

Global Megatrends

Key questions we should be asking



Accelerating Urbanization

1. How can we help our metro areas succeed and grow, and what are the implications of this growth?
2. What is a viable long-term strategy for our rural areas?
3. How do we develop a model that helps metro and rural areas in the state succeed?



Climate and Resource Scarcity

1. How do we position Missouri's agricultural and manufacturing sectors to take advantage of rising global demand?
2. Should we explore climate-resilient technologies – both for use and export?
3. What impact will climate and resource scarcity have on Missouri, especially its agricultural sector?



Shift in Global Economic Power

1. How can Missouri increase its exports and access to global markets?
2. How can we increase and better leverage foreign direct investment in Missouri?
3. How do we gain ground when our peers are so far ahead?
4. How will changes to trade policy affect us?



Demographic Changes

1. How will demographic shifts impact consumer spending?
2. How can we attract and retain people?
3. How are demographic shifts felt differently across the state?



Technological Breakthroughs

1. How can our industries better utilize technology to gain a competitive advantage?
2. Will employers look outside the state for more productive labor?
3. How do we prepare our workforce to both take advantage of and prepare for technological disruptions?