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#### 1.1 Continuous Capacity Building:

Advocate for ongoing training programs and support mechanisms that equip stakeholders with the necessary skills for sustainable development implementation. Collaborate with Member States and relevant organizations to ensure continuous capacity building.

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# 2.1 Collaborative Visa Streamlining:

Collaborate with Member States to simplify visa procedures for civil society participants attending in-person training workshops to implement Summit outcomes. Streamline visa application processes to facilitate smoother attendance at capacity-building workshops.

### 2.2 Emphasis on Global South Participation:

Prioritize and expedite visa processing for attendees from the Global South and individuals from marginalized communities who conventionally encounter obstacles in attending in-person events and programs. This ensures equitable access to training and capacity-

We acknowledge the critical importance of ensuring online safety and addressing violence, particularly affecting women, youth, and children, in the pursuit of international peace and security. The recommendations below emphasize specialized training, targeted initiatives, and robust measures to combat online violence, misinformation, and disinformation. Aligned with Target 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, these recommendations aim to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and violence against children while also addressing threats posed by hate speech and misinformation targeting civil society communities:

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1.1 Cybersafety Training Programs:

Develop and implement specialized training programs focusing on cyber safety, addressing threats and vulnerabilities faced by women, youth, and children online. Collaborate with educational institutions, NGOs, and digital platforms to promote digital literacy and safety.

Strengthen reporting mechanisms for online violence and hate speech, providing user-friendly platforms for reporting. Encourage collaboration between tech companies, law enforcement agencies, and civil society to address reported cases promptly.

Aimed at enabling participation and eliminating barriers for youth, especially those from marginalized communities, these recommendations focus on equitable access, skill enhancement, innovation support, and empowerment of youth-led initiatives contributing to sustainable development goals:

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1.1 Identify and Eliminate Discriminatory Barriers:

bridge the digital divide and empower young individuals to leverage technology effectively.

3.2 Youth-Inclusive Digital Cooperation Platforms:

Establish inclusive digital cooperation platforms that actively involve youth agencies, organizations, and entities at all levels. Foster collaborations where young individuals have a voice in shaping technological advancements and digital policies.

Aligned with the overarching goals of sustainability and inclusive growth, our recommendations aim to ensure comprehensive education, foster entrepreneurship, and advocate for policies supporting flexible work arrangements, thus empowering young individuals to contribute meaningfully to a sustainable and equitable future:

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1.1 Integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Curricula:

experienced professionals with young individuals to foster networking and knowledge transfer.

ensuring alignment with global sustainable development objectives.

1.2 Integral Youth Engagement in Decision-Making:

Advocate for and facilitate the active participation of youth representatives in decision-making processes across public, private, and NGO sectors. Encourage the integration of youth perspectives in policy formulation and implementation at all levels.

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2.1 Support for National Youth Councils:

Offer advisory services and guidance to National Youth Councils, empowering them with knowledge, resources, and strategic advice to champion youth-related initiatives aligned with the SDGs effectively.

2.2 Training and Capacity Building Programs:

Partner with UN agencies to develop comprehensive training programs and capacity-building initiatives. These programs will equip youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively engage in international and regional implementation processes.

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3.1 Workshops, Webinars, and Training Sessions for Consular Officials:

Conduct specialized workshops, webinars, and training sessions for consular officials of Member States. These sessions will focus on the significance of civil society activation and mobilization post-summit, enhancing their understanding and fostering collaboration with civil society entities.

### 3.2 Post-Summit Mobilization Initiatives:

Spearhead post-summit mobilization initiatives, fostering collaboration between civil society organizations and Member States. Encourage joint efforts in implementing summit outcomes and sustaining momentum towards achieving shared objectives.

These action-oriented recommendations aim to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive and inclusive Pact of the Future. They strive to foster responsible technological advancements, promote equitable access to digital resources, and empower marginalized communities through education and grassroots innovation in alignment with the objectives outlined in Our Common Agenda.

Towards this end, under the guidance of the Civil Society Youth Representatives Programme in the Department of Global Communications, the Civil Society Youth Representatives Steering Committee offers in-kind support in drafting the Zero Draft of the Pact for (,)4.3 (t)-6.6 Td()TjEMCommuni\*(r5.