



Foundations for Tomorrow

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1. Efforts surrounding the Summit of the Future should build on the substantive efforts of the 2030 Agenda. Proactive efforts should be made to drive inclusion and unity across schools of thought such as the work of futurists and sustainable development practitioners. Capitalising on future opportunities and mitigating anticipated risks could

provide a much-needed reinvigoration of the journey ahead.

3. The challenges we face present us with an opportunity to foster the renewed faith in global solidarity needed to double down on the SDGs. However, this window of opportunity will not last forever. We have the opportunity to capitalise on the innovative thinking, global political leadership, and appetite for solidarity of this moment before the impacts of generational conflict, biodiversity loss, and exponential inequality start creating irreversible damage to our human and planetary wellbeing. Renewed solidarity requires connecting future-oriented governance innovations across member states, the UN and society.



Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

1. As we approach the Summit of the future, we must ensure that the narrative around the Summit:
 - a. Surfaces the challenges we face while acknowledging that this is a moment for realistic optimism about the future that can channel hopeful determination to drive rapid national and international governance reforms;
 - b. Treats the global context as an interconnected and indivisible whole and focuses on action beyond the 2030 threshold of the SDGs, looking at least a generation into the future.
 - c. Brings to the fore the connections and common causes between different governance innovations (including measuring what we value, beyond GDP, meaningful youth engagement, intergenerational fairness, solidarity, foresight, future generations, wellbeing economics and existential risk).
2. In the lead-up to the Summit, ensuring progress is made with regards to:
 - a. Appointing the UN Special Envoy for Future Generations, ensuring they are representative of global majority communities, before the Summit and ensuring this position is supported by the necessary resources to drive transformation.
 - b. Supporting genuinely innovative and tangible practices worldwide that protect the rights of current and future generations, including policy innovations, new institutions, meaningful youth engagement, demonstrator projects, and national listening exercises to be showcased at a national level and the High Level Political Forum.
 - c. Integrating insights from young leaders and leveraging foresight practices and anticipatory governance to consider the interests of future generations across the remaining thematic tracks of the Summit of the Future.
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 - a. A Declaration on Future Generations, which enshrines the rights of future generations as a practical instrument to drive legislative and institutional reforms at the national level.



- b. A fundamental commitment to fairness for current and future generations, including the need for effective intergenerational dialogue and assessment of public policies from the standpoint of intergenerational fairness, ensuring policies and decisions speak to the needs of future generations, with accountability mechanisms to assess their intergenerational distributional impact.
- c. A high-ambition capability-building programme to adopt strategic foresight and intergenerational fairness approaches in the UN and across Member States, including commitments to building capability for a foresight ecosystem at all levels of government and to run “national listening exercises” that connect all generations into policymaking in support of the 2030 Agenda’s “new approach” to multilevel (local, subnational and national, multi-stakeholder and multilateral public administration and anticipatory) governance.

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Foundations for Tomorrow (FFT) is a youth-driven independent nonprofit, steadfast in its commitment to championing intergenerational leadership to protect the interests of future generations, striving for intergenerational understanding and collaboration.

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