

# **SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAYS**

**September 20-21, 2024**

**Draft Programme (August)**



## **Summit of the Future**

Our Common Agenda

## Overview of the Summit of the Future and the Action Days

### **The world is at a precipice.**

Advances in technology, science, medicine, and ways of working hold enormous promise for people and planet and for advancing peace and prosperity. Yet, as a global community, we face an array of consequential challenges, and even existential risks, including climate change and biodiversity loss, conflict and displacement, endemic poverty and unprecedented displacement. We have agreed the vision of the world we want in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but we are not on track to realise that vision. Meanwhile, new challenges and opportunities defy our grasp. These opportunities and challenges transcend national borders. In our deeply interconnected and increasingly multipolar world, international cooperation holds the key to effectively managing our collective success, and even to our survival.

### **This is a moment in history where we face a pivotal choice as a global community – breakthrough or breakdown.**

Inaction almost guarantees a future of persistent crises and breakdown, whilst a breakthrough will not happen by itself. We must come together and make a conscious and collective choice to change course. We must evolve our ways of working, leverage the promises of technology and harness the power of all actors. And we must rebuild trust in each other and the multilateral system.

### **The Summit of the Future marks the beginning of a journey.**

It will serve as a springboard to a more sustainable, peaceful and just future for all. It will do so by focusing attention and action on creating a multilateral system that better reflects the geopolitical realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, one that is more just and one that is capable of responding to the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow.

First, by putting in place new international norms and mechanisms to both manage and harness the potential of emerging areas of innovation. Second, by doubling-down on our efforts to achieve the world envisaged by the UN Charter, the SDGs and our commitments to address climate change, with a particular focus on making sure we have the necessary resources and fit-for-purpose institutions to deliver. Finally, it will challenge us to take a fresh look at the United Nations, its institutions, and ways of working to be more networked, inclusive and effective by meaningfully engaging all stakeholders.

### **The Summit offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity for change.**

It will pave a way to a better tomorrow that we can only shape together.

In support of this vision and objectives, *The Summit of the Future Action Days* will be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 20 and 21 September 2024 at United Nations Headquarters in New York to generate additional opportunities for the engagement of all actors.

Bringing together representatives from Member States, civil society, private sector, academia, local and regional authorities, youth, and many more, the Action Days will provide an opportunity for broad engagement and inclusion. These stakeholders have all played a key role in shaping the Pact for the Future and its annexes, and will be critical to implementation.

The Action Days will kick off with a dedicated, youth-led afternoon followed by a Saturday programme which will focus on three priority themes – digital and technology, peace and security, and sustainable development and financing. In addition to the three themes, there will also be a dedicated focus throughout the day on future generations. Expected participants include Heads of State, Ministers, senior UN officials and representatives from the private sector, civil society and other actors.

## Overview Summit of the Future Action Days Programme

The Action Days will take place from 20-21 September, 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters.

Please note that this programme is subject to change. Please refer to the [Summit of the Future Action Days](#) website for the latest version.

### Friday, 20 September 2024

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<b>#YouthLead for the Future: Intergenerational solidarity and equity for a shared future</b>	15:30 – 16:45	Trusteeship	Page 8
<b>#YouthLead for the Future: Foresight in climate and environmental sustainability</b>	16:45 – 18:00	Trusteeship	Page 8
<b>#YouthLead for the Future: Governance for human rights, peace and security and political processes</b>	15:30 – 16:45	Conference Room 4	Page 8
<b>#YouthLead for the Future: Innovative solutions in humanitarian action</b>	16:45 – 18:00	Conference Room 4	Page 8
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### Saturday, 21 September 2024

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# **SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY 1**

**Draft Programme**

**Friday, 20 September 2024**

The Action Days will kick off with a youth-led half day, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m, led by the United Nations Youth Office in close collaboration with other UN entities and relevant networks. The Action Days are an opportunity to elevate the voice of youth in the multilateral system, as key participants in efforts to secure breakthroughs in global cooperation. The day will be convened under the theme of “#YouthLead for the Future: We believe in the promise of a better world for all”.

### Opening ceremony (13:00 – 14:00, General Assembly Hall)

The Friday will kick off with an energizing opening session in the GA Hall, focused on how meaningful youth engagement is a matter for all of society and all organizations.

Time	Planned agenda item	Format
13:00 – 13:05	Opening video	Our commitment to the Future
13:05 – 13:15	Opening remarks	Assistant Secretary-General for Youth
13:15 – 13:40	Keynote speaker series	4-5 Keynote speeches from prominent individuals from various sectors
13:40 – 13:50	Closing performance	Cultural moment and/or musical performance

### Dialogue with the Secretary-General (14:00 – 15:00, General Assembly Hall)

An interactive and intergenerational dialogue between the UN Secretary-General and youth is planned.

### #YouthLead for the Future: Breakout sessions (15:30 – 18:00, ECOSOC, Trusteeship Chamber, Conference Room 4)

- **Convener:** UN Youth Office
- **Focal Point:** Romeral Ortiz-Quintilla ([gracia.ortizquintilla@un.org](mailto:gracia.ortizquintilla@un.org))

Six thematic sessions, focused on core issues of importance to youth. Tentative titles for these sessions are:

- #YouthLead: Innovative Solutions in Humanitarian Action
- #YouthLead: Foresight in climate and environmental sustainability

- #YouthLead: Gender Equality to Empower Girls and Young Women at the Heart of Multilateralism
- #YouthLead: Intergenerational Equity and Solidarity for a Shared Future
- #YouthLead: Inclusive Digital Future for All
- #YouthLead: Governance for Human Rights, Peace and Security, and Political Processes

### **Closing Ceremony (18:20 – 19:00, ECOSOC Council Chamber)**

The closing segment will serve as a space to reflect on the discussions of the day, with youth rapporteurs from the thematic sessions presenting the main recommendations and actions highlighted to the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Through short and inspiring presentations, the youth rapporteurs will create a sense of ownership of the Summit while encouraging accountability and monitoring mechanisms for tracking progress of the pledges made.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Planned agenda item</b>	<b>Format</b>
18:20 – 18:22	Opening remarks	Session moderator
18:22 – 18:50	Youth rapporteurs remarks and discussion with the Deputy Secretary-General	Panel and/or remarks with dialogue from various sectors
18:50 – 19:00	Closing performance	Musical performance



# **SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY 2**

**Draft Programme**

**Saturday, 21 September 2024**

Action Day 2 will consist of a full-day of programming from 9a.m. to 6:30p.m, focused on multistakeholder partnership and action – paving a way towards a next chapter of multilateralism that is more inclusive and networked. The Saturday sessions will focus on three priority themes – digital and technology, peace and security, and sustainable development and financing. These sessions will be coordinated by relevant UN entities, including UNDP, DESA, ITU, the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Technology, DPPA, DPO, ODA, and OCT. In addition to the three themes, there will also be a dedicated focus throughout the day on future generations.

## **Opening ceremony (9:00 – 10:30, General Assembly Hall)**

In preparation for the Summit of the Future, this Action Day will bring together a diverse set of actors from across all sectors to reimagine how we work together to address the most pressing opportunities and challenges of our world. The opening ceremony will serve to both energize attendees, and tee-up several important themes and considerations for the rest of the day.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Planned agenda item</b>	<b>Format</b>
9:00 – 9:10	Opening remarks	Keynote speech: UN Secretary-General
9:10 – 9:35	Stakeholder perspectives	Remarks from rapporteurs
9:35 – 10:20	Future Generations	<i>Design under development</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Special guest	Remarks and a musical performance from a special guest

## **A Digital Future For All (10:30 – 17:00, ECOSOC Chamber)**

- **Co-conveners:** Office of the Special Envoy on Technology (OSET); International Telecommunication Union (ITU); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Focal Points:** Lucia Velasco ([lucia.velasco@un.org](mailto:lucia.velasco@un.org)) Filippo Pierozzi ([filippo.pierozzi@un.org](mailto:filippo.pierozzi@un.org)) [OSET]; Ursula Wynhoven [ITU] ([ursula.wynhoven@itu.int](mailto:ursula.wynhoven@itu.int)); Ana Sepulveda ([ana.sepulveda@itu.int](mailto:ana.sepulveda@itu.int)) [ITU]; Yuping Chan ([yuping.chan@undp.org](mailto:yuping.chan@undp.org)) [UNDP]; Megan Roberts ([megan.roberts@undp.org](mailto:megan.roberts@undp.org)) [UNDP]

‘A Digital Future For All’ is the digital track of the [Summit of the Future Action Days](#). It will bring forward-looking commitments from all stakeholders to harness innovation, science and data in a more inclusive, safe and sustainable manner. Initial sessions will

exemplify how digital technologies and game-changing solutions can lay the groundwork for a more sustainable, inclusive, and responsible future. The sessions will propel participants forward into the future, encouraging exploration of the trends, risks, and opportunities presented by digital and emerging technologies on our journey forward. The later sessions will celebrate commitments and further discuss the elements and the foundations that are needed to advance such a collective vision of an open, free, and secure digital future. Stakeholders will also explore the opportunities offered by the Global Digital Compact and practical applications of AI.

Time	Planned agenda item	Format and Speakers
10:30 – 10:50	Joint Opening of A Digital Future for All	Formal joint opening of the digital track. <i>Principals of ITU, UNDP, OSET and Head of State</i>
10:50 – 11:00	ACT 1 - Welcome to 2030	In a futuristic and scenario-based exercise, this session will explore the trends, risks and opportunities shaping our present and future through the lens of digital technologies. <i>Principals of ITU and UNDP</i>
11:00 – 13:00	ACT 2 - The Hope of Digital	This session will demonstrate how digital and emerging technologies for digital cooperation can support countries in building a more sustainable, inclusive and responsible future for all. <i>Selected speakers</i>
13:00 – 13:30	ACT 3 - Laying the Foundations of A Digital Future for All (Part 1)	This session will celebrate commitments and further discuss the foundations of A Digital Future for All. <i>Selected pledgers from the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition(P2C) and segment on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)</i>
13:30-14:30	Break	

Time	Planned agenda item	Format and Speakers
14:30 – 16:45	ACT 3 – Laying the Foundations of A Digital Future for All (Part 2)	This session will explore the principles and objectives of the Global Digital Compact (GDC), translating vision into action, and how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be advanced for the benefit of humanity.  <i>Selected speakers</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Joint Closing of A Digital Future for All	Formal joint closing of the digital track.  <i>Principals of ITU, UNDP, OSET and Head of State.</i>

## A Peaceful Future For All (10:30 – 17:00, Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Co-convenor:** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA); Department of Peace Operations (DPO); Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA); Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT)
- **Focal Point:** Overall coordination: Ingrid Laslett ([Laslett@un.org](mailto:Laslett@un.org))
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Trust, Universality and Solidarity are core principles from A New Agenda for Peace. This session will galvanize the strong support for these principles in tangible ways, with focus on an intergenerational dialogue for peace, dismantling patriarchal power structures, civilian protection in urban settings, a call to action for a future without terrorism, and imagining peace in a digital world.

Planned agenda item	Time	Session	Format
A more equal world	10:30-11:20	Session 1:	Young leaders and elders will exchange views on how

		Intergenerational dialogue for peace	to rebuild global trust in the power of diplomacy to resolve conflicts.
	11:20-12:10	Session 2: Dismantling patriarchal power structures	Women and male leaders and advocates for change hold a future oriented debate on what concrete steps can be taken to dismantle structures that stand in the way of a more just, fair, equal and inclusive world.
A world free of violence	12:10-13:00	Session 3: A Call to Action for a Future Without Terrorism	Through audio-visual presentations and remarks from prominent leaders and experts, this session will envision a cooperative, networked and interconnected approach to tackle conflict and the spread of terrorism.
	15:00-16:00	Session 4: Protection of Civilians in urban settings	This session will raise awareness about the impact of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas by State and non-State actors, including terrorist groups. Renowned storyteller Giles Duley, the United Nations Global Advocate for Persons with Disabilities in Conflict and Peacebuilding Situations, will describe the long-term impact of war through the stories of five survivors of armed conflict. The session will amplify these voices and highlight the humanitarian impact of

			war and its legacy on individuals and communities and call for Member States to address how to better protect civilians and to support survivors.
A more resilient world	16:00-17:00	Session 5: Imagining Peace in a Digital World	This session will explore future scenarios for international peace and security, considering themes such as new and emerging technologies and climate change, with a particular focus on how digital technologies can be harnessed for peace. This session will showcase multi-stakeholder perspectives and opportunities for collaboration in an interactive dialogue that will feature a demonstration of digital technologies and audience engagement.

## A Sustainable Future For All (10:30 – 17:00, Conference Room 4)

- **Co-convenor:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
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The session focuses on multi-stakeholder partnerships and key action areas of sustainable development and financing for development that will deliver on the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda and turbocharge progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, building from the SDG Summit. The session will also highlight priority measures to accelerate transformation of global governance for the next chapter of

multilateralism that is more inclusive and fit for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There will be an emphasis on addressing the financing challenges that stand in the way of sustainable development, providing a bridge of discussions between the Summit of the Future and the upcoming Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in June 2025.

Time	Planned agenda item	Format
10:30 – 11:25	Session 1: Sustainable development in a time of global transformation	The first session of the event takes stock of SDG implementation in an era when humanity faces growing catastrophic and existential risks, but also rapid advances in knowledge, science, technology, and innovation. Present and past policy makers will assess how we can shift the focus from short-term gains to long-term sustainable development progress, for current and future generations.
11:25 – 12:35	Session 2: International Tax Cooperation – A new frontier for inequality reduction	The session will explore the role of taxation as an instrument to mitigate inequalities to close the the financing gaps. Novel proposals including carbon taxes, levies on fossil fuels, taxing the super rich, corporate taxation etc. will be discussed to address contemporary manifestations of inequality, including post-pandemic economic divergence, climate injustice, rising conflict, and gender inequality.
12:35 – 13:30	Session 3: Addressing debt challenges for sustainable development	Debt levels in developing countries have risen sharply compounded by high debt servicing and refinancing costs, narrowing the fiscal space for SDG implementation. The session will consider bolder, multilateral solutions for addressing this problem.
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15:00 – 16:00	Session 4: Scaling up development and climate financing	The investment needs and financing gap for sustainable development has grown.



		Speakers will propose concrete actions to radically scale up development and climate finance to meet the SDG investment needs of developing countries to counteract the highly volatile financial landscape while emphasizing that the most vulnerable are at the heart of financing considerations.
16:00- 17:00	Session 5: International Financial Architecture for the 21st Century	Through high-level dialogue and expert remarks, the session will address how leading multilateral institutions are preparing for the future, the need for an international financial architecture that supports sustainable development, and the risks they must overcome to fulfil the expectations of global citizens, for 2030 and beyond.

## **Closing Ceremony (17:30 – 18:30, ECOSOC Council Chamber)**

The Action Days will serve as a launchpad for the Summit of the Future, which will follow on September 22 and 23. Not only will the Action Days build energy for the formal components of the Summit, but the solutions advanced will initiate our journey towards a more effective and inclusive model of multilateralism.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Planned agenda item</b>	<b>Format</b>
17:30 – 17:35	Opening remarks	Session moderator
17:35 – 17:55	Stakeholder panel and/or speaker series	Panel and/or remarks with dialogue from various sectors
17:55 – 18:05	Pact for the Future	Keynote speech/es from representatives of the co-facilitator countries
18:05 – 18:30	Closing dialogue	Panel discussion, moderated by the Under Secretary-General for Policy, focused on looking ahead to the Summit of the Future (22-23 September)



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## **Additional Information**

## Side Events

In parallel to this main programme, a limited number of high-level side-events, organized by Member States, UN entities, relevant International Organizations, civil society and stakeholder networks working in partnership, will take place during the Action Days. The side-events will provide additional opportunities to amplify the Summit outcomes, and to advance multi-stakeholder collaboration. The side events will be identified through an open call. All interested parties were invited to submit their applications for onsite events by 19 July 2024. A limited number of off-site and virtual side events will also take place, with applications closing 23 August 2024.

## Registration

### ***Who can attend the Summit of the Future Action Days (20 – 21 September 2024)?***

The Summit of the Future Action Days will be open to all interested stakeholders and representatives of organizations whose work has been relevant in shaping, and/or to the implementation of, the [Pact for the Future](#).

All in-person participants **MUST** have either a **valid UN grounds pass** or a **Special Events Ticket** issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters during the Summit of the Future Action Days.

### ***Who needs to register for the Summit of the Future Action Days?***

#### **If you have a valid UN Grounds Pass for the UNHQ in New York:**

Anyone with a **valid UN Grounds Pass** for the UNHQ in **New York**, including members of official government delegations, UN Entities, IGOs, media, affiliates, retirees and civil society representatives, will be able to access UNHQ premises on 20-21 September **without additional registration**.

Please note that, **as an exception, Affiliate badges (“A”), CSO badges (“N”) and retiree badges (“R”) will also be valid** during the two days of the Summit of the Future Action Days (20 – 21 September).

#### **If you DO NOT have a valid UN Grounds Pass for the UNHQ in New York:**

All interested participants **without a valid UN grounds pass** will need to **request registration** to receive a Special Events Ticket. This includes those who are NOT members of the official delegations of Member States/GA-accredited IGOs/specialized agencies to GA79.

**Note!** UN Laissez Passer (UNLP) Passport holders who do not have a valid UN grounds Pass **MUST register** to access the UNHQ premises and attend the Summit of the Future Action Days with a Special Event Ticket.

**Activation of badges from other Duty stations (UN Staff Only) to be used at the UNHQ in New York**

**UN Staff** from other duty stations can request their UN grounds pass to be activated for use at UNHQ New York. The UN staff member must contact their parent UN Pass and ID Office and inform them of their intended travel and check if this activation can be provided. Their Parent Pass and ID office will contact the UNHQ New York Pass and ID Unit with the required details for pass activation. Once all the information is received and approved, the UNHQ New York Pass and ID Unit will activate the pass for the duration requested. *Requests for pass activations must be submitted at least 4 days prior to the UN Staff member's arrival in New York.*

Registration of participants will be held **exclusively** through a dedicated **INDICO Form**. If you do not have an INDICO account, you can [set it up here](#).

- Registration opens: **12 August 2024**
- Registration closes: **6 September 2024**

**There will be no on-site registration. Requests for registration via email will not be accepted.**

Participants are highly encouraged to submit requests for registration as soon as registration opens to allow the necessary time to prepare the documentation.

## **Contact**

For all questions related to logistics or participation, please contact [sotfactiondays@un.org](mailto:sotfactiondays@un.org)