

# Futures Forum Toolkit





# Overview

This toolkit contains all the information you need to hold a “Futures Forum Dialogue”.

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# Introduction

The United Nations Summit of the Future (SOTF), proposed for September 2024 in New York, is a critical milestone in the reform process initiated by UN Secretary-General António Guterres' *Our Common Agenda* report. It is intended to “advance ideas for governance arrangements in the areas of international concern mentioned in this report, and potentially others where arrangements are nascent or require updating.”

In order to ensure that diverse civil society perspectives are engaged in the preparatory process of the 2024 Summit of the Future and preceding 2023 SOTF Ministerial Forum to build the UN we need, a civil society-led **Global Futures Forum (GFF) is proposed for Spring 2023** (tentatively March 20 – 21) **in New York**. Feeding into the Global Futures Forum are a series of Regional/Local/Thematic Futures Forums.

This toolkit provides guidance on how to conduct your own Futures Forum.





# What is a Futures Forum?

Preceding the Global Futures Forum, which will comprise two days of discussions and action in a hybrid format, the Futures Forum dialogues are consultation tracks including regional & national forums, thematic forums and e-consultations.

## Objectives:

1. Promote the development of common positions among stakeholders to be jointly taken to the HLPF, SDG Summit, and the preparatory Ministerial Forum in September 2023 for the Summit of the Future in September 2024.
2. Identify the synergies and thematic interlinkages between the OCA and the 2030 Agenda to feed into various UN regional processes, including the five regional CSW meetings & ECOSOC Regional Sustainable Development Forums in preparation for the 2023 HLPF & SDG Summit.
3. Identify opportunities opened by the “Our Common Agenda” intergovernmental negotiations tracks leading to the Summit of the Future.
4. Increase the visibility and knowledge of the Our Common Agenda reform proposals and the preparations leading to the Summit of the Future among the various stakeholders in each region.
5. Contribute to further identifying thematic elements of Our Common Agenda of priority importance to inform the People’s Pact for the Future to be presented at the Global Futures Forum.



# Types of Dialogues

Futures Forum dialogues can be organized at a regional, national or local level.

Or they can be structured thematically with participation from different geographic regions.

They can be adapted to whatever format and setting you prefer; they need not be standalone events but can be integrated into an existing meeting, discussion or conference.

It is recommended that these dialogues:

- Operate in reference to the Our Common Agenda report and the 2024 Summit of the Future;
- Include recommendations for follow up action by civil society colleagues and others in the context of (a) the Peoples Pact for the Future that will be introduced at the Global Futures Forum in early 2023; and (b) the intergovernmental preparations for the 2024 Summit of the Future.

REGIONAL

NATIONAL

LOCAL

THEMATICALLY



# Why take part?

**Be a part of a fundamental effort to inform the SOTF, taking place in September 2024.**

## **Join us as we:**

Shape the design, feasibility, and potential impact of wide ranging proposals, from a unique vantage point as a member of civil society.

Raise awareness, build ownership, and mobilize energy around the promise of the Summit of the Future to deliver on an ambitious set of outcomes that reinforce and help to accelerate the achievement of a reformed UN system and Agenda 2030.





# Some guiding questions to ask

In whatever setting you conduct the Futures Forum dialogue, here are some guiding questions that may help prepare your discussions:



**Identifying synergies:** Which Our Common Agenda proposals would you want to see reflected or modified in the Summit of the Future, including its proposed Pact for the Future outcome document, that would complement the SDG Summit and accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda?



**What's missing:** What particular global governance proposals not mentioned in the OCA report - whether institutional, legal, normative or operational – should be included for consideration in the Summit of the Future.



**Next steps:** What participation modalities (e.g. for maximizing civil society participation and organization) and intergovernmental outcomes would you recommend for both the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future that would complement and reinforce the synergies and interlinkages between the OCA and 2030 Agenda?



# Follow up!

**After your dialogue please let us know what the outcomes were on this link:**

**<https://forms.gle/m7G1m9ALSUDkQ5gy5>**

The information you provide will be shared by the organizing team for the Global Futures Forum and the drafting team for the People's Pact for the Future.





# Additional resources

For more information on the dialogues, the GFF, how to register and get involved, please visit the GFF website:

<https://c4unwn.org/global-futures-forum/>

The UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda report is [here](#). A UN summary of the report is [here](#).

A summary of key elements of the OCA report prepared by the Coalition for the UN We Need and the Global Governance Innovation Network is [here](#).

