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As we stand at the crossroads of history, the challenges we face—ranging from climate change and inequality to global health crises and geopolitical tensions—demand bold, coordinated, and transformative actions.

The Summit of the Future represents a pivotal moment in our collective efforts to foster a sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future.

The proposals presented here are derived from the current version of the Pact for the Future, drafted by member states through an intergovernmental process. These proposals also align with the key recommendations from over 170 child, youth, and futures-focused organizations that have contributed to this process. Together, they aim to address these challenges head-on, ensuring that our global governance systems evolve to meet the needs of current and future generations.

Unified Action: The 12 areas of focus represent a comprehensive approach to addressing the most pressing issues of our time. These proposals have been meticulously crafted through extensive consultations with a diverse array of stakeholders. This inclusive process underscores the collective ambition to reinforce global solidarity and strengthen cooperation, addressing critical issues such as climate change, poverty, and inequality.

SDG and Climate Goals: At the core of these proposals is the commitment to sustainable development and financing for development. Recognizing the perilous state of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement amid growing poverty and widening inequalities, the Pact for the Future reaffirms the 2030 Agenda as our overarching roadmap. It aims to mobilize significant resources and investments, close the SDG financing gap, and create a more enabling global environment for sustainable development.

Next Gen Decides: The 12 Global Ideas for Future Generations have also been embedded into the [Next Gen Decides Youth Survey](#), currently being circulated through the [Engine Room for the Future](#). This survey translates the details of all 12 proposals into digestible, bite-size ideas for young people around the world to cast their vote on. This process gathers critical input from the next generation on the proposals that they wish to see advanced, amplifying these insights into key dialogues and processes.

Framing a Global Conversation: Intergenerational dialogue on the 12 Global Ideas for Future Generations will continue through the Intergenerational Town Halls supported by UN Foundation and the Unlock the Future coalition, amplifying national voices from South Africa to India. Insights from dialogues will provide ongoing guidance to the [Road to 2100](#), crafting a roadmap for action that embodies the collective insights and energy of a diverse range of stakeholders.

1 EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



The Objective: Encourage young people to make a difference in the world by providing them with the tools and opportunities to work with other generations for positive change.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 34 (a):** Establish national youth consultative bodies where they do not exist, with the mandate and resources to engage in policymaking and decision-making processes.
- **Action 34 (b):** Set up intergenerational dialogues to build stronger partnerships between governments and young people.
- **Action 34 (c):** Remove the barriers that prevent meaningful and equal participation of all young people, including young women, in social, economic, political, and public affairs.
- **Action 34 (d):** Promote the representation of young people in formal political structures, including public leadership positions.
- **Action 34 (g):** Report on the progress made at the 2025 High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth and its follow-up.
- **Action 35 (b):** Include youth delegates in national delegations in key UN events, bodies and processes.
- **Action 35 (d):** Request the Secretary-General to develop a global standard for meaningful, representative, inclusive, and safe youth engagement in the United Nations' work.

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2 UNLOCKING FINANCING AND GLOBAL SOUTH LEADERSHIP



The Objective: Provide financial support to young countries across Africa and Asia while tackling unfair barriers that prevent those most at risk from achieving the SDG and Climate Goals.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 2 (a):** Expedite implementation of the key elements of an SDG Stimulus at the UN and in other relevant forums and institutions to address the SDG financing gap.
- **Action 2 (b):** Scale up and fulfill ODA commitments, aiming for 0.7% of gross national income (GNI) for ODA, particularly to support countries in special situations and those facing specific challenges.
- **Action 2 (c):** Ensure that development assistance is focused on and reaches the poorest and most vulnerable people and countries and take action to strengthen its effectiveness.
- **Action 2 (d):** Create a more enabling global environment to increase the mobilization of domestic resources for SDG implementation.
- **Action 2 (h):** Catalyze increased private sector investment in sustainable development, including international financial reform.
- **Action 2 (i):** Secure an ambitious outcome at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025 to close the SDG financing gap and tackle future challenges.

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GLOBAL DEBT RELIEF TO EASE THE LOAD



The Objective: Young countries are spending five times more on debt than on the future. Urgent debt relief is necessary for these countries, and a long-term solution should be established to break the cycle of debt and climate crises.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 43 (a):** Call on the IMF board to take further steps to enhance the representation and voice of developing countries.
- **Action 43 (b):** Call on the boards of the World Bank and other multilateral development banks to enhance the representation and voice of developing countries.
- **Action 44 (a):** Deliver a significant increase in resources for the International Development Association (IDA) through its 21 replenishment and establish a clear pathway to larger funding by 2030.
- **Action 44 (c):** Call on the boards of multilateral development banks to fully implement the recommendations from the review of their Capital Adequacy Frameworks by the end of 2026.
- **Action 45 (a):** Pursue a stronger, more proactive global response to the ongoing debt crisis that enables countries to escape debt overhang and prioritize government expenditures for SDGs.
- **Action 45 (b):** Request the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the IMF, to independently review the sovereign debt architecture.

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URGENT CLIMATE JUSTICE TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



The Objective: Address systemic inequalities to ensure young countries are integral to setting global climate policy and agenda, ensuring they have a meaningful seat at the negotiating table to steer an inclusive course on climate action.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 8 (c):** Increase support to developing countries in the collective fight against climate change, including scaled-up, new, and additional finance for both adaptation and mitigation.
- **Action 8 (d):** Accelerate clean and renewable energy technologies in line with the agreed commitment to triple renewable energy capacities and double energy efficiency by 2030.
- **Action 8 (f):** Increase accessibility of climate finance vehicles, including those run by international financial institutions, through the provision of affordable, long-term capital.
- **Action 8 (g):** Deliver on the Secretary-General's call to protect everyone on earth through universal coverage of early warning systems by 2027, including through the accelerated implementation of the Early Warnings for All initiative.
- **Action 8 (h):** Request the Secretary-General to present options for improved financing for Member States' consideration before the 4th Conference on Financing for Development.
- **Action 9 (a):** Deliver on our agreed commitments to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.
- **Action 9 (d):** Finalize the negotiations on an ambitious international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, by 2024.

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5 NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE



The Objective: With the highest number of violent conflicts since the Second World War, the UN needs to change its approach to achieving peace due to an increase in violent conflicts, new technologies being used as weapons, rising inequalities, and the effects of climate change.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 11 (a):** Strengthen resilience and comprehensively address underlying drivers and root causes of armed conflict, violence, and insecurity and their consequences by accelerating the SDG implementation.
- **Action 11 (b):** Provide equal access to justice, protect civic space, and uphold human rights for all, including through promoting a culture of peace and enhancing human security.
- **Action 11 (c):** Ensure that spending on arms does not outweigh investment in sustainable development and building sustainable peace.
- **Action 11 (d):** Request the Secretary-General to provide an analysis of the impact of the global increase in military expenditure on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by the end of the seventy-ninth session.
- **Action 34 (e):** Strengthen the meaningful and inclusive participation of all youth in conflict prevention and resolution, peacebuilding, post-conflict, and humanitarian action.
- **Action 13 (a):** Address the root causes of displacement and deliver durable solutions, including equitable global burden and responsibility for host communities.
- **Action 13 (b):** Eliminate the scourge of famine now and for future generations.

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6 GLOBAL FUND FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION



The Objective: Provide universal access to better social safety nets as more than 50% lack protection. Recent crises have shown the vulnerabilities in global social protection systems, highlighting the need for support.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 4 (a):** Increase investment in socio-economic development from all sources, with a particular focus on reaching all women and girls, including empowering the most vulnerable.
- **Action 4 (b):** Secure ambitious outcomes on financing all aspects of social development, including universal social protection, at the Second World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025, and request the Secretary-General to provide analysis and recommendations on these issues for the consideration of Member States.
- **Action 42 (e):** Create sustainable jobs and decent livelihoods for youth, especially in developing countries and particularly for young women, and establish universal, adequate, comprehensive, and sustainable social protection systems.

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7 IMPROVE CHILD WELLBEING



The Objective: Improve child welfare worldwide significantly, leading to long-term economic growth. Such investments offer direct financial support to families, promote inclusivity and equity in social protection, and support long-term goals.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 32 (a):** Scale up investment in critical social services for young people and ensure that their specific needs are reflected in national and global development strategies.
- **Action 32 (b):** Accelerate young people's access to universal health coverage, including sexual and reproductive health.
- **Action 32 (c):** Build education systems and life-long learning societies tailored to young people's needs today and in the future for the digital and green transitions.
- **Action 32 (d):** Support developing countries in significantly increasing investment in education, especially early childhood education, by ensuring global policy coherence, protecting budgets against shocks and debt distress, and creating innovative funding opportunities.
- **Action 32 (e):** Create sustainable jobs and decent livelihoods for youth, especially in developing countries and for young women.

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8 TACKLE CORRUPTION AND IMPROVE TAXATION



The Objective: The world needs new ways to fund sustainable development and promote environmental sustainability. This would create more revenue, reduce inequality, and support global health and education initiatives.

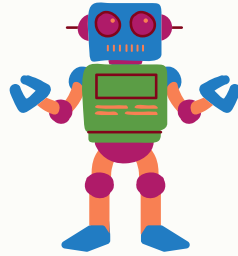
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- **Action 2 (e):** Increase SDG investment by strengthening ongoing efforts to prevent and combat illicit financial flows and address corruption, tax evasion, and tax avoidance, and recover assets derived from illicit activities.
- **Action 2 (f):** Strengthen the inclusiveness and effectiveness of tax cooperation amongst Member States and engage constructively in negotiations to finalize a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation.
- **Action 2 (g):** Explore options for a global minimum level of taxation on high net-worth individuals at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

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9 LAUNCH A GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT



The Objective: AI has the potential to revolutionize healthcare and education but also poses risks such as biases and surveillance. Due to the uneven distribution of AI benefits, the potential for an AI arms race, and access disparities, a robust global governance structure is necessary to ensure ethical deployment aligned with Sustainable Development Goals.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 24 (d):** Strengthen transparency, accountability and oversight mechanisms for the use, development, and deployment of data-driven technology, including artificial intelligence, to support the maintenance of international peace and security and to ensure that the use of these technologies complies with international law.
- **Action 24 (e):** Establish robust mechanisms, such as norms, rules, and principles throughout the life-cycle of military applications of artificial intelligence, including in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- **Action 25 (c):** Encourage talent mobility and circulation and support developing countries in providing suitable working conditions and opportunities for their skilled workforce to retain talent and prevent a brain drain.
- **Action 26 (c)** Build capacity in and scale up the development, deployment, and sustainable utilization of emerging technologies for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially by developing countries.

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10 FUNDERS COLLECTIVE TO UNLOCK YOUTH FINANCING



The Objective: Shift financing practice to unlock sustainable funding for youth-led innovation and action to deliver the SDGs and prepare young people for the future. Spearheaded by the Unlock the Future coalition, set up a Funders Collective to increase funding directed towards youth initiatives, particularly in the Global South. It would bolster existing efforts and shift financing practices through targeted empowerment, capacity building, and investment.

Key Draft Proposals: :

- **Action 32 (f):** Request the Secretary-General to develop, in advance of the Second World Summit for Social Development, a Global Youth Investment platform to attract and better finance youth-related programming at the country level.
- **Action 35 (c):** Revitalize and invest in the United Nations Youth Fund to boost the participation of youth representatives from developing countries in the activities of the United Nations.

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11 SPECIAL ENVOY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



The Objective: As decisions made today have a lasting impact, there is a need for an envoy to represent the interests of future generations. This envoy would ensure that global policies consider intergenerational equity and promote sustainable and forward-thinking governance. Their role would raise awareness of the long-term consequences of present-day actions.

Key Proposals in Draft Pact and Future Generations Declaration:

- **Action 13 (b):** Request the Secretary-General to submit a report to Member States in advance of the 2027 SDG Summit on key considerations for determining an ambitious and effective post-2030 framework for sustainable development.
- **Action 41 (a):** Strengthen UN capacities to leverage science, technology, and innovation, including future thinking and foresight, and to monitor and measure ongoing global progress to bridge the science and technology gap between developed and developing countries.
- **Action 41 (b):** Explore ways to strengthen the capacity of UN Country Teams to support national governments in leveraging science and technology for sustainable development.
- **Appoint a Special Envoy for Future Generations:** Enhance global advocacy and advisory roles to ensure that foresight and future generations' needs are consistently integrated across all policy domains.
- **Establish a High-Level Meeting on Future Generations:** Regularly review future generation declarations to ensure they remain relevant and responsive to changing needs.
- **Annual Reporting on Foresight Integration:** Implementing annual reports on foresight practices can promote transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in future-oriented policy-making.

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12 AN EMERGENCY PLATFORM



The Objective: As the world faces more complex global issues, there is a need for a responsive multilateral system. This is especially important for vulnerable populations and can help progress towards SDGs and address issues like gender-based violence. An Emergency Platform could provide political and technical support to enhance global response and effectiveness.

Key Draft Proposals:

- **Action 49 (a):** Convene and operationalize emergency platforms in response to future complex global shocks.
- **Action 49 (b):** Develop protocols for convening and operationalizing emergency platforms in consultation with Member States, recognizing the need for flexible approaches to responding to a range of different complex global shocks.
- **Action 49 (c):** Ensure that an emergency platform would not be a standing institution or entity and would be convened for a finite period.
- **Action 49 (d):** Ensure that the convening of an emergency platform supports and complements the response of the United Nations' principal organs and specialized agencies mandated to respond to crises. It should not affect the mandated role of any intergovernmental body or duplicate ongoing intergovernmental processes.

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FUTURE BEYOND 2024

The journey to the Summit of the Future captures a collective global effort to foster a sustainable future, beginning with the global adoption of the 2030 Agenda.

Despite unforeseen crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, governments worldwide reaffirmed their commitment to this cause, as evidenced by the UN75 Declaration and its 12 critical commitments. This was further bolstered by the Secretary-General's "Our Common Agenda" report and companion youth "Our Future Agenda" report, which called for an accelerated push towards the SDGs and improved intergenerational cooperation for a better future for all.

This Summit of the Future aims to rejuvenate the multilateral system and align it more closely with the UN Charter and the 2030 Agenda's goals. The anticipated Pact for the Future will also prepare for future collaborative efforts, notably aligning with significant upcoming events like Beijing+30 and the World Summit for Social Development.

Most notably, it will set the foundation for the final SDG Summit in 2027, the last checkpoint to assess the SDG progress made. It will also launch the 2100 Roadmap, a youth-led intergenerational framework to design the succession agenda for the generations to come.

2015

Adoption of the 2030 Agenda, introducing 17 Global Goals to guide global efforts for a better future.

2020

UN75 Declaration featuring 12 overarching commitments and a directive to tackle global challenges.

2021

Our Common Agenda by the Secretary-General a report set in motion for reimagining the UN, proposing the Summit of the Future.

2023

SDG Summit marking the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda's timeline.

2024

Summit of the Future aimed at reinvigorating the multilateral system

Beijing+30

Review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration

World Social Summit

Review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration

COP30

second presentation of Nationally Determined Contributions

2027 SDG Summit

global progress review and preparation for 2100

TO WRAP IT UP

The Summit of the Future is a significant moment in our journey towards a sustainable future, showing what can be accomplished when the global community comes together with a common vision.

As we look beyond the Summit, we have the power to shape a legacy of sustainable, inclusive, and equitable development, forging a future that will be remembered with gratitude by generations to come.

This brief has been prepared by the United Nations Foundation Our Future Agenda for informational purposes only. Based on current research and analysis, it aims to provide insights and data relevant to the topic and draws from diverse insights and contributions of over 170 child, youth, and future-focused organizations that have actively participated in shaping the draft Pact for the Future.

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