

***Our Common Agenda* and the Summit of the Future: Supporting acceleration of the Sustainable Development Goals**

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Our Common Agenda

- Our Common Agenda is a report released in 2021 that outlines the Secretary-General's vision for the future of global cooperation.
- It was a response to Member States request on the 75th anniversary of the UN for recommendations on addressing current and future challenges.
- The report warns of a world on the brink of breakdown where business as usual is not an option.
- It calls for a fundamental rethink of political, economic, social and environmental systems to deliver more fairly and sustainably for all.
- This would require renewed trust and solidarity and a reinvigorated multilateral system to deliver on existing goals while preparing for new threats and opportunities.



A booster shot to the SDGs – Action in 12 areas

KEY PROPOSALS ACROSS THE 12 COMMITMENTS

From the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations

All proposed actions are in line with and designed to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

PROPOSED KEY MOMENTS



1. Leave no one behind

- Renewed social contract anchored in human rights
- New era for universal social protection, including health care and basic income security, reaching the 4 billion unprotected
- Reinforce adequate housing, education and lifelong learning and decent work
- Digital inclusivity
- World Social Summit in 2025
- Identify complementary measures to GDP

2. Protect our planet

- Leaders meeting ahead of the global stocktaking in 2023
- Commit to the 1.5-degree Celsius goal and net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner
- Declarations of climate emergency and right to a healthy environment
- Package of support to developing countries
- Measures for adaptation and resilience
- No new coal after 2021 and phasing out fossil fuel subsidies
- Account for the environment in economic models, carbon pricing mechanisms and credible commitments by financial actors
- Post-2020 biodiversity framework
- Transforming food systems for sustainability, nutrition and fairness
- Action by the General Assembly on territorial threats of climate change and to prevent, protect and resolve situations of environmental displacement

3. Promote peace and prevent conflicts

- New agenda for peace to:
 - Reduce strategic risks (nuclear weapons, cyberwarfare, autonomous weapons)
 - Strengthen international foresight
 - Reshape responses to all forms of violence
 - Invest in prevention and peacebuilding, including Peacebuilding Fund and Peacebuilding Commission
 - Support regional prevention
 - Put women and girls at the centre of security policy
- Peaceful, secure and sustainable use of outer space, including through a multi-stakeholder dialogue on outer space

4. Abide by international law and ensure justice

- Human rights as a problem-solving measure, including by comprehensive anti-discrimination laws and promoting participation
- Application of human rights online and to frontier issues and new technologies
- Universal access to the Internet as a human right
- Human rights mechanisms on a more sustainable financial footing
- Legal identity for all, end to statelessness and protection of internally displaced persons, refugees and migrants
- New vision for the rule of law
- Global road map for the development and effective implementation of international law

5. Place women and girls at the centre

- Repeal of gender-discriminatory laws
- Promote gender parity, including through quotas and special measures
- Facilitate women's economic inclusion, including investment in the care economy and support for women entrepreneurs
- Include voices of younger women
- Eradication of violence against women and girls, including through an emergency response plan

6. Build trust

- Global code of conduct that promotes integrity in public information
- Improve people's experiences with public institutions and basic services
- Inclusive national listening and "envisioning the future" exercises
- Action to tackle corruption in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption
- Reformed international tax system
- Joint structure on financial integrity and tackling illicit financial flows

7. Improve digital cooperation

- Global Digital Compact to:
 - Connect all people to the Internet, including all schools
 - Avoid Internet fragmentation
 - Protect data
 - Apply human rights online
 - Introduce accountability criteria for discrimination and misleading content
 - Promote regulation of artificial intelligence
 - Digital commons as a global public good

8. Upgrade the United Nations

- High-level Advisory Board led by former Heads of State and Government on improved governance of global public goods
- System-wide policy that puts people at the centre, taking into account age, gender and diversity
- More listening, participation and consultation (including digitally), building on the seventy-fifth anniversary declaration and Our Common Agenda
- Gender parity within the United Nations system by 2028
- Re-establish the Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board
- "Quintet of change" for United Nations 2.0, including innovation, data, strategic foresight, results orientation and behavioural science

9. Ensure sustainable financing

- Biennial Summit between the Group of 20, the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General and the heads of international financial institutions for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient global economy including to:
 - Support a Sustainable Development Goal investment boost, including through a last-mile alliance to reach those furthest behind
 - Provide more flexible research and development incentives
 - Resolve weaknesses in the debt architecture
- Fairer and more resilient multilateral trading system, including a reinvigorated WTO
- New business models
- Improve the United Nations budget process

10. Boost partnerships

- Annual meetings between the United Nations and all heads of regional organizations
- Stronger engagement between the United Nations system, international financial institutions and regional development banks
- More systematic engagement with parliaments, subnational authorities and the private sector
- Civil society focal points in all United Nations entities
- United Nations Office for Partnerships to consolidate access and inclusion, including accessibility online

11. Listen to and work with youth

- Remove barriers to political participation and measure progress through a "youth in politics" index
- United Nations Youth Office
- Transforming Education Summit in 2022
- Recovery barometer to track career paths and labour market outcomes for youth
- High-ambition coalition to promote green and digital-economy job creation
- Future generations
 - Summit of the Future in 2023
 - Ensure long-term thinking, including through a United Nations Futures Lab
 - Represent succeeding generations, including through a repurposed Trusteeship Council, a Declaration on Future Generations, and a United Nations Special Envoy for Future Generations

12. Be prepared

- Emergency Platform to be convened in response to complex global crises
- Strategic Foresight and Global Risk Report by the United Nations every five years
- On global public health:
 - Global vaccination plan
 - Empowered WHO
 - Stronger global health security and preparedness
 - Accelerate product development and access to health technologies in low- and middle-income countries
 - Universal health coverage and addressing determinants of health

The Summit of the Future

The OCA called for a Summit of the Future to forge a new global consensus on multilateral solutions to current and future problems.

The Summit will build on the SDG Summit and is scheduled to take place in September 2024.

MS agreed that the outcome will be an intergovernmentally negotiated, action-oriented Pact for the Future.

Germany and Namibia will co-facilitate the negotiation of the Pact which is to comprise five chapters on:

- Sustainable development and financing for development
- International peace and security
- Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation



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FUTURE GENERATIONS



EMERGENCY PLATFORM



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



BEYOND GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT



GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT



INFORMATION INTEGRITY



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INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE



OUTER SPACE



A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION



UNITED NATIONS 2.0



UN 2.0
Quintet
of Change

Resources

Our Common Agenda/Summit of the Future:

<https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda>

Summit of the Future 2 Pager:

<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/our-common-agenda-summit-of-the-future-what-would-it-deliver.pdf>

Our Common Agenda – What have we achieved so far:

https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/oca_written_update_with_annexes_091023.pdf

Policy Brief Overview:

<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/our-common-agenda-policy-briefs-a-quick-summary.pdf>