

Concept Note

Informal Consultations on the Scope and Elements of the Summit of the Future

Thursday, April 20, 2023

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (GA Hall) and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m (ECOSOC Chamber)

The **aim** of this consultation is to have an open exchange on the scope and elements of the Summit of the Future, which we aim to agree on at the preparatory Ministerial Meeting in September 2023. As co-facilitators, we propose this following concept note as a guidance for Member States in their deliberations as they prepare for the Summit of the Future. Our engagement will not be limited to these proposals as we avail ourselves to continue in the spirit of open, inclusive and constructive dialogue, which we have committed to from the onset.

As a basis for our discussions, we invite delegations to recall the [UN75 Declaration](#) (A/RES/75/1) agreed by Heads of State and Government, in which Member States pledged to strengthen coordination and global governance for the common future of present and coming generations. The **12 commitments** contained therein could be an important starting point for our deliberations on the scope of the Summit of the Future. At the end of this Declaration, Member States asked the Secretary General to report back “with recommendations to advance our common agenda and to respond to current and future challenges”.

In response to this request from Member States, the Secretary-General issued [Our Common Agenda](#) in 2021. One of the key objectives of this report is to tackle the obstacles and impediments to the **2030 Agenda**, turbocharging action on the **Sustainable Development Goals**. It also provides practical recommendations to fill gaps in our global governance in order to realize the 12 commitments of the UN75 Declaration. In early 2022, five rounds of informal thematic consultations with Member States were convened in the framework of the follow-up process mandated by OP 3 of General Assembly resolution [A/RES/76/6](#).

The Secretary-General proposed a **Summit of the Future** to “to forge a new global consensus on what our future should look like, and what we can do today to secure it” through an inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism.

As requested by Member States in resolution [A/RES/76/307](#), which agreed the **modalities** of the Summit of the Future, the Secretary-General will provide Member States with “concise, action-oriented recommendations” through the issuance of a series of [Policy Briefs](#) over the first half of 2023. The Policy Briefs will provide more detail on proposals that may be considered by Member States as they discuss the scope of the Summit of the Future. Each of these briefs will include an analysis of the proposals’ impact on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and will be informed by the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, with gender equality as a cross-cutting theme. The



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non-binding recommendations from the final report of the [High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism](#) to be released on 18 April might further inform deliberations by Member States.

In order to help guide our discussion on scope on April 20 and thereafter, we would like to propose, as co-facilitators, a **guiding framework** that includes some basic criteria to support our consideration of the kind of elements that would help define the eventual scope for the Summit of the Future. For your consideration, we suggest that **Member States' proposals** for elements of the Summit should meet the following **criteria**:

- Reinvigorate the multilateral system and strengthen global governance to respond to current and future challenges, in line with the UN Charter and international law;
- Identify and address gaps in global governance, especially those that have emerged as obstacles to the achievement of Agenda 2030;
- Boost the implementation of the UN75 commitments that are not sufficiently addressed through existing inter-governmental processes (including those related to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda).

Member States may wish to consider the following **questions** to guide their interventions:

- Would you agree with the general criteria for potential elements outlined above, which would help Member States define the eventual scope of the Summit?
- While considering the elements proposed by the Secretary-General in his Policy Briefs, what should be addressed at the Summit and/or in the Pact for the Future?
- What are the most pressing issues in your view that should be discussed during the Summit and/or addressed in the Pact?

Interventions will be limited to three minutes for statements delivered in a national capacity and to five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States. Member States are asked to submit their statements via e-Statements (estatements@un.org) for publication in the Journal of the United Nations as well as in copy to the delegations of Germany (sotf@newy.diplo.de) and Namibia (sotf@namibiaunmission.org).

The consultation will be broadcast live on <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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