

Statement delivered on Tuesday, 20 February 2024  
(with updated list of signed up organizations from Thursday, 28 March 2024)

To the attention of:

Her Excellency, Ms Antje Leendertse, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Co-Facilitator of the Summit of the Future

His Excellency, Mr Neville M. Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations, Co-Facilitator of the Summit of the Future

His Excellency, Mr Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, President of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly

His Excellency, Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations

Excellencies,

We, the undersigned civil society organizations engaged with UN processes on negotiated outcomes are writing with regard to the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future. Our joint endeavour, building on the 2020 document "Recommendations to ensure meaningful civil society participation at the United Nations" is to ensure that the process ahead is inclusive and participative.

We would like to thank the co-facilitators for presenting the zero draft of the Pact for the Future in an open live format via UN Web TV on Monday, 29 January 2024, and for inviting representatives of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS) and civil society to a virtual consultation on 21 February 2024. We are eager to collaborate to make the Summit's process inclusive, trusting, and representative of civil society's diverse voices, as advocated by the #UNmute campaign.

We are concerned about the limited space for civil society in this process. We regret that the letters dated 14 December 2023 and 26 January 2024 do not envisage meaningful engagement of civil society. This falls short of the UN's stated commitment to inclusivity as championed by U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres in Our Common Agenda, and the actual mechanisms for civil society participation. This contrasts with earlier UN processes and the need for a summit focused on the future of people and the planet.

While Member States are provided direct avenues for input through in-person consultations and submissions, civil society's engagement is limited to virtual consultations and written inputs at relatively short notice. We are concerned that our feedback is being overlooked, raising questions about the efficacy of these mechanisms. Furthermore, these differential avenues for engagement restrict meaningful interaction between civil society and Member States and eliminate the possibility of genuine co-creation.

In addition, the closed nature of informal consultations with Member States, coupled with the lack of interpretation services, exacerbates barriers for non-English speakers and those outside New York. This process starkly contrasts with the need for a people-centric and open global governance approach, effectively sidelining the input of MGoS and other civil society actors.

Looking ahead to the Civil Society Conference in Nairobi, we emphasize the need for an inclusive conference that provides space for diverse, meaningful, broad, and safe participation - including from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities. We urge that sufficient resources are earmarked for meaningful participation of a diverse range of civil society stakeholders.

The future should be shaped by all stakeholders. There is a pressing need to reevaluate the engagement framework to ensure civil society's contributions are genuinely integrated into the Pact for the Future.

In response to these challenges and based on successful precedents, we propose the following concrete steps for immediate action to enhance civil society participation around the negotiations of the Summit of the Future:

1. **Establish Inclusive Platforms for Engagement and Open Consultations for All:** We advocate for the creation of dedicated mechanisms allowing diverse civil society groups - including historically marginalized and underrepresented communities and informal activists and social movements - to actively participate in UN processes. These platforms should facilitate **direct input into policy discussions, decision-making, and implementation oversight, including digital access** to ensure inclusive participation, enable real-time engagement and feedback. These platforms should embrace a hybrid participation model, combining digital access with in-person engagement to ensure broad, inclusive, and direct civil society involvement. Additionally, broadcasting meetings on WebTV would allow civil society worldwide to remain informed and actively contribute their expertise. This step is crucial to counter the prevailing global north bias, democratizing representation and ensuring all voices and perspectives are equally represented in international dialogues.
2. **Representative Participation:** We advocate for designated seats for MGoS and civil society representatives throughout the preparatory phases, Pact for the Future negotiations and at the Summit itself. This model of representative participation ensures that civil society voices are not only heard but are integral to the decision-making process.
3. **Incorporate a Comprehensive Review of Civil Society's Meaningful Engagement in UN Processes into the Pact for the Future.** Such a review could be conducted based on a list of recommendations and benchmarks for civil society engagement to be established through a manual co-designed by Member States and civil society, which may include but not be limited to:
  - The incorporation of civil society in working and advisory working groups.
  - The integration of civil society in UN governance, such as the appointment of a Special Envoy for Civil Society dedicated to enhancing and facilitating civil society participation across the UN, ensuring that a diverse range of civil society voices are represented in global dialogues.
  - Continuous and open channels of communication between UN bodies and civil society, allowing for ongoing dialogue, exchange of information, and collaboration beyond formal meetings and sessions. This could include regular briefings, consultations, and interactive dialogues.
  - Programs for civil society representatives to enhance their understanding of UN processes, improve advocacy skills, and ensure effective participation.
  - Sufficient resources for meaningful participation of a diverse range of civil society stakeholders at in-person Summits and Conferences.

- Support for civil society-led side events and forums alongside UN meetings and processes. These events provide valuable opportunities for highlighting specific issues, sharing best practices, and fostering partnerships.
- Mechanisms to ensure transparency in decision-making processes and accountability for the implementation of agreed-upon actions and policies.
- Mechanisms to protect, support, and safeguard civil society engagement with the United Nations. This includes strengthening responses to prevent and address reprisal cases and ensure appropriate systems are in place to identify, document and report on incidents, including through clear zero-tolerance messages and by awareness-raising among staff, Member States, and civil society interlocutors.
- An Annual Civil Society Action Day that fosters accountability, review, and dialogue regarding the role and impact of civil society within the UN system.

We look forward to collaborating closely to ensure that the Summit of the Future process is truly inclusive, builds rather than erodes trust and incorporates the diverse voices of civil society, as advocated by the #UNmute campaign.

We look forward to a positive response and fruitful collaboration.

Signed,

AbibiNsroma Foundation/GCAP  
Ghana

ACCIÓN Asociación Chilena de ONGs  
Accountability Lab

ACRD-Congo

ACT Alliance – Action by Churches  
Together

Action for Sustainable Development

Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific  
Adéquations

Aflatoun International

African Children and Youth  
Development Network (ACYDN)

Afrihealth Optonet Association (AHOA)  
- CSOs global Network and Think-tank  
on Health and Sustainable  
Development

AfroLeadership

AFVMC Assistance to Families and  
Migrants

Agenda Ciudadana por la Educación y  
Derechos Humanos (ACEDH)

Ágora Ciudadanos Cambiando México

Akira Education & Charitable Trust

ALLIANCE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE  
AU MALI/GCAP-MALI

Alternatives Durables pour le  
développement (ADD)

Amnesty International

Angels on the Field

Animal People, Inc.

APALAC COALITION

APNEK (Association pour la Protection  
de la Nature et de l'Environnement de  
Kairouan)

Aquayemi-Claude Akinsanya

Arab Center for Cyberspace Research  
-ACCR

Arab Center for Cyberspace Rsearch-  
ACCR

Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation  
(ASYARFS)

Asia Dalit Rights Forum

Asia Development Alliance

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)

Asian Pacific Resource and Research  
Centre for Women (ARROW)

Asociación Chilena de Voluntarios  
ASOCIACIÓN CIUDADANA POR LOS  
DERECHOS HUMANOS  
Asociación de Organismos no  
Gubernamentales ASONOG.  
Asociación de Pedagogos de Cuba  
Asociación Española para el Derecho  
Internacional de los Derechos  
Humanos  
Asociación Generaciones de Paz  
(ASDEPAZ)  
Asociacion Horizontes Tamaulipas AC  
ASSHO ( Afghanistan Solidarity for  
Social & Humanity Organization )  
Association d'Aide à l'Education de  
l'Enfant Handicapé ( AAEEH)  
Association des Dynamiques des  
Jeunes Marocains  
Association des Femmes de l'Europe  
Méridionale AFEM  
Association des Volontaires pour  
l'Environnement Sain  
Association du Développement et de  
la promotion de Droit de l'Home  
Association for Farmers Rights  
Defense, AFRD  
Association For Promotion Sustainable  
Development  
Association for Sustainable  
Development Livelihood Initiatives  
(SUSTAIN Cameroon)  
ASSOCIATION GABON INITIATIVES  
JEUNESSE  
Association Nationale des Partenaires  
Migrants  
Association of World Citizens  
Association pour la Conservation et la  
Protection des Écosystèmes des Lacs  
et l'Agriculture Durable  
Association pour l'Intégration et le  
Développement Durable au Burundi,  
AIDB

Autistic Minority International  
AVOID ACCIDENT  
AwazCDS-Pakistan  
AWTAD anti-corruption organization  
B.KUNDA GENERAL DEALER  
BAGSO - Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft  
der Senioren-Organisationen  
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio  
and Communication  
Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad  
Banka BioLoo Limited  
Bio Vision Africa (BiVA)  
BOTSWANA WATCH  
ORGANIZATION  
BPID - BULGARIAN PLATFORM FOR  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
Brazilian Campaign for the Right to  
Education  
Bridging The Gap Botswana  
Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World)  
Burundi Child Rights Coalition (BCRC)  
BUSINESS INNOVATION  
RESEARCH DEV  
Cameroon Active Youth Association  
Cameroon Youths and Students  
Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP)  
CANCER AID SOCIETY  
Candid Concepts Development  
Captive Eye Organization  
Care for the Elderly Intellectuals Public  
Union  
Caribbean Futures Forum  
Casa de las Muñecas Tiresias AC  
CENTER OF ARAB WOMEN FOR  
TRAINING AND RESEARCH  
Centre for Citizens CONserving  
Environment & Management (CECIC)  
Centre for Health Science and Law

Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research

Centre Stratégique Pour La Promotion De Développement Durable

Centro de Capacitación y Promoción de la Democracia, CECADE

CHALLENGES /GCAP Togo

ChildFund Alliance

Childhood Education International

Children and Young People Living for Peace(CYPLP)

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú

Citizens' Climate Lobby Colombia

Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS)

CIVICUS

Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding [CSPPS]

Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia

climate-solution.org

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Coalición Colombiana por el Derecho a la Educación

Coalition 2030

Coalition for the United Nations We Need

Colectivo Diversa CODIVER

Colombia social impact corporation

Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat)

Community Action on Sustainable Development Initiative (CASDev) Nigeria

Community Development Initiative (CDI)

Community Focus Group (CFG)

Community Legal Education Center

Confederación Colombiana de ONG - CCONG

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Congregation of the Mission

Conseil de Concertation des ONG de Développement (CCOD)

Conseil de Concertation des Organisations d'Appui aux Initiatives de base (CCOAIB)

Conseil de Facilitation et gestion Locale (CFGL)

Conseil inter Ong en Centrafrique (CIONGCA)

Conseil National des ONG de Développement, CNOGD

Consolation East Africa

Cooperation Canada

Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas CONGCOOP

Coordination SUD

Cory Buott

CSEM for UHC2030

CSYM HUDUMA CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL YOUTH MINISTRY YLO TANZANIA TZ

CSYM HUDUMA\* network

DanChurchAid

Danish Family Planning Association

Danish Red Cross Youth

DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO

Democracy International e.V.

Democracy Without Borders

DFRD -Dignity Foundation for Relief &Development

Dignity Initiative

DISABILITY PEOPLES FORUM UGANDA

Dóchas

Dr Uzo Adirieje Foundation  
(DUZAFOUND)

Društvo Bodi svetloba

Earth Regenerative project Sierra Leone

Echoes of Women in Africa Initiatives

Elizabeth Lee

Elizka Relief Foundation

Emmaus International

Emony Yefwe International

Empower India

Encuentro de Activistas LGBTI

Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas de las Américas (ECMIA)

European Emergency Circle

European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

Fingo - Finnish Development NGOs

FN-forbundet / Danish United Nations Association

FOCSIV Italian Federation Christian NGOs

Fondation Eboko

Fondazione Proclade Internazionale-onlus

Forum das Organizações Não Governamentais Angolanas

Forus

Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)

Foundation for Innovative Social Development

Free Trade Union Development Center

Freedom Files Foundation

Friends for future

Fundación Arcoiris

Fundación Etica Visionaria (FEV)

Fundación Existimos A.C

Fundacion Multitudes

FUNDACIÓN MUNDO MEJOR

Fundacion para Estudio e Inestigacion de la Mujer

Fundación para la Democracia Internacional

Fundación Prosperiti Guatecivica

Fundación Víctimas Vulnerables Mujeres Afro Independientes (FUNVIMUFROIN)

Fundeps - Fundación para el Desarrollo de Políticas Sustentables

Gatef organization

GCAP-Senegal

Gender and Economy Research Center NPGE

Gender Links Kenya

Gender-Centru

Gente Buena Dejando Huella A.C.

Gestos

GESTOS – HIV+, Communication and Gender

Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION (GCE)

Global Civil Society Consortium on Climate Change and the Conferences of Parties (GCSCCC)

Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors - GCSPF

Global Distribution Advocates, Inc.

Global Environmental and Climate Conservation Initiative (GECCI)

Global Focus

Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GFoD)

Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Global Participe	INPADE
Global Social Justice	INSTANCE NATIONALE DE PROTECTION DES BIENS PUBLICS ET DE LA TRANSPARENCE AU MAROC " INPBPTM "
Green Hope Foundation	
Greenpeace	
Greycells. Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development	Institute for Economic Research on Innovation
Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)	Institute for reseach and Advocacy civil sosiety (LEGITIMID)
Halley Movement for Social and Community Development	Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
Hape development and welfare association	Instituto Cidades Sistentaveis
HaritaDhara Research Development and Education Foundation	Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Direitos Humanos - IDDH
Hawa Trust Foundation	InterAgency Institute
Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights	International Alliance of Women
HDS natural systems design science	International Center for Research on Women
Hellenic Platform for Sustainable Development	International Federation for Housing and Planning
HIRED Consult	International Federation of Social workers (IFSW)
Homo Exploratoris	international federation of women in legal careers
Hope of Africa- HOFA CAMEROON-	International Longevity Centre Canada
Human Rights Watch	International Movement ATD Fourth World
Human Rigths And Forest Braine Africa (Hurifba)	International Movement for Advancement of education Culture Social & Economic Development (IMAECSED)
Humanitaire Plus	International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
HumanizaCom (Humanitarian Journalism and Media Interventions), research group	International Service for Human Rights
HuMENA for Human Rights and Civic Engagement	International Society for Poverty Elimination / Economic Alliance Group
IDAY Liberia Coalition Inc.	International Treatment Preparedness Coalition - Global (ITPC)
IDPAD coalition UK	International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)
IFBPW	
Impact Driven Young Leaders Initiative	
Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development, IPGFforSD	

ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa	Mauritius Council of Social Service
ISTF Global	MenEngage Global Alliance
Journalists for Human Rights	Movimiento Raiz, A.C.
Jóvenes por una salud integral A. C.	Muongano wa wanavijiji
JUMUIYA WOMEN FUND	MY World Mexico
Justice House	Nash Vek Public Foundation
Justice, Development & Peace Commission (JDPC), IJEBU-ODE	Natural Resources Justice Network
JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France (JMBF)	Nepal Anusandhan Tatha Bikash Pratisthan
Juta Mewangi Enterprise (M) Sdn Bhd	Net Impact-The Gambia
KCOC Policy Center	NGO CSW LAC
KEIYO WOMEN TRUST	NGO Federation of Nepal
Khmer National Liberation Front	NGO JEUNES VERTS
Kibera daycare center for the elderly	NGO Major Group
Kijiji Yeetu	Niger Citizen Lab
Kikandwa Environmental Association	Nigeria Network of NGOs
Kingdom Embassy Center International USA	Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment
Kiribati association of non-government organization (kango)	Ohaha Family Foundation
Kosmos Associates	Oil Refinery Residents Association
Krisoker Sor (Farmers' Voice)	OJEDD INTERNATIONAL
Kuwait Environment Protection Society	Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation
La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo-España	OMEP Costa Rica
La Verità Onlus - International Diplomacy	ONG PADJENA (Participation Active des Dirigeants Jeunes Élites Niant l'Aboulie)
Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization	ONG Plus de Sida dans les Familles
Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization	ONG-ASHAD
Let There Be Light International	Open Data Charter
Life House Bible Institute	OPEN DRC
Lithuanian NGDO platform	Organisation d'appui aux Jeunes Opérateurs Économiques pour la Gouvernance Locale
LUNACOP/GCAP-RDC	Organisation des Femmes Autochtones pour la Lutte contre la Violence (OFALV).
Make Mothers Matter (MMM)	OVJNU GLOBAL

Oxfam International	Red Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir América Latina y del Caribe
Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)	Red Dot Foundation
Pakistan Development Alliance	Red Mundial de Jóvenes Políticos México
PAMPA2030	REPAOC
Parlement des Jeunes Leaders de la Société Civile Guinéenne PAJELESCG	REPONGAC
Parliament of the World's Religions	Republica dominicana
Pathways for Women's Empowerment and Development/Integrated Agricultural Training Center (PaWED-IATC)	Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger
Peace ambassadors	Réseau Nigérien Anti-Corruption
People in Need	RFSL - Swedish Federation for LGBTQI Persons' Rights
People's Participation	Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)
PFI/ Pagan Federation International Foundation	Savannah Centre for Diplomacy Democracy and Development
Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement	Save the Children
Plan International	SDG Student Hub de la UAEMéx.
Plataforma Mulheres em Acção	SEDRA (Servicio Extensión Desarrollo Rural en Agricultura)
Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD	Semillas para la Democracia
Poly Assistance Tunis	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Hubs (SRHR Hubs)
Powering Young Initiatives	Sightsavers (Equal World campaign)
PRESENCE CHRETIENNE SENEGAL	SKOP
Presentation Sisters in Ireland & England	Social Entrepreneurs Denmark
Progr{S}	SOCIETE SOMMAC
PROMAD Foundation	SOCIETY FOR CIVILIZED AND EDUCATIONAL MULTIPLE SERVICES NGO
Public organization "Ibtido"	Society for Conservation and Sustainability of Energy and Environment in Nigeria (SOCSEEN)
PuepleLily Social Association Kuching	Soka Gakkai International
RACI	Somali HelpAge Association
RAWSA(Regional Advocacy for Women's Sustainable Advancement) Alliance for African&Arab States	Soroptimist International
Reacción Climática	Soroptimist International Great Britain and Irelandd

SOS Children's Villages International  
Soul of Peace Institute  
Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future  
Stakeholder Group on Ageing  
Stichting Mission Lanka  
Students for Global Democracy Uganda  
Success Capital Organisation  
Südwind  
Sukaar Welfare Organization  
Sustainable Common Security  
Swedwatch  
Synergy for Community Development  
Tasha Research Institute Africa (TASHA)  
Terre des Hommes International Federation  
The Hindu Institute of International Affairs  
The Mary Ward Centre  
The Millennium Project  
The NGO of "To Healthy Life"  
The People's Matrix Association  
The Royal Golden Cocoon of Java: Cricula Trifenestrata #SDGAction53224  
The Society For Children Orphaned By AIDS Inc. (SOCOBA)  
Together 2030  
Tolocan 33 A.C.  
Transparency Reliance to Unify Equal Life or TRUE-LIFE  
Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network  
Tripla Difesa Onlus Guardie Sicurezza Sociale ed Eco Zoofila

UGANDA COMMUNITY BASED ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WELFARE (UCOBAC)  
Uganda Peace Foundation  
Ulalo (formerly Centre for Youth and Development)  
UNA Language Group  
Unidosc, Mexico  
Union de l'action féministe  
Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Developpement (UNASCAD)  
UNITAS  
United Nations Association - UK (UNA-UK)  
United Nations University - UNU FLORES  
Universal Episcopal Synods  
Universal Esperanto Association  
Universal Institute of Professional Management  
Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo  
UNYA Denmark  
Uso Inteligente ASV AC  
VIE ET ENVIRONNEMENT RWANDA  
Vikas Adhyayan Kendra  
Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)  
Vision GRAM-International  
Voices for Interactive Choice and Empowerment ( VOICE)  
Volunteer Groups Alliance  
VWA FANM AYISYÈN (VFA)  
WACI Health  
WARBE Development Foundation  
WATER AND BIODIVERSITY COMMISSION OF THE SENATE OF COLOMBIA  
WaterAid

We Are Forces of Nature

We Are TB

WeQ Institute (recognized as non-profit orga.)

WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform

women and Modern World Socila  
charitable Center -CWMW

Women Deliver

Women Engage for a Common Future  
(WECF)

Women for Water Partnership

Women in Democracy and  
Governance ( WIDAG)

Women's Major Group

Women's Power Organisation

World Future Council

World Organization for Early  
Childhood Education - OMEP

World Peace Alliance

World Vision International

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker  
Support (WINGS)

Wote Youth Development Projects  
CBO

YOTA - Youth Opportunity &  
Transformation in Afric

Youth and Women For Opportunities  
Uganda-YWOU

Youth For Peace and Dialogue

Youth Forum for Social Justice

Youth Help Sierra Leone

Youths Enterprise Development &  
Innovation Society

ZAMBIA DIASPORA AND  
MIGRATION FOUNDATION