

Resource Used in the Introductory Presentation

It was based on the following essay:

[Great Transition: The Promise and Lure of the Times Ahead](#)

This path-breaking essay presents a fresh vision for a sustainable world. It describes the historic roots, current dynamics, future perils, and alternative pathways for world development. It advances one of these paths, Great Transition, as the preferred route, identifying strategies, agents of change, and values for a new global agenda.

http://www.gtinitiative.org/documents/Great_Transitions.pdf

... and the *Great Transition Initiative Slideshow*:

a 12 minute PowerPoint presentation on:

- the historic challenge
- long-range scenarios
- the Great Transition alternative
- GTI's premises, goals, and strategy

<http://www.gtinitiative.org/documents/GTISlideShowFinal.ppt>

Background

The Great Transition Initiative was preceded by the *Global Scenario Group (GSG)*, which was convened in 1995 to explore the requirements for a transition to a sustainable and desirable future. The GSG's research has been used in numerous international, regional, and national scenario studies, bringing the hopeful message that a *Great Transition* is still possible – but only if the citizens of the world begin to engage around a common global vision.

After several years of discussion among colleagues throughout the world, the GTI was launched in mid-2003. GTI is hosted at *Tellus Institute* in Boston in partnership with the *Stockholm Environment Institute*. The Unit includes three GTI Coordinators, Paul Raskin, Tariq Banuri, and Allen White.

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