

On 9 and 10 May we witnessed thousands of participants from every corner of the world gather online and in



modern democracies: how it shapes decision-making; and how it is vital to creating laws and policies that are





voices reinforce the values and principles on which the Organization was created to uphold and champion.

, Global Initiatives Lead for HelpAge International and Conference Co-Chair, commented that while the organization of the event in the Global South is noteworthy, there was an underlying inequality and lack of inclusion. She argued that civil society representatives from the Global South faced challenges in accessing previous conferences. She said that organizers had put a premium on inclusion in the conceptualization, preparation for, and participation in the conference and that organizations in the Global South should use their numerical strength to collaborate for a more significant impact, looking strategically and radically towards the Summit.

, Executive Coordinator of the GGIN at the Stimson Center and Conference Co-Chair, emphasized that the Summit of the Future is a critical moment. She called for civil society to demonstrate ambition and innovation, raising the bar on multilateralism, and r

society must be open to push the envelope on how it engages with intergovernmental processes and what it can -up ahead of the Summit and beyond and the

convening of so many representatives working on engaging, mobilizing, and generating impact.

, UN Deputy Secretary-General, underscored in a video message that civil society works

voice despite rising threats and shrinking space and reaffirms that the upcoming Summit must resonate with civil



global consensus. He mentioned that civil society was indispensable in mobilizing affected communities, advocating solidarity and accountability, and driving inclusive progress. He also commented on the importance of a multistakeholder approach and the sustained engagement and collaboration among all stakeholders,

, Executive Director of the SDGs Kenya Forum, said that the conference would catalyze civil

climate change, underscoring the imperative for concerted action and resilience-building measures. In her view, complex issues at hand require a unified approach leveraging the strengths and expertise of all stakeholders and a civil society that can and should be the dynamic force capable of driving change that is meaningful, supporting collaboration across sectors, and championing the values of solidarity and justice.

This session was moderated by
Oxfam America, and, Vice President of Global Partnerships and Impact (GPI),
, Under-Secretary-General for DGC.

Recommendations were presented by civil society representatives on the 5 chapters of the Pact for the Future, including but not limited to:

Robeliza Halip, Organising Partner of Indigenous Peoples Major Group and Maria Joao Rodriguez, Foundation for European Progressive Studies.

Sylvie Jacqueline Ndongmo, WILPF and Rhea Tariq, Help Age International.

Yash Tadimalla, Major Group for Children and Youth and Patrick Paul Walsh, SDSN;

Kendell Vincent, Caribbean Region Youth Council and MGCY Global Focal Point for SIDS and Alimi Salifou, Partnership for Future Generations in Africa.



Key highlights of the recommendations included the following:

There must be political will for the implementation of a robust data disaggregation system that includes



There should be an understanding that universal, just, and lasting peace can only be established based on social justice and human rights.



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A UN Civil Society Envoy should be appointed to proactively improve the UN's involvement in civil society and other stakeholders.

A UN Parliamentary Assembly should be set up to include citizen-elected representatives in the work of the UN.



was an opportunity in the post-conference period for civil society to further develop the ideas emerging from the event, in the lead up to the Summit of the Future. She added that we need to nurture the collaborative power of civil society and at the same time, engage from a multistakeholder perspective to address intersectional issues.

, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the UN (on behalf of the Co-Facilitators of the Summit -facilitators to engage with

civil society on multiple levels, hear its voices, ideas, and messages with a focus on transforming words into

multilateral system must be fit-for-purpose, thanked participants for their active engagement and constructive

, UN Secretary-

international crises demand international solutions, th society was often marginalized. On that note, Mr. Guterres called for a reformed and revitalized multilateralism

know-how, its can-do attitude, and the networks, knowledge, and contacts it has to implement solutions.

, President of Kenya, commended the conference organizers for their work and recognized civil society as vital for inclusive growth and sustainable development. For Dr. Ruto, the role of civil society special needs of multiple and diverse constituencies,

fostering change, ensuring social justice, advocating for the protection of minorities, transparency, and

Finally, he urged conference participants to translate the event's outcomes into transformative and actionable results.

The 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi featured onsite and online workshops focused on sustainable



enhancing inclusive participation, leveraging technology for sustainable development, reforming multilateral governance, and strengthening civil society collaboration. Recommendations emphasized promoting women's leadership, climate action, youth engagement, and addressing mental health stigma. Workshops addressed global governance reforms, combating corruption, and fostering partnerships to implement the SDGs, aiming to build a more inclusive and sustainable future through collective efforts and multilateral cooperation.

(Oxfam International, UN Women and IDRC)

#WeCommit to speak to the nexus between care and humanitarian contexts across Africa, and deepen understanding of the connections between the care economy and women's access to resources, leadership positions, and economic involvement

Understand financing needs for care in a time of multiple humanitarian and climate crises and provide an understanding of good practices and policy recommendations to address the nexus, and examples on how to amplify women's roles and address care needs in humanitarian responses. Especially, understanding how humanitarian finance needs to change to achieve Agenda 2030 in protracted crises: towards a more effective and sustainable approach within the United Nations

(Fòs Feminista Alliance, UN

Women, Landesa, GROOTS Kenya, International Land Coalition, FEMNET, WECF)

#WeCommit to diverse and intersectional feminist Global South analysis on lessons learned from past global commitments and how multilateral solutions can create equitable futures that achieve gender justice for future generations and advance the rights of all women, girls, and gender-diverse people on the ground. Since the Pact does not have a standalone chapter on gender equality, using an intersectional justice lens to discuss gender equality, land & natural resources rights, SRHR and bodily autonomy as intersecting and cross-cutting priorities for the Pact, SOTF, and an agenda beyond 2030.

(Stand for Her Land Campaign)

#WeCommit to bring grassroots women, CSOs, youth, state and development agents representative together to articulate the importance of bridging global commitments to realities of women on the ground with special focus on control and ownership of land and natural resources.

Elevate the understanding of why control and ownership of land and natural resources for women and girls is fundamental to gender equality and sustainable development, the intersection with other critical women human rights and propose recommendations on integrating this in global efforts to achieve commitments for the 2030 Agenda and beyond.

(Stakeholder

Group of Persons with Disabilities, International Disability Alliance, CBM Global Disability Inclusion, Sightsavers, United Disabled People Kenya, World Blind Union)



(The African Women's

Development and Communications Network; FEMNET)

#WeCommit to the Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Network Secretariat

Calls governments to implement fiscal policy reforms that prioritize women's needs through; equitable taxation, and funding for gender-

support local climate actions, integrate gender-just financing schemes, and invest in green jobs and local community projects, fulfilling commitments to women's human rights.



(American Psychological Association)

#WeCommit to work toward de-stigmatization of mental illness and facilitate evidence-based practices that promote mental health and minimize psychological disorders among the youth.

Calls stakeholders to recognize that mental health and social protection issues are complex, and effective solutions will benefit from interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches.

(UN Futures Lab/Global Hub and the

Unlock the Future coalition-Plan International & World YWCA)

#WeCommit to fostering a shared understanding of the essential role of youth in realizing the ambitions of the Summit of the Future through diverse perspectives.

Recommends outlining challenges and opportunities through collective visioning to identify innovative ideas and success factors for unlocking the potential of young changemakers, in addition to catalyzing engagements to advocate for governance, investments, and platforms leading up - and following - the Summit of the Future.

(Coalition for the UN We Need)

#WeCommit to increasing opportunities for networking and collaboration, leading to enhanced collective impact and influence on shaping the outcomes of the Summit of the Future with key decision-makers at national, regional, and global levels. Additionally, increasing understanding of the different negotiating tracks of the Summit of the Future, including the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations, and Global Digital Compact, to influence political decision-makers at national capitals, and at regional and global levels on shaping the future of multilateralism.

(China NGO Network for International Exchanges)

#WeCommit to engage more stakeholders into the discussions on the issue of rights of children and young people during the Summit of the Future.

Encourage more exchanges among children and young people from different nations with different historical, economic, social and cultural backgrounds.

(Global NGO Executive

Committee)

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and robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are essential for the successful execution of peace and security initiatives in Africa.

(GREYCELLS~Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development, UNDEF~UN Democracy Fund, Network of the Independent Commission for Human Rights in Northern Africa ~CIDH AFRICA)

Multilateralism needs to be collaborative, integrated, and accountable, emphasizing prevention. Engaging all ages and genders worldwide is vital, as is recognizing the influential role of diverse civil society movements in shaping global cooperation.

(Make Every Woman Count)

#WeCommit to enhancing advocacy and citizen participation in decision-making at all levels. We recognize the importance of grassroots movements and community-driven initiatives in driving sustainable, impactful change. Our organization will keep supporting and empowering people and communities to voice their opinions, take action, and hold leaders accountable.

Collective effort is necessary in order to achieve broader impact on shaping the future of technology and innovation for sustainable development. This includes not only government support, but also involvement from CSOs, businesses, academia, and other key players in the technology industry.

(United Nations Office on

Drugs and Crime)

#WeCommit to strengthening regional and national mechanisms for collaboration between governments and civil society in the fight against transnational organized crime.

Call for provision of non-governmental stakeholders with avenues for engagement in international platforms!





(Global

Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, Global Movement Against Statelessness, UN Refugee Agency, and Women's Refugee Commission)

#WeCommit to center the voices and leadership of stateless and other affected activists.

States should take action to end statelessness and uphold equal nationality laws and practices without



(Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Welthungerhilfe, Right to food Coalition Kenya, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

#WeCommit to ensure the concept and progressive realization of the Right to Food is reflected in the Pact of the Future, given its importance to nurturing the future generations. Ensure voices of the civil society, especially youth and those who are marginalized are heard and included in the Pact for the Future.



the Offsite Events Subcommittee.







Galvanized by a Media Moment in the closing plenary energizing the audience to turn commitments to action, over 5,000 social media posts from attendees and partners about the conference were displayed for all to see on the Our Common Future digital wall du



A key element of the conference in line with Objective 2 of the Conference on Impact, was to contribute to the broader processes through *civil society generated*, *multi stakeholder* ImPact Coalitions.

ImPact Coalitions (ICs) bring together stakeholders working on various issues, aligned with human rights-based approaches and related to the Summit of the Future to create networks that support Member States who wish to champion specific reforms and proposals toward the Summit of the Future and crucially, begin the implementation process beyond. They seek to co-create new initiatives and bring existing initiatives together in a broader package, thereby expanding reach and engagement of those initiatives. This approach seeks to augment, strengthen and complement multilateral processes underway. We hope the following list of ImPact Coalitions can be a resource and learning community that can be turned to as global challenges and governance continues to evolve and iterate.

Their purpose was, and continues to be, to innovate the way civil society engages intergovernmental processes, focusing not just on what we expect from Member States, but on what civil society can of offer Member States who wish to champion and unlock critical issues of our time that civil society and other stakeholders have mobilized around for decades. These self-organized, civil-society convened, ImPact Coalitions will be encouraged to advance their work in accordance with their own work plans listed below.

- 1. Offer a platform for a more collaborative approach to meaningful engagement among civil society, stakeholders, the UN, and Member States.
- 2. Serve as a space to coalesce different initiatives that may be pursuing similar goals, toward and beyond the Pact for the Future, in order to diversify their membership and strengthen their outcomes.
- 3. Create and encourage ongoing engagement with a forward-looking plan of action focused on impact and implementation of specific governance reform proposals.
- 1. At least five civil society organizations coming from different UN regions to the extent possible, with at

would need to identify a primary region of operation.

2.

Groups and other Stakeholders in the HLPF space is a starting point to understand ways to define each constituency. For the coalitions involving a youth or intergenerational focus, engagement/advice of youth-centered groups, including the Youth and Intergenerational Sub Committee of the Conference is strongly encouraged.



- 3. Articulate plans for engagement of Member States and/or UN country teams and/or UN agencies, or outline what support might be needed for such an engagement after the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference.
- 4.

Society Conference and through at least the Summit of the Future.

1. Impact Coalitions should demonstrate how they are in line with the UN Cha[Ar)-8 2a11 Tf(a)8(6474(BT/F6(a



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