NATIONAL TOWN HALLS

Intergenerational Dialogues to Think, Plan, and Act for 2100



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INTRODUCTION

As we navigate the early years of the 21st century, our world finds itself at a pivotal moment, facing challenges that are vast and varied.

Climate change, the rapid pace of technological advances, and increasing social and economic disparities are calling for a fresh look at how we manage global affairs based on national priorities and perspectives.

This period of intense change is further highlighted by a significant shift in demographics, with predictions showing that by 2100, over 80% of the world's young people under 30 will be living in Africa and Asia while the median age in Europe will be 50. This highlights the crucial role these young countries will play in shaping the future on a global scale. While brimming with potential, these young countries are also facing obstacles like heavy debt, slow progress on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and a growing sense of disconnect with traditional forms of governance.

This changing landscape highlights the pressing need for a new, inclusive way of working together on a global scale, one that not only tackles today's pressing issues but is also forward-thinking, ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This is where the United Nations' Summit of the Future comes in.

Planned for September 2024, this key event is set to spark a global conversation on how we can evolve our approach to governance, ensuring it meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's generations, creating a fairer, more sustainable, and peaceful world.



The Summit of the Future isn't just a standalone event; it's a step stone toward a larger vision and plan for the rest of the century. known as the 2100 Roadmap. Backed by the United Nations Foundation and the Unlock the Future coalition, the Roadmap is a strategic plan designed to guide global efforts in driving smart investments in the SDGs and beyond, with a strong focus on intergenerational equity, sustainability, and inclusivity.

It's about making global governance more flexible, participatory, and in tune with the aspirations and needs of the world's young people and future generations. This initiative puts a spotlight on the critical role young leaders play in crafting the policies and breakthroughs that will shape our shared future, emphasizing the importance of meaningfully incorporating their views into global decision-making processes.

Set to be unveiled at the final SDG Summit in 2027, the 2100 Roadmap is more than just a set of guidelines; it's an intergenerational vision inspired by young people for a future where every generation can thrive, taking the collective wisdom from the Summit of the Future and turning it into concrete, lasting change.

By envisioning a comprehensive strategy that culminates at the final SDG Summit in 2027, the Summit of the Future is not merely an event but a milestone in an ongoing journey towards realizing a shared vision for a sustainable and inclusive global community.

SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

Responds to Global Call:

Spearheaded by the UN Secretary-General, it is humanity's commitment to building a fit world for current and future generations.

Key Milestone:

The Pact for the Future - a global agreement to reimagine the UN to meet 21st-century needs.

What's in the **Pact for the Future?**



KEY MESSAGES

The messages urge us to prioritize young people, be courageous, and leave a legacy that honors all generations.

The words we use are not just empty phrases, but they inspire us to take action and create a better future for all. We have the power to leave a lasting legacy that will benefit generations to come.

Let young people lead the way

Half of the world's population is under 30, and they are not just waiting around. They are ready to lead and come up with solutions to the challenges we face in the 21st century. The UN should be the platform for this generation to turn their ideas into our shared future.

Political leaders must fight for every generation

With the Summit of the Futon the horizon, our world needs its leaders to start caring for every generation, armed with the political ambition to champion real change and renew faith in a future for all.

Act now for the future

We need to fight for every generation and bring about real change, especially as we approach the Summit. This is our moment to redefine what is possible and renew our faith in achieving great things together.

Ditch the pessimism, Embrace the courage.

It is a race against time to prove that our global efforts are making a real difference in people's lives. By working to achieve the SDGs, we can transform people's skepticism and frustration into hope and trust in a better future.

Securing the Future for All Generations

Our choices today shape tomorrow. This Summit is our opportunity to set a new standard for uplifting every voice, young and old, crafting a thriving future for everyone who comes after us.

TOWNHALLS

The Intergenerational Town Halls are dynamic platforms designed to cultivate broad-based support for the United Nations' future, focusing on generating ideas and commitments from the ground up. By engaging leaders, experts, and policymakers from diverse communities across generations, these Town Halls aim to ensure that the vision for the future of global governance and the United Nations resonates with the realities of people worldwide, fostering a bottom-up approach to global commitment and action.

Key Objectives include:

Deepen National Leadership: build strong national and political leadership for reimagining the future of the United Nations, ensuring that support is rooted in the local realities and reflects the specific needs and aspirations of countries across the spectrum.

Amplify Intergenerational Cooperation: To harness collective insights and enthusiasm to bolster global cooperation to tackle current and future challenges, highlighting the role of the UN as a cornerstone for building a more inclusive and resilient world.

Fostering a Legacy of Sustainability: embed sustainability and resilience at the heart of global decision-making processes, ensuring that the well-being of the planet and future generations is prioritized in every policy, initiative, and global agreement, including the Pact for the Future.

Empowering Diverse Voices: To amplify the voices of across generations leaders, particularly those from traditionally underrepresented communities, ensuring their perspectives and solutions are integral to shaping the policies and initiatives that will define our collective future.

Shape the Road to 2100: contribute actionable strategies and visions that will inform the 2100 Roadmap, making it a comprehensive guide for achieving intergenerational equity, sustainability, and inclusiveness in the century to come.

Through these focused objectives, the Intergenerational Town Halls aim to be a pivotal force in rallying support for a reimagined United Nations that is capable of facing the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.

By emphasizing national engagement, inclusivity, and the generation of concrete, actionable outcomes, these gatherings are set to play a crucial role in shaping a future that aligns with the diverse realities of countries around the world, driving forward the ambitions of the Pact for the Future and beyond.

Key Outcomes

- Building support for the evolving role of the United Nations to address global challenges through foresight, inclusivity, and resilience.
- Engaging in an intergenerational effort for the Summit of the Future to ensure robust, actionable solutions representing diverse global viewpoints.
- Generating practical strategies in Town Halls to shape the 2100 Roadmap for accelerating the SDGs and global agenda.
- Establishing a model for ongoing intergenerational dialogue to bridge generational gaps, promote inclusion, and spark transformative change.

Intended Audience

The Intergenerational Town Halls are designed to convene a diverse assembly of participants and speakers, ranging from visionary young leaders and activists to seasoned policymakers, experts, and global thought leaders. Participants will represent leaders from civil society, academia, the private sector, and international organizations, all brought together by a common goal: to shape a sustainable and inclusive future.

The speakers, carefully selected for their impactful contributions to global governance, sustainability, technology, and social equity, will provide national insights and facilitate meaningful discussions.

Final Insights Report

Following the conclusion of the Intergenerational Town Halls, a key action will be the publication of a comprehensive report produced by hosts and the UN Foundation. This report will cover the rich discussions, innovative ideas, and actionable recommendations that emerged throughout the Town Hall.

Aimed at stakeholders at all levels, from global policymakers to community leaders, the report will serve as a country-driven blueprint for driving forward the agenda set by the town hall. It will detail the collective vision for the future, outline strategic steps for implementation, and highlight the roles various sectors can play in realizing these goals. This report will not only reaffirm the commitments made but also influence ongoing national and global discussions about the future of global cooperation.

Template Agenda to be Adapted to National Priorities

8:30 AM	Registration and Welcome Coffee: Set the stage for a day of engaging discussions.
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9:00 AM	Welcome: Brief welcome address from the facilitator, introducing the Town Hall's objectives and the day's agenda. Emphasize the value of intergenerational dialogue and the role of participants in shaping the future.
9:30 AM	A Vision for Action: Keynote speech from a national champion who can inspire participants with insights into global cooperation and the importance of the Summit of the Future To tackle current and future challenges, ushering a new era of trust, equity, and solidarity.
9:40 AM	Two Roundtable Dialogues (each 50 mins): Participants will engage in-depth discussions on topics directly related to key chapters of the Pact for the Future, with a special emphasis on the inclusion and empowerment of young people and future generations. Each roundtable will explore actionable insights and innovative strategies within the context of the Pact's goals, and hosts will be able to select from the following options based on interest and priority: • Empowering Young People and Future Generations: This discussion will delve into the imperative of integrating young voices in shaping policies and initiatives for a sustainable future. Topics will include mechanisms for enhancing youth participation in governance, strategies for bridging the digital divide, and innovative approaches to education and employment that can empower young people worldwide. • Advancing Sustainable Development: Focusing on the critical importance of sustainable development, this roundtable will explore sustainable financing mechanisms, debt relief initiatives, and the role of multilateral development banks in prioritizing services that benefit the global public good, with a focus on how these strategies impact young people and future generations. • Strengthening Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability: Participants will discuss enforceable global commitments to combat climate change, halt biodiversity loss, and reduce pollution. The conversation will also cover the transition to sustainable and renewable energy sources, emphasizing youth-led initiatives and the importance of incorporating future generations' perspectives in climate policies. • Promoting Peace, Security, and Intergenerational Justice: This roundtable will address the enhancement of peace operations, the legal frameworks for defense companies, and the establishment of norms for emerging technologies that impact international security. Discussions will examine how these issues affect both current and future generations, with a focus on creating a peaceful
11:00 AM	Coffee Break: A brief interlude for refreshments and informal networking.
11:15 AM	Fireside Chat Meeting the Demands of the 21st Century: a Fireside chat with prominent policymaker, young changemaker, and leading expert exploring the role of international cooperation in tackling current and future challenges. This discussion will also surface the essential role of young people and young countries in a future-ready UN system through intergenerational cooperation, highlighting how our world is changing and why all changemakers should pay close attention to these shifts.
12:30 AM	Networking Lunch: Connect, share insights, and discuss the morning's sessions over lunch.
1:30 AM	Shaping 2100 Vision: Interactive, hands-on workshops to ideate and develop actionable strategies that address the challenges discussed, with a focus on contributing to the 2100 Roadmap. Workshop options include: • Building Resilient Governance: Crafting policies for a more adaptive and inclusive global governance structure. • Empowering Voices for a Sustainable Future: Strategies to amplify diverse voices in global decision-making bodies. • Innovations in Sustainability and Equity: Ideating on breakthrough initiatives that can drive SDG progress and beyond through longterm planning and strategic foresight.
3:30 PM	Visionary Break: Invite a young, emerging artist to showcase an art piece during the coffee break, with the theme "Futures Imagined." This could be a painting, digital art, or even a mixed-media installation.
3:45 PM	Plenary - Commitment to Action: Open discussion where groups from the interactive workshops share their visions and commitments. This session aims to synthesize the day's discussions into a collective roadmap for action, emphasizing the role of the UN and global governance in navigating the path towards 2100.
4:45 PM	Closing Call to Action: Summary of the day's achievements and a call to action, underscoring the ongoing journey towards the Summit of the Future and beyond, and the importance of continued intergenerational dialogue and cooperation.
5:00 PM	Networking Reception: A closing reception to foster connections made throughout the day and encourage future collaboration.

CHOOSING THE FORMAT

The success of an Intergenerational Town Hall is significantly influenced by choosing an event format that aligns with your objectives, audience, and resources. Each format serves a distinct purpose, caters to different audience sizes, and facilitates various types of interaction.

Hosts should consider the following factors:

- Venue Selection: Hosts should consider utilizing venues where they have an existing presence or can easily access space. Integrating the town hall into an existing conference or event programming can also maximize impact and participation.
- Audience Size and Composition: The number of attendees and their backgrounds should influence the format choice, ensuring it supports your event's objectives and encourages productive engagement.
- Strategic and Resource Alignment:

 Match your goals with the chosen
 format and assess available resources,
 including venue, technology, and
 facilitation expertise, to implement your
 event effectively.
- Interactivity Level: Determine the desired level of audience participation. Panels offer structured environments, while roundtables and plenary sessions encourage more interactive discussions.

Below is a guide to assist hosts in selecting the most appropriate format:

1. Panel Discussions

- When to Choose: These are suitable for engaging a broad audience (50-150 participants) with insights from experts, policymakers, and young leaders. Opt for this format to inspire attendees, offer diverse perspectives, or share impactful stories.
- Considerations: The diversity of viewpoints, the number of speakers, and audience familiarity with the topics should guide this choice. It's ideal for introducing broad themes or catalyzing interest in specific focus areas.
- **Budget Range:** \$5,000 \$15,000

2. Focused Dialogues

- When to Choose: Perfect for focused discussions on specific topics, allowing 10-20 participants per table to actively contribute to the conversation. This format is excellent for diving deep into subjects where the goal is to generate detailed insights or recommendations, drawing from targeted expertise and national interests.
- Considerations: The topic's complexity, the need for diverse perspectives, and the desire for actionable outcomes should inform this choice. Roundtables are most effective when participants have relevant knowledge or experience.
- Budget Range: \$3,000 \$10,000
- **3. Plenary Session Commitment to Action When to Choose:** Suited for events aiming to consolidate insights from the day into a unified action plan, ideal for 100-200 participants. This format brings diverse

diverse groups together to share their visions and commitments.

- Considerations: The number of groups, the range of topics covered, and the mechanisms for presenting outcomes are critical factors. This requires careful planning to ensure integration of each group's contributions.
- Budget Range: \$10,000 \$25,000

Flexibility in Planning

It's essential to recognize that
Intergenerational Town Halls can be adapted based on the host's priorities and capabilities, including programming elements. The guidelines provided here are intended to support hosts in identifying the most suitable format within their national context and organizational capabilities. This flexibility ensures that the town hall not only aligns with strategic objectives but also resonates deeply with participants, fostering a collaborative and impactful dialogue on shaping our collective future.

By thoughtfully selecting a format and leveraging available venues and events, hosts can create a dynamic and inclusive environment that actively engages participants across generations in meaningful dialogue, contributing to a sustainable and inclusive global vision.

Resources

The funding for these Intergenerational Town Halls will be provided by the UN Foundation, acknowledging the importance of fostering inclusive and impactful dialogues across generations. It's important to note that the proposed budget outlines are general estimates, and actual costs can vary significantly depending on national and local price levels. The following budget parameters are advised:

- Venue Rental
- Catering
- Promotional Materials
- Speaker Fees (Youth)
- Travel & Accommodation
- Indirects

The UN Foundation team is committed to working closely with hosts to determine each town hall's specific scope and budget. This collaboration will ensure that the planning and execution of each event are tailored to meet the unique needs and opportunities of the local context.

Beyond financial support, the UN Foundation will also offer programming, strategic, and communications guidance to assist hosts in creating meaningful and productive town hall experiences. This comprehensive support aims to empower hosts to organize successful events that contribute to shaping a sustainable and inclusive future, aligned with the ambitions of the 2100 Roadmap and the broader global policy objectives.

SELECTED TOWNHALLS

Priority countries have been selected for national town halls based on recommendations and feedback from the Unlock the Future coalition and partners. They have been selected on the following basis:

- Commitment to the Empowerment of Young People: Prioritize countries that demonstrate a clear commitment to investing in young people and empowering future generations, as evidenced by their policies, initiatives, and advocacy efforts.
- Leadership in Global Governance: Give preference to countries that advocate for reforms to promote inclusive and equitable global governance, as they can provide valuable insights into addressing systemic barriers and driving meaningful change on an international scale.
- Young Country / Global South
 Representation: Prioritize countries from
 the Global South that demonstrate
 leadership in advocating for the needs and
 interests of developing nations,
 particularly those from young countries, as
 they can offer perspectives that are often
 underrepresented in global discussions
 and bring attention to issues specific to
 their regions.
- Facilitative Environment: Conducive environments for hosting productive and inclusive dialogues, including strong democratic institutions, civil society engagement, and a commitment to freedom of expression and dialogue.

Existing Partner Relationship: established partnerships or relationships with local organizations, institutions, or government bodies that can lead and facilitate the dialogue effectively. Leveraging existing partnerships can ensure smooth coordination, access to resources, and local expertise, enhancing the success and impact of the intergenerational dialogue.

DRAFT Calendar



THE UNLOCK THE FUTURE COALITION

Hosted by the United Nations
Foundation, the Unlock the
Future coalition is more than an
alliance – it's a powerhouse of
ambition and hope, gathering the
world's largest youth and childfocused organizations under one
banner to unlock a better future
for next and future generations.

Formally launched in 2022, the Unlock the Future coalition brings together 25 of the world's largest youth and child-focused organizations, reaching almost one billion people worldwide.

By engaging leading experts, policymakers, and young changemakers, the coalition works together to **deliver intergenerational solutions**, to advance shared goals at the UN system, create opportunities for joint action for impact, and boost funding for the young people who will shape our tomorrow.

The coalition's <u>Declaration</u>, launched at the 2023 SDG Summit, positions the coalition as a bridge for the UN and global partners to deliver tangible change in young people's lives.

The Road to 2100

In 2023, the Unlock the Future coalition launched the Road to 2100 – a 5-year Action Plan to tackle current and future global challenges through investing in young people and young countries.

The Road to 2100 is designed to empower all young people, particularly the most marginalized and underserved, to help them unlock the full potential of their future.

Over the next few years, the coalition will:

- 1. Rally political support and accountability
- 2. Explore 2100 trajectories
- 3. Resource young people's leadership for the future
- 4. Jumpstart the Engine Room for the Future
- 5. Amplify young people's voices through storytelling.

This mission is brought to life with a focus on the energy, leadership, and innovative potential of young people and young countries—those where more than 50% of the population is under the age of 30—who are not only at the frontline of sustainable development but also hold the greatest stake in our future.

The Engine Room

Launched in 2023, the Engine Room, which mobilized more than 44,000 young people in its first year, is a digital, intergenerational platform led by young people to reimagine how the United Nations thinks, plans, and acts for the future. It is made up of Action Groups, teams of tenacious young leaders – 86% of whom are from the Global South – exploring the future of the SDGs through the five foundational principles of the 2030 Agenda (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships) to shape global dialogue and action.

The Action Groups will co-design a learning agenda which will steer the strategic direction of the 2100 Roadmap, ensuring that vulnerable and marginalized voices are represented in the final years of the 2030 Agenda and beyond. In the spirit of intergenerational cooperation, the Engine Room will host a series of digital events timed to coincide with significant UN moments. These events will give space to exchange ideas and perspectives, engage global leaders, and expand the minds and networks of young leaders worldwide.





The Funders Collective

Our vision for unlocking the power of a generation of changemakers takes another tangible form with the Unlock Funders Collective, set to launch at the <u>United Nations'</u> Summit of the Future.

Building from the original <u>Unlock Declaration</u>, the <u>Unlock Declaration 2.0</u> and the <u>Unlock strategy</u>, the Unlock Funders Collective will unlock increased and improved financing for youth-led initiatives that align with the 17 SDGs to tackle the world's most pressing challenges.

This approach ensures that the funding supports initiatives that reinvest in global cooperation for our shared future, directly responding to the call from the UN Secretary-General.

The Unlock Funders Collective will harness the power of collective action to address funding challenges within the sector that are too difficult for any one actor to achieve alone, driving innovative and transformational shifts in sector culture, practice and outcomes.

The Unlock Story Lab

The Unlock Story Lab aims to provide an innovative and dynamic platform where young creatives are empowered to utilize the power of storytelling to shape public opinion and drive societal transformation by blending the ancient art of storytelling with the precision of impact science.

Through this initiative, storytelling is reimagined as a collaborative, inclusive process that combines diverse voices, generational perspectives, and technological innovation to produce narratives that resonate with and reflect the complexities of human experience.

The Story Lab's design phase will Launch in 2024. This stage will focus on establishing the lab's infrastructure, developing partnerships with technology firms, educational institutions, and media outlets, and recruiting the first cohort of storytellers.























































AIESEC, BRAC, CIVICUS, The Duke of Edinburgh International Award, Girl Up, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, Global Partnership for Education, Global Student Forum, Global Shapers Community, Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Kofi Annan Foundation, Mercy Corps, Plan International, Restless Development, Save the Children, Search for Common Ground, Southern Voice, Teach for All, United Nations Association of the USA, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Organisation for the Scout Movement, World YMCA, World YWCA.

KEY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

These documents are designed to assist hosts in organizing and planning for Intergenerational Town Halls. Each template and form serves a specific function in the preparation, execution, and follow-up of the event, ensuring a structured and impactful experience.



Planner Template

This Excel template is an adaptable tool for planning and organizing town halls. It includes tabs for budgeting, logistics, speaker management, and timeline planning.



Communications Plan

Designed to help hosts maximize the success of their events, outlining strategies for before, during, and after the town hall.



Host Toolkit

Comprehensive resource to guide hosts through the planning, execution, and follow-up of their townhall events



Invitation Template

Outreach to potential participants with a clear and engaging messaging of the event's purpose, the value of their participation, and logistical details.



Registration Form

Crucial for managing participant details and logistical needs. It gathers information to tailor the townhall experience to the audience's needs.



Impact Report Template

Crucial for documenting and analyzing the outcomes. It guides the collection of key data points and participant feedback, crucial for assessing the townhall's impact and reporting to stakeholders and funders.



Town Halls Slidedeck

Details the structure, agenda, and objectives aligned with the Future and the 2100 Roadmap. It provides a standardized yet adaptable framework to gather intergenerational insights and inputs.



Speaker Brief Template

Provides a guide for briefing speakers, outlining their involvement, the event's objectives, and specific session details.



Note Taking Template

Facilitates structured notetaking during town hall sessions, ensuring that all discussions, decisions, and recommendations are accurately captured.

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 document has been prepared by the Our Future Agenda at United Nations Foundation to provide information, insights, and data based on current research and analysis. It reflects the Foundation's commitment to diversity of ideas and open dialogue and discussion. Readers are encouraged to consider multiple perspectives and sources when evaluating the content.

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