

Riel Miller is a specialist in long-run strategic thinking and the design of advanced foresight processes. For over twenty-five years he has assisted senior decision makers to assess and direct the potential for socio-economic transformation in both the private and public sectors.

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Riel started his career as a professional economist in the early 1980s at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Economics and Statistics Directorate. From the mid 1980s up until 1994 he worked in four different areas of the Ontario Government: the Legislature, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. During this same period he also worked on projects with a number of OECD directorates, including: the Directorate for Education, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, and the Territorial Development Service. At the beginning of 1995 he returned full-time to the OECD as a Principal Administrator in the International Futures Programme. In 2005 he left the OECD to establish an independent consultancy, xperidox: futures consulting, Paris.

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