



**United Nations**



**Summit of the Future**  
Our Common Agenda



# PACT FOR THE FUTURE

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# SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

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**The Pact for the Future and its annexes, the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations, were adopted by consensus on 22 September 2024 at the Summit of the Future.**

The Summit took place over the course of two days, with plenary sessions and four interactive dialogues held in parallel from 22-23 September 2024.

The Summit brought together over 4,000 individuals from Heads of State and Government, observers, intergovernmental organizations, UN System, civil society, and non-governmental organizations.

The Summit preparatory process and the Pact have been deeply enriched by thousands of stakeholders from around the world.





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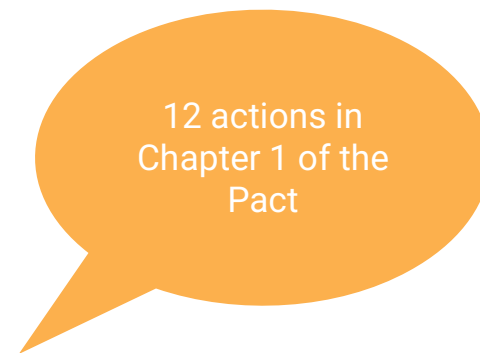
- Culmination of a years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow.
- Ensures that international institutions can deliver in the face of a world that has changed dramatically since they were created.
- Strong statement of countries' commitment to the United Nations and its Charter, the international system and international law.
- Most wide-ranging international agreement in many years, covering both new areas and issues on which agreement had not been possible in decades.
- Clear commitments and deliverables on sustainable development and financing, peace and security, digital cooperation, youth and future generations and global governance.
- Each chapter and the annexes also include concrete actions related to human rights and gender equality as cross-cutting issues.
- There is a commitment to review overall implementation of the Pact at the beginning of the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly session (2028).





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## WHAT IT DELIVERS



### Sustainable development and financing for development

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The full Pact is designed to turbocharge the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

It has a strong focus on means of implementation and closing the SDG financing gap, including by advancing SDG stimulus, scaling up and fulfilling ODA commitments, preventing and combating illicit financial flows, improving international tax cooperation and mobilizing domestic and private resources, among other measures.

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Member States also committed to ensuring that the multilateral trading system is an engine for sustainable development by working towards concluding the necessary reform of the WTO, promoting export-led growth in developing countries, among other actions.

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On climate change, it confirms the need to keep global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

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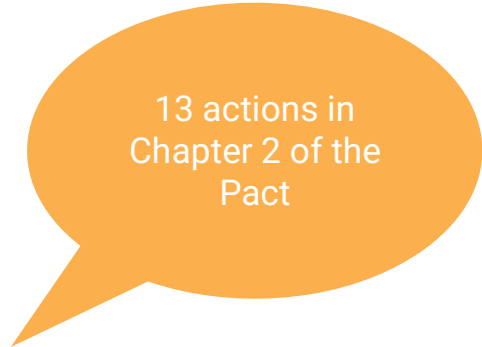
The strong link between sustainable development and human rights, a recommitment to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and actions to achieve gender equality as a crucial contribution to the SDGs are featured prominently.

There is a commitment to consider in September 2027 how to advance sustainable development beyond 2030



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### International peace and security

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Recommitment to protect civilians in armed conflict; a pledge to refrain from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and to strengthen accountability for serious crimes and gross violations.

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Agreement to intensify diplomacy to settle conflicts and disputes peacefully, supported by the UN and the UN Secretary-General's good offices.

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National whole-of-society sustaining peace efforts through the development and implementation of voluntary national prevention strategies; commitment that military spending does not compromise sustainable development investments.

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Agreement to adapt peace operations to better respond to existing challenges and new realities, informed by recommendations emerging from a review on the future of all forms of UN peace operations.

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First multilateral recommitment to nuclear disarmament in more than a decade, with a clear commitment to the goal of totally eliminating nuclear weapons.

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Steps to avoid the weaponization of emerging domains and technologies, such as outer space, lethal autonomous weapons systems and the military applications of AI and the affirmation that the laws of war should apply to many of these new technologies.



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6 actions in Chapter 3 of the Pact and 5 sets of objectives in the Global Digital Compact

### Science, technology, innovation (STI) and digital cooperation

Measures to reduce global disparities in science, technology and innovation, including through scaling-up means of implementation.

Commitment to increase the use of science in policymaking and the decision to strengthen capacities at the UN to leverage science, technology and innovation in the work of the organization.

The Global Digital Compact (GDC) annexed to the Pact is the first comprehensive global framework for digital cooperation and AI governance.

GDC objectives include closing digital divides; expanding inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy; fostering an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that protects human rights; advancing data governance; and enhancing international governance of artificial intelligence.

GDC represents a crucial step in advancing international governance of AI, including a commitment to establish a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and a Global Dialogue on AI within the United Nations.

Building on the recommendations of the High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence regarding a Global Fund on AI, Member States have requested the Secretary-General to develop innovative voluntary financing options for AI capacity-building.

A system-wide coordination office for UN work will be established.

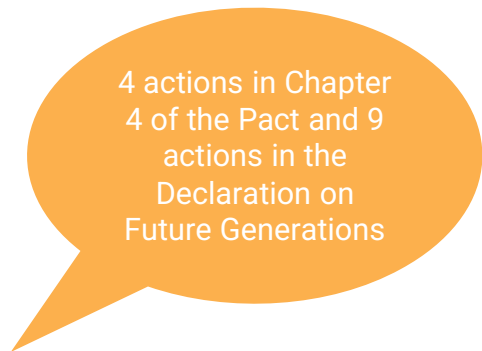
The Secretary-General will produce an implementation roadmap for the Digital Compact for consideration at WSIS+20 in 2025

There is a commitment to a high-level review of the Global Digital Compact in 2027.



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4 actions in Chapter 4 of the Pact and 9 actions in the Declaration on Future Generations

### Youth and future generations

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Strengthen youth participation in global decision-making, including in UN intergovernmental bodies and processes.

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Strengthen meaningful youth participation at the national level through existing or by establishing new mechanisms and providing meaningful opportunities to engage in national policymaking and decision-making processes

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Investment in the social and economic development of children and young people so that they can reach their full potential; SG to update Member States on proposal for a Global Youth Investment Platform

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First-ever Declaration on Future Generations adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, with concrete steps to take account of future generations in our decision-making, including noting the appointment of a special envoy for future generations and deciding to review implementation of the Declaration on the basis of an SG report in the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2028-9).

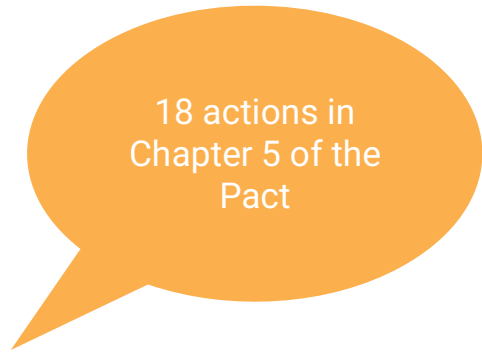
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Embed the needs and interests of future generations and long-term thinking in policymaking – fostering cooperation and facilitating greater use of anticipatory planning and foresight, based on science, data and statistics; raise awareness of and advise on likely intergenerational impacts of policies and programs.



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### Transforming global governance

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Most progressive and concrete commitment to Security Council reform since the 1960s, with plans to improve the effectiveness and representativeness of the Council, including by redressing the historical under-representation of Africa, and improving the representation of Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia Pacific.

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Most detailed agreement ever at the UN on the reform of the international financial architecture so that it better represents and serves developing countries, through inter alia:

- giving them a greater say in decision-making at IFIs;
- mobilizing more financing from MDBs;
- reviewing the sovereign debt architecture to ensure that developing countries can borrow sustainably; and
- strengthening the global financial safety net to protect the poorest in the event of financial and economic shocks.

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Steps to improve how we measure human progress, going beyond GDP to capturing human and planetary wellbeing and sustainability.

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Clear commitment to ensure the enjoyment by all of all human rights, including through UN human rights mechanisms that are effective and have adequate means to respond to a range of human rights challenges.

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Steps to make the multilateral system more inclusive through deepened partnerships between the UN and other stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, regional organizations, national parliaments and local and regional authorities.

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Agreement to discuss the establishment of new frameworks for space traffic, space debris and space resources through the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.





# IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW UP

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The Summit and the Pact for the Future were historic achievements, but real success will come when all these agreements are translated into action and impact people's lives everywhere.

Working together requires coordination and close collaboration across the UN system, with member states and key stakeholders, at the global, regional and national levels.

Member States can count on the UN System's support at the global, regional and national levels.

In addition to dedicated provisions across the Pact and its annexes for follow-up action – a high-level review of the Global Digital Compact in 2027, a high-level plenary meeting on Future Generations in 2028, and a Heads of State and Government meeting in 2028 for a comprehensive review of the Pact for the Future – implementation will take place in a wide variety of intergovernmental events and processes starting immediately.

Other international fora, such as the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the Second World Summit for Social Development and the upcoming UN Climate Change Conferences will also be key opportunities to build on the outcomes of the Pact.



## PACT SUB-ACTIONS BY ACTOR MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Category of Actors	Sustainable Development and Financing for Development	International Peace and Security	STI and Digital Cooperation	Youth and Future Generations	Transforming Global Governance	Follow-up and Review Mechanisms	Total
Member States	62	63	87	25	49	5	291
SG & UN System	0	10	8	7	11	9	44
IFIs	0	0	0	0	14	0	14
Stakeholders	0	0	13	0	1	0	14
Total	62	73	108	32	75	14	363

Of the 363 sub-actions in the Pact, 291 are the primary responsibility of Member States



# NOTABLE TASKINGS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UN SYSTEM

## Pact for the Future

### Peace and Security (Chapter 2)

- Action 13:** Analysis on impact of **global increase in military expenditures** on SDGs by end of the 79<sup>th</sup> session
- Action 20:** 2<sup>nd</sup> independent progress study on **youth's positive contribution to peace** by the end of 80<sup>th</sup> session
- Action 21 (b):** Review **future of all forms of peace operations** – recommendations for Member States on how UN toolbox can be adapted
- Action 21 (f):** Convene regular **high-level meetings with relevant regional organizations** to discuss peace operations, peacebuilding and conflicts
- Action 27 (e):** Update Member States on **new and emerging technologies** through existing First Committee report

### Youth and Future Generations (Chapter 4)

- Action 34 (a):** Update Member States on proposal for a **Global Youth Investment Platform**
- Action 37 (c):** Encourage contributions to and raise awareness of the **UN Youth Fund**
- Action 37 (d):** Continue developing core **principles for meaningful youth engagement** in relevant intergovernmental processes & work of the UN



Secretary-General

## Transforming Global Governance (Chapter 5)

- Action 46 (e):** Assess need for adequate, predictable, increased & sustained **financing of UN human rights mechanisms, incl OHCHR**
- Action 49 (e):** Update Member States on progress on improving **access for developing countries to concessional finance**
- Action 50 (b):** Collaborate with the IMF on a review of ways to strengthen and improve the **sovereign debt architecture**
- Action 50 (c):** Keep Member States updated on **engagement with the credit ratings agencies**
- Action 53 (a & b):** Independent **high-level expert group** to develop recommendations for indicators **beyond GDP** & intergovernmental process
- Action 54 (a):** Approaches to **strengthen the UN system response to complex global shocks**
- Action 55 (e):** Provide recommendations on **engagement with local and regional authorities**

## Scientific Advisory Board and strengthening certain UN capacities and activities

- Action 16 (f):** Use of SG good offices, ensure UN adequately equipped to lead & support mediation and preventive diplomacy

### ■ For and by the UN

- Action 33 (a & b):** UN capacities, including UN Country Teams, to leverage science, technology and innovation
- Action 45 (a):** UN capabilities in innovation, data, digital transformation, strategic foresight and behavioral science, i.e. UN 2.0
- Action 45 (b):** UNDS, incl Resident Coordinator System, with a call for increased adequate, predicable and sustainable funding



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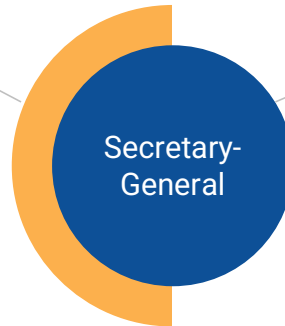
### Declaration on Future Generations

#### For and by the UN

- Equip the UN to support States in their efforts to implement this Declaration;
- **Greater use of anticipatory planning and foresight**, based on science, data and statistics;
- Raise awareness of and **advise on likely intergenerational impacts** of policies and programmes;
- Organizational culture that is future-oriented ... [w] diverse capabilities, including anticipatory planning, foresight, and futures literacy;
- Systematically promote long-term and intergenerational thinking at all levels.

#### Advisory and advocacy role of the UN

- SG proposal to appoint a **Special Envoy for Future Generations** to support implementation of the Declaration;
- Convene an inclusive **high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly** during the 83<sup>rd</sup> session;
- **Present a report on implementation of the Declaration** for consideration at the high-level plenary meeting.



### Global Digital Compact

- Develop innovative voluntary **financing options for AI capacity-building** for consideration by UNGA79;
- **Modalities for voluntary endorsement of GDC by stakeholders**, make the info public and accessible (website already launched);
- **Implementation map for GDC** and reflect this in the SG report on follow-up to WSIS ahead of the WSIS+20 review;
- **Proposal during UNGA 79 for system-wide coordination office**, building on & incorporating activities & resources of OSET; and
- **Progress report to inform the high-level review of the Global Digital Compact in 2027.**

# ACTION DAYS

The formal Summit was preceded by the Action Days and convened by the Secretary-General on 20-21 September to generate additional opportunities for the broader engagement of all actors.

Four interactive sessions: #Youth Lead for the Future, Digital Future for All, A Peaceful Future for All, and A Sustainable Future for All

Brought together Member States representatives, civil society, private sector, academia, local and regional authorities, youth and other stakeholders.





# ACTION DAYS

**9,000-10,000**

participants from over 160 countries

**1/3 of registered participants**

were under 30 years old

**Over 200 participants below 18**

registered to attend the Action Days

**Almost 40,000 views**

on UN Web TV and UN YouTube.

**Over 200 events in NYC  
and around the world**

Over 60 events in UN HQ, over 100 events held across New York, and over 30 events held around the world

**Over 2,100 people**

used the Summit of the Future mobile application

**7** Heads of State and Government,

**15** Ministers, and **16** CEO speakers

**Over \$1 billion pledged**

to support digital inclusion and connectivity



## **ANNEXES**

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Road to the Pact for the Future

Themes across the key publications



# ROAD TO THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE



## ▶ 2015 2030 Agenda

The 2030 Agenda is agreed by UN Member States as a plan of action for people, planet, prosperity and peace outlined through 17 Sustainable Development Goals and related targets.



## ▶ 2020 UN75 Declaration

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Member States issued the UN75 Declaration that included 12 overarching commitments along with a request that the Secretary-General report back to the General Assembly with recommendations to address current and future challenges.



## ▶ 2021 Our Common Agenda (OCA)

The Secretary-General responded to this call with Our Common Agenda to speed up implementation of the SDGs and address strategic gaps in global governance. It called for a Summit of the Future to forge a new global consensus on multilateral solutions to current and future challenges.



## ▶ 2022 Modalities Resolution 76/307

Having welcomed the submission of Our Common Agenda, the General Assembly passed a resolution in 2022 (A/RES/76/307) to hold the Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024. The resolution decides that the Summit will adopt a concise, action-oriented outcome document entitled "A Pact for the Future".



## ▶ 2023 Policy Briefs

To support Member States in their deliberations for the Pact, the Secretary-General provided proposals in 11 policy briefs, deepening ideas initially laid out in the Our Common Agenda report.



## ▶ 2024 Pact for the Future

The Pact for the Future was adopted on 22 September 2024 at the Summit of the Future.

The Pact includes a Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations as annexes.



## ▶▶ Back up | Themes across the key publications for reference



### 2015 2030 Agenda

17 SDGs

- 1 No Poverty
- 2 Zero Hunger
- 3 Good Health and Wellbeing
- 4 Quality Education
- 5 Gender Equality
- 6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- 7 Affordable and Clean Energy
- 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- 10 Reduced Inequalities
- 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
- 13 Climate Action
- 14 Life Below Water
- 15 Life on Land
- 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- 17 Partnerships for the Goals



### 2020 UN75 Declaration

12 Overarching Commitments

- 1 Leave no one behind
- 2 Protect our planet
- 3 Promote peace and prevent conflict
- 4 Abide by international law and ensure justice
- 5 Place women and girls at the center
- 6 Build trust
- 7 Improve digital cooperation
- 8 Upgrade the United Nations
- 9 Ensure sustainable financing
- 10 Boost partnerships
- 11 Listen to and work with youth
- 12 Be prepared



### 2021 Our Common Agenda

OCA Tracks for Summit of the Future

- 1 High-level advisory board
  - 2 Sustainable development
  - 3 Climate action
  - 4 New agenda for peace
  - 5 Global digital compact
  - 6 Outer space dialogue
  - 7 Emergency response platform
  - 8 Declaration on future generations
- Other summits: Transforming education summit & World social summit*
- OCA Chapters**
- 1 We the people: a renewed social contract (trust, inclusion, measuring what matters)
  - 2 Succeeding generations: shaping the future (youth and future)  
Nations large and small: a new global deal to strengthen governance of global commons (e.g., high seas) and deliver global public goods (e.g., health, healthy planet) and address major risks
  - 3 Purposes and principles: adapting the United Nations to a new era



### 2022-2024 Summit of the Future

11 Policy Briefs

- 1 Safeguarding the future
  - 2 Managing global shocks
  - 3 Meaningful youth engagement
  - 4 Beyond GDP
  - 5 Global digital compact
  - 6 Integrity in Information
  - 7 International financial architecture
  - 8 Sharing the benefits of space
  - 9 A new agenda for peace
  - 10 Transforming education
  - 11 United Nations 2.0
- 5 Pact Chapters**
- 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

Source: OCA, UN

# Thank you.

For updates and more information, go to:  
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