

Statement delivered on Tuesday, 20 February 2024  
(with updated list of signed up organizations from Friday, 1 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

Adéquations

African Children and Youth  
Development Network (ACYDN)

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

Afrihealth Optonet Association (AHOA)  
- CSOs Network

AfroLeadership

AFVMC Assistance to Families and  
Migrants

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)

Arab Center for Cyberspace Research  
-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

ASOCIACION CIUDADANA POR LOS  
DERECHOS HUMANOS

Asociacion 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 des Volontaires pour  
l'Environnement Sain  
Association du Développement et de  
la promotion de Droit de l'Homme  
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 l'Intégration et le  
Développement Durable au Burundi,  
AIDB  
Autistic Minority International  
AVOID ACCIDENT  
AwazCDS-Pakistan  
AWTAD anti-corruption organization  
B.KUNDA GENERAL DEALER

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)  
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 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 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

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 (DUZAFFOUND)

Društvo Bodi svetloba

Echoes of Women in Africa Initiatives

Elizabeth Lee

Emonyoye 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

Fundaciòn 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 Victimas 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 Focus

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

Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Global Participe

Global Social Justice

Greenpeace

Greycells. Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)

Halley Movement for Social and Community Development

Hape development and welfare association

HaritaDhara Research Development and Education Foundation

Hawa Trust Foundation

Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights

HDS natural systems design science

Hellenic Platform for Sustainable Development

HIRED Consult

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| Homo Exploratoris  | International Movement for<br>Advancement of education Culture<br>Social & Economic Development<br>(IMAECSSED) |
| Human Rights Watch   | International Network for the<br>Prevention of Elder Abuse   |
| Human Rigths And Forest Braine<br>Africa (Hurifba)   | International Service for Human Rights   |
| Humanitaire Plus   | International Society for Poverty<br>Elimination / Economic Alliance Group                                     |
| HumanizaCom (Humanitarian<br>Journalism and Media Interventions),<br>research group                    | International Treatment Preparedness<br>Coalition - Global (ITPC)  |
| HuMENA for Human Rights and Civic<br>Engagement  | International Women's Development<br>Agency (IWDA)   |
| IDAY Liberia Coalition Inc.  | ISIZIBA Community Based<br>Organizations of South Africa   |
| IDPAD coalition UK   | ISTF Global  |
| IFBPW  | Journalists for Human Rights   |
| Impact Driven Young Leaders Initiative   | Jóvenes por una salud integral A. C.   |
| Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for<br>Sustainable Development, IPGFforSD                              | JUMUIYA WOMEN FUND   |
| INPADE   | Justice House  |
| INSTANCE NATIONALE DE<br>PROTECTION DES BIENS PUBLICS<br>ET DE LA TRANSPARENCE AU<br>MAROC " INPBPTM " | Justice, Development & Peace<br>Commission (JDPC), IJEBU-ODE   |
| Institute for Economic Research on<br>Innovation   | JusticeMakers Bangladesh in France<br>(JMBF)   |
| Institute for reseach and Advocacy<br>civil sosiety (LEGITIMID)  | Juta Mewangi Enterprise (M) Sdn Bhd  |
| Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary -<br>Loreto Generalate  | KCOC Policy Center   |
| Instituto Cidades Sistentaveis   | KEIYO WOMEN TRUST  |
| Instituto de Desenvolvimento e<br>Direitos Humanos - IDDH  | Khmer National Liberation Front  |
| InterAgency Institute  | Kijiji Yeetu   |
| International Alliance of Women  | Kikandwa Environmental Association   |
| International Center for Research on<br>Women  | Kingdom Embassy Center<br>International USA  |
| International Federation for Housing<br>and Planning   | kiribati associaiton of non-government<br>organization (kango)ation  |
| international federation of women in<br>legal careers  | Kosmos Associates  |
| International Movement ATD Fourth<br>World   | Krisoker Sor (Farmers' Voice)  |
|  | Kuwait Environment Protection Society  |
|  | La Coordinadora de Organizaciones<br>para el Desarrollo-España   |

La Verità Onlus - International  
Diplomacy

Lanka Fundamental Rights  
Organization

Lanka Fundamental Rights  
Organization

Let There Be Light International

Life House Bible Institute

Lithuanian NGDO platform

LUNACOP/GCAP-RDC

Make Mothers Matter (MMM)

Mauritius Council of Social Service

MenEngage Global Alliance

Movimiento Raiz, A.C.

Muongano wa wanavijiji

MY World Mexico

Nash Vek Public Foundation

Natural Resources Justice Network

Nepal Anusandhan Tatha Bikash  
Pratisthan

Net Impact-The Gambia

NGO CSW LAC

NGO Federation of Nepal

NGO JEUNES VERTS

NGO Major Group

Niger Citizen Lab

Nigeria Network of NGOs

Norwegian Forum for Development  
and Environment

Oil Refinery Residents Association

OJEDD INTERNATIONAL

Okogun Odigie Safewomb  
International Foundation

ONG PADJENA (Participation Active  
des Dirigeants Jeunes Élités Niant  
l'Aboulie)

ONG Plus de Sida dans les Familles

ONG-ASHAD

Open Data Charter

OPEN DRC

Organisation d'appui aux Jeunes  
Opérateurs Économiques pour la  
Gouvernance Locale

Organisation des Femmes  
Autochtones pour la Lutte contre la  
Violence( OFALV).

OVJNU GLOBAL

Oxfam International

Pacific Islands Association of Non  
Governmental Organisations  
(PIANGO)

Pakistan Development Alliance

PAMPA2030

Parliament of the World's Religions

Pathways for Women's Empowerment  
and Development/Integrated  
Agricultural Training Center (PaWED-  
IATC)

Peace ambassadors

People in Need

People's Participation

PFI/ Pagan Federation International  
Foundation

Philippine Rural Reconstruction  
Movement

Plan International

Plataforma Mulheres em Acção

Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Poly Assistance Tunis

PRESENCE CHRETIENNE  
SENEGAL

Presentation Sisters in Ireland &  
England

Progr{S}

PROMAD Foundation

Public organization "Ibtido"

RACI



RAWSA(Regional Advocacy for Women's Sustainable Advancement) Alliance for African & Arab States

Reacción Climática

Red Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir América Latina y del Caribe

Red Dot Foundation

Red Mundial de Jóvenes Políticos México

REPAOC

REPONGAC

Republica dominicana

Réseau des organisations du secteur éducatif du Niger

Réseau Nigérien Anti-Corruption

Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)

Savannah Centre for Diplomacy Democracy and Development

Save the Children

SDG Student Hub de la UAEMéx.

SEDRA (Servicio Extension Desarrollo Rural en Agricultura)

Semillas para la Democracia

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Hubs (SRHR Hubs)

Sightsavers (Equal World campaign)

SKOP

Social Entrepreneurs Denmark

SOCIETE SOMMAC

SOCIETY FOR CIVILIZED AND EDUCATIONAL MULTIPLE SERVICES NGO

Society for Conservation and Sustainability of Energy and Environment in Nigeria (SOCSEEN)

Soroptimist International

Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland

SOS Children's Villages International

Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Stichting Mission Lanka

Students for Global Democracy Uganda

Success Capital Organisation

Südwind

Sukaar Welfare Organization

Sustainable Common Security

Swedwatch

Tasha Research Institute Africa (TASHA)

The Hindu Institute of International Affairs

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 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 Développement (UNASCAD)

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| UNITAS  | Women's Major Group  |
| United Nations Association - UK<br>(UNA-UK)                       | Women's Power Organisation                                 |
| United Nations University - UNU<br>FLORES                         | World Future Council                                       |
| Universal Episcopal Synods  | World Organization for Early<br>Childhood Education - OMEP |
| Universal Esperanto Association                                   | World Peace Alliance                                       |
| Universal Institute of Professional<br>Management                 | World Vision International                                 |
| Universidad Michoacana de San<br>Nicolás de Hidalgo               | Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker<br>Support (WINGS)    |
| UNYA Denmark  | Wote Youth Development Projects<br>CBO                     |
| Usu Inteligente ASV AC  | YOTA - Youth Opportunity &<br>Transformation in Afric      |
| VIE ET ENVIRONNEMENT RWANDA                                       | Youth and Women For Opportunities<br>Uganda-YWOU           |
| Vikas Adhyayan Kendra   | Youth For Peace and Dialogue                               |
| Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)                                  | Youth Forum for Social Justice                             |
| Vision GRAM-International   | Youth Help Sierra Leone                                    |
| Voices for Interactive Choice and<br>Empowerment ( VOICE)         | Youths Enterprise Development &<br>Innovation Society      |
| Volunteer Groups Alliance   | ZAMBIA DIASPORA AND<br>MIGRATION FOUNDATION                |
| VWA FANM AYISYÈN (VFA)  |  |
| WACI Health   |  |
| WARBE Development Foundation                                      |  |
| WATER AND BIODIVERSITY<br>COMMISSION OF THE SENATE OF<br>COLOMBIA |  |
| WaterAid  |  |
| We Are TB   |  |
| WeQ Institute (recognized as non-<br>profit orga.)                |  |
| WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform                                      |  |
| women and Modern World Socila<br>charitable Center -CWMW          |  |
| Women Deliver   |  |
| Women Engage for a Common Future<br>(WECF)                        |  |
| Women for Water Partnership                                       |  |
| Women in Democracy and<br>Governance (WIDAG)K                     |  |