

**A Statement for the 2023 SDG Summit: Agenda 2030 Midpoint**

# The Unlock Declaration II



## **Igniting SDG Action for Next and Future Generations**

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In 2015, world leaders set a bold vision, the 2030 Agenda with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a global plan designed to create a future where humanity and our planet coexist in harmony. However, the journey has been arduous, with [only 15% of these goals currently on track](#).

We, the [Unlock the Future coalition](#), are steadfast in our mission to expedite progress towards these goals, leveraging young people's potential, talent, and leadership, especially from young countries predominantly in Asia and Africa – where over 50% of the population is under 30 – to deliver impact for next and future generations.<sup>1</sup>

Together we represent the world's largest youth-focused organizations with a global reach of nearly one billion people.

### **Our World Today**

Today's world is characterized by significant disparities that impact young people the most, [particularly for young women and girls](#). The digital divide is more pronounced than ever, with [over half of young people worldwide](#) on the wrong side of this gap.

More than [300 million young people](#) are also unable to read or understand basic text. Young women and girls bear the brunt of this inequity, being [twice as likely as young men](#) to be excluded from education, employment, or training.

Our planet's ecological systems hang in the balance, with drastic climate changes, from severe floods to extreme droughts, and an alarming decrease in biodiversity. [Two-thirds of young people](#) living in areas highly susceptible to environmental devastation within their lifetimes.

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<sup>1</sup> The next generation are young people under 30, including children, adolescents, and young adults. Most young people live in young countries where over 50% of the population is under 30. Future generations are those yet to be born who will inhabit the world leading up to 2100.

## Our World in 2100

By 2100, challenges linked to the five pillars of the SDGs – People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity, and Partnerships – will test our resolve. As our global population swells to [10.3 billion](#), poverty and unemployment will surge if we don't invest in young people. With [84% of the future generations living in cities](#), immense infrastructural development is inevitable. Climate change will escalate, with a projected temperature increase of [2.7°C by 2050](#), triggering more frequent, severe weather events.

Conflicts are also lasting [twice as long](#) compared to the 1990s, and state fragility is rising, notably in [young African nations](#). The economic outlook for young people is bleak; as they are already [twice as likely](#) to live in extreme poverty and [three times more likely](#) to be unemployed than adults. They will face greater economic risk in the coming decades, further exacerbated by the potential of increased unemployment in the face of [swift technological advancements](#) such as artificial intelligence. Young women and girls, who are already facing [132 years to close the gender equity gap](#), are most likely to find themselves at the sharpest end of this divide by 2100.

## The Opportunity

The 2023 SDG Summit marks the halfway point of the 2030 Agenda. The UN Secretary-General has called for a [“Rescue Plan for People and Planet”](#), urging countries globally to take decisive action in support of developing nations. This includes commitments at a national level to reduce poverty and inequality, along with efforts to strengthen public trust in local, national, regional and global governance and civic engagement.

The 2024 Summit of the Future, also proposed by the UN Secretary-General, offers a platform to confront current challenges and chart a better future. Member States are anticipated to adopt a Pact for the Future, amplifying the UN's capacity to think, plan and act for future generations. A substantial investment in young African countries, projected to triple their populations by 2100, is imperative. The UN must evolve and adapt to these shifting realities, delivering for next and future generations.

We, the Unlock the Future coalition, are dedicated to igniting youth-led action, securing funding, and driving impact to fulfill the promise of the 2030 Agenda and beyond. We are rallying young change-makers, leading thinkers, innovators, and influencers to forge the 2100 Roadmap.

The 2100 Roadmap is more than a plan for the future; it's a strategy to expedite the final push towards SDG implementation, aspiring to inspire global change and guarantee that no generation is left behind. This intergenerational project aims to mold a world rooted in sustainability, equality, and opportunities for all.

Together we will:



**Rally Political Support and Accountability:** Encouraging global collaboration through the establishment of a Visionary Futures Taskforce to craft the 2100 Roadmap.



**Explore 2100 Trajectories:** Delving into global frameworks and future scenarios to guide the multilateral system in navigating the current opportunities and future challenges ahead.



**Resource the Future:** Investing and nurturing young people's leadership in decision-making and unlocking access to increased and improved financing for SDG delivery.



**Jumpstart the Engine Room for the Future:** Establishing collaborative spaces to harness collective intelligence and foster dialogue, aiding in the shaping of the 2100 Roadmap.



**Amplify Young People Through Storytelling:** Leveraging diverse mediums to shape the 2100 Roadmap vividly, echoing the collective dreams and aspirations for the future.

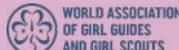
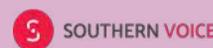
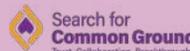
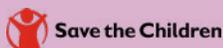
## Join Us

As we stand on the threshold of a pivotal era, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a world bursting with opportunities, championed by youthful vigor and an unyielding spirit of innovation. We, the Unlock the Future Coalition, forge a path defined by collaborative dialogue, as well as bold and fearless innovation.

We invite governments, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, and young people worldwide to join this collective effort as we embark on The Road to 2100.

Join us as we embrace the opportunities that lie before us, building a foundation rooted in equality, sustainability, and boundless opportunities for all.

**Let's unlock the future we want, together.**



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# THE ROAD TO 2100

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