What is the Knowledge Society?

What Kind of Society?
Some definitions of Knowledge Society
Knowledge Society Pillars
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How might we **feel** in a Knowledge Society?
Some Definitions

Knowledge Societies are identified as societies based on the creation, dissemination and utilization of information and knowledge.

It is a society with an economy in which knowledge is acquired, created, disseminated and applied to enhance economic and social development.
Some Definitions

Knowledge Society or Information Society?

Information Society emphasizes amount of information available and accessible. It emphasizes technology (ICT).

Knowledge Societies are identified as societies where information is used and applied in various fields for learning and development.
Some definitions

CASTELLS:
Network Society

- Castells (1996) argues that the information society is the new mode of human existence, in which the production, recording, processing, and retrieving of information in organized networks plays the central role.

- According to Castells, dominant functions and processes in the information age are increasingly organized around networks.
The Knowledge Society Pillars (ALICT Approach to KS): Education, ICT and Science, Technology & Innovation
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....although some aspects of the knowledge society have been with us...

WHAT ASPECTS?
The one big difference is....

Current technology which now offers many more possibilities for sharing, archiving, retrieving, combining and generating new knowledge

Source: COFISA (2009): Thinking about Tomorrow Today
The New Age of Knowledge

- Cyclic
- Seasonal
- Linear
- Predictive
- Multiple scenarios
- Foresight

Dominant futures thinking

Complexity → Epoch → Agricultural, Industrial, Knowledge

Opportunity

Socio-economic development
To learn more about the Knowledge Society

Log in to Moodle and go to Orientation/Introduction to Knowledge Society, Unit 1 where you will find a reading list on the Knowledge Society