possibilities. Today’s leaders are building new models of giving that本质 time and space between the world of development and the world of philanthropy. Nonprofits are leveraging new platforms for social entrepreneurship and competitive partnerships. New technologies and pharmaceuticals, individuals and organizations have unprecedented access for philanthropic action, emerging new technologies and pharmaceuticals, individuals and organizations have unprecedented access for philanthropic action.

Sustainability will no longer be a special interest topic for philanthropy. Global climate change, environmental stress, and economic shifts will take on heightened urgency, inspiring all philanthropists to consider these interconnections in all spheres of their work.

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We all create the future, even when we don’t know we’re doing it. From Foresight to Insight to Action, we can devise global philanthropy strategies that are appropriate for the new economies and societies that are emerging.
The new philanthropy is undergoing an intense period of unprecedented change. We all have the same sense that we are entering a new, uncharted phase. Applying an approach to understanding socio-economic change, the Institute for the Future’s Shaping the Future of Philanthropy Project set out to understand what’s happening in this environment of rapidly changing contexts, including the roles and strategies of philanthropists and how they might be adapting to new conditions.

**NEW DISPARITIES:**
Diasporas, alongside more traditional networks that cross national and cultural divides, have become more prominent to understand this new environment.

**CIVIL SOCIETY:**

- The new philanthropy is characterized by an increased focus on global challenges such as climate change, human rights, and social justice.
- There is a growing recognition of the importance of social enterprises and nonprofit organizations in driving social and environmental change.
- The role of philanthropy is being redefined, with a greater emphasis on innovation, collaboration, and capacity building.

**FOOD WEALTH:**

- The new philanthropy is focusing on solving problems related to food security and sustainability, such as climate change and food waste.
- There is a growing interest in vertical farming and urban agriculture, as well as in supporting small-scale sustainable farms.
- Philanthropy is playing a role in funding research and innovation related to sustainable food production.

**THE BLUE ECONOMY:**

- The new philanthropy is focusing on the role of the ocean in addressing climate change and other global challenges.
- There is a growing interest in ocean conservation and restoration, as well as in supporting innovative solutions for sustainable ocean management.
- Philanthropy is playing a role in funding research and innovation related to ocean health.

**NEW SOCIALITY:**

- The new philanthropy is focusing on the role of technology in fostering social connectivity and collaboration, as well as in supporting innovation in social software.
- There is a growing interest in the role of social media and social networking platforms in promoting social and environmental change.
- Philanthropy is playing a role in funding research and innovation related to social software.

**AMPLIFIED INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS:**

- The new philanthropy is focusing on the role of individual and organizational capacities in addressing global challenges.
- There is a growing interest in the role of philanthropy in supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as in supporting organizations that are tackling global challenges.
- Philanthropy is playing a role in funding research and innovation related to individual and organizational capacities.

**GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY:**

- The new philanthropy is focusing on the role of global networks and partnerships in addressing global challenges.
- There is a growing interest in the role of philanthropy in supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as in supporting organizations that are tackling global challenges.
- Philanthropy is playing a role in funding research and innovation related to global networks and partnerships.

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