

# Global Policy UN Watch

## Summit of the Future (SOTF) Process

### SOTF: Zero Draft of Pact for the Future (PFTF)

29 January 2024 | [Full Text \(Website\)](#)



**Amb. Leendertse**, *Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN*, Co-facilitator for the Summit of the Future (SOTF):

“We believe this Zero Draft serves as a strong starting point for our intergovernmental deliberations this year, with the aim of adopting an ambitious, concise, action-oriented Pact by consensus before the Summit of the Future which is planned for the 22nd and 23rd September 2024.... We continue to believe that the Pact for the Future must be a stepping stone to our common pursuit of a more peaceful, just and equitable world, and must support fulfilling the promises we made in the UN75 Declaration that started this process.”

The Pact for the Future negotiation process kicked off on 29 January with the co-facilitators' presentation of the Zero Draft of the Pact.

The first reading of the Pact took place 6-9 February in closed session. Member States have submitted their amendments and the compilation text will have been sent to the Member States in the week of 19 February.

[GPF's Fact Sheet #5](#) contains a summary of the presentation in addition to key quotes by Member States expressing their reactions to the Zero Draft.

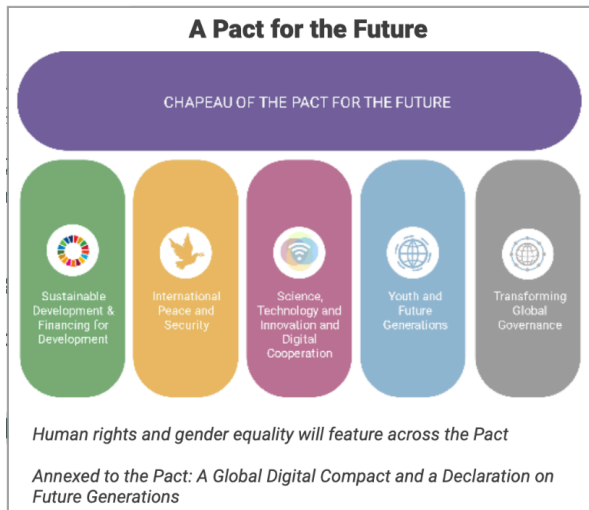
See [GPF's Fact Sheet #4](#) for more information on the Summit of the Future and Member State priorities for the process.

[Civil Society Contributions to the PFTF Zero Draft](#) (UN website)

## Summit of the Future (SOTF)

September 2024 ([Website](#))

1. Sustainable development and financing for development;
2. International peace and security;
3. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation;
4. Youth and future generations;
5. Transforming global governance.



### Co-Facilitators & Co-Chairs (Full List)

On 10 October 2023, the President of the General Assembly appointed co-facilitators and chairs for the following intergovernmental processes:

**Summit of the Future:** Antje Leendertse, *Permanent Representative of Germany* & Neville Melvin Gertze, *Permanent Representative of the Republic of Namibia*

**Global Digital Compact:** Anna Karin Eneström, *Permanent Representative of Sweden* & Chola Milambo, *Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia*

**Declaration on Future Generations:** Brian Christopher Manley Wallace, *Permanent Representative of Jamaica* & Yoka Brandt, *Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

## António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

17 January 2024, World Economic Forum in Davos ([UN Web TV](#) | [Full statement](#))

“**Geopolitical divisions** are a major risk factor affecting our faltering global economy. Political instability is adding to economic insecurity. Meanwhile, **inequality and injustice** are reaching obscene levels – a serious obstacle to sustainable development. Oxfam reports that the world’s five richest men – and they are men - have more than doubled their fortunes since 2020 – at a rate of \$14 million US dollars per hour. At the same time, more than half the world, nearly five billion people, have become poorer. The World Bank warns we are heading towards the worst half-decade for growth in 30 years. And many of the **same countries battered by climate chaos are in a financial chokehold**. More than half the world’s poorest 75 countries face debt distress. Their interest payments have quadrupled in recent years.

After decades of reductions in poverty and hunger, progress has slowed and, in some countries, gone into reverse. And this is fueling resentment and anger. The **institutions and frameworks of global governance**, from the Security Council to the Bretton Woods system, were **created 80 years ago**. We can’t build a future for our grandchildren with a system built for our grandparents. The United Nations is fully engaged this year in efforts to bring them up to date, rooted in equality and solidarity, based on the UN Charter and international law.

In September we will host a **Summit of the Future**, focused on solutions. The Summit will consider essential **reforms to the global financial architecture** to make it responsive to today’s challenges and representative of today’s world – [including] **countries in the Global South** that were under colonial rule when it was created and so they have today a minimal weight.

Reforms to the Security Council, and a proposed New Agenda for Peace, would also help to prevent and resolve conflict, rebalance geopolitical relations, and **give developing countries a proportionate voice** on the global stage.”

## Global Digital Compact (GDC)

To be intergovernmentally agreed by September 2024 ([Website](#)) / Potential annex to PFTF

- Member States are negotiating the GDC, the co-facilitators recently released the **Structural Elements** of the compact. **Zero draft will be out 5 April 2024**.
- [Submit stakeholder feedback on the Elements](#) (8 March)
- **29 Feb Informal Consultations** on the Global Digital Compact ([UN Web TV](#)).
- UN S-G at Davos (2024): “A Global Digital Compact can turbocharge the SDGs and help to close the digital connectivity gap, share data, and build digital public goods.”

### A Global Digital Compact - an Open, Free and Secure Digital Future for All

May 2023 | UN Secretary-General's policy brief ([Full Text](#))



“We need to act now, and with speed, if we are to recover the potential of digital technologies for the **equitable and sustainable development** that is slipping away from us and the planetary crisis that confronts us.

We must work together if we are to **restore the trust** that unconsidered, irresponsible or malicious use of digital technologies has damaged in and among societies, the private sector and States.

Furthermore, we must commit to **sustained follow-up and review**, so that agreed principles and priorities are translated into practice and we do not retreat into siloed debates.”

## A Declaration on Future Generations

Potential annex to the PFTF ([Website](#))

- Zero Draft scheduled to be released 8 April 2024 ([Timeline](#))
- UN S-G's policy brief: [To Think and Act for Future Generations](#) (March 2023)
- [Stakeholder inputs](#) submitted by 22 January 2024

### To Think and Act for Future Generations

March 2023 | UN Secretary-General's policy brief ([Full Text](#))



“The pledge to bequeath a liveable world to those who will follow us is not new. Actions taken now to deliver on this pledge will also benefit those living today. We have a growing body of national and subnational experience on which to build, as well as repeated international commitments to future generations. These should now be brought together and put into practice at the global level, where some of the most consequential decisions for humanity are taken.

In the Charter of the United Nations, we committed to saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war. In the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we looked forward to the advent of a world in which human beings would enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want as the highest aspiration of the common people.”

## 2024 UN Nairobi Civil Society Conference

May 9 & 10, 2024 | Register on [Indico](#) by 26 March 2024, 5 pm ET ([Website](#))

“The United Nations Civil Society Conference would provide an opportunity for multi-stakeholder engagement ahead of the Summit of the Future and a venue for civil society to participate in the preparations process. The conference would provide civil society with an additional platform to speak out and share ideas that could contribute to the Pact for the Future negotiations, in line with SDG17 and the Common Agenda's vision of networked multilateralism.” ([Conference Narrative](#) from Department of Global Communications)

Conference Co-Chairs:

- **Carole Ageng'o**, Global Initiatives Lead & Africa Regional Representative at HelpAge International
- **Nudhara Yusuf**, GGIN Executive Coordinator at Stimson Center



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