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Intergenerational Cooperation and inclusive Governance

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The Pact for the Future

- In 2015, the Nations of the World committed to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- The **Pact for the Future** foundational promise to protect present and future generations and scale up our efforts to achieve the SDGs





- Sustainable development builds on 5 pillars “**5Ps**”: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership
- The SDGs were developed around a set of core principles: Leaving no one behind (LNOB), inclusiveness, universality, indivisibility and interconnectedness





The Pact for the Future Future is Intergenerational

- **No single generation can tackle today's global challenges alone.** Younger and older generations bring a wealth of diverse experiences and perspectives, which together create transformative solutions.
- **Youth as Full Partners in Decision-Making.** Youth participation must be the norm, not the exception. Young people must wield real power and accountability, not be token presences.
- **Optimism for the Future.** Young people care for the future and have the know how and skills that we need for transformative change. Youth people are not defined by borders that separate them, but by the solidarity that unites them. We have the obligation to invest in the youth, not as moral obligation, but as necessity.



Key messages

- **Intergenerational Leadership** Unlocks Innovation and Sustainability
- **Meaningful participation:** Older and younger persons, women and men, girls and boys, must be at the table when we plan solutions, not as afterthought or token presence.
- **Optimism for the Future.** We have a huge task before us. One key message from day one: We must act. Each of us can contribute and collectively, we can shape the future.



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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of the United Nations Secretariat Building. The building's facade is a grid of windows, and the sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text 'Thank you.' is overlaid in white. On the right side, there are three overlapping, semi-transparent white geometric shapes: a square, a rectangle, and a larger L-shaped figure.

Thank you.