PROGRAM (20-21 March 2023)

In addition to the two-day Global Futures Forum program below (in hybrid format from New York), participants are welcome to join an online GFF side event room on Monday, 20 March (from 12:30-18:30 New York time) and an online youth pavilion on Tuesday, 21 March (from 11:00 until 15:00 New York time). The full, up-to-date program for these sessions will be made available soon on the Global Futures Forum website.

In-person venues:
Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN), 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, which is located at the corner of 1st Avenue on 44th Street.
Baha’i International Community (BIC), 866 United Nations Plaza #120, New York, NY 10017, which is located at the corner of 1st Ave. on 48th Street.

Day 1: Monday, 20 March
09:00-09:30 Coffee and Welcome
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN

9:30 - 11:00 Opening Plenary: The Role of Civil Society in the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future
Opening session to set the context for the Global Futures Forum, featuring a High-Level Panel.
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88576264134?pwd=ZksxeEM2L0hNVXE5c2ZEY3BKbXZ0UT09

Panel
● Moderator: Nudhara Yusuf, Global Futures Forum Coordinator
● H.E. Alya Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations
● H.E. Fergal Mythen, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations
● H.E. Guy Ryder, UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy
● Aishwarya Machani, UN Foundation Next Generation Fellow
● H.E. Danilo Türk, President, Club de Madrid and Member, High Level Advisory Board for Effective Multilateralism (TBC)
● Khalid Boudali, Presiding Officer, AU Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
● H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need and Executive Director, Global Women Leaders: Voices for Change and Inclusion
11:00 - 12:00 Where we are as a Community: Briefings by Civil Society Representatives
Objectives: Brief updates on where we are till now (regional forums, e-consultations, youth research papers, global policy dialogues, intergovernmental negotiation tracks, etc.) and outline of upcoming thematic tracks / work sessions during the Global Futures Forum.
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566819883?pwd=bWs3VmpSbTFyUFN4WUMxRTJwVEoyQT09

Panel

- Moderator: Sandrine Dixon-Declève, Co-President, Club of Rome
- Theory of Change: Kizito Byenka, Director of Campaigns and Co-Director of the Washington D.C. Office, Open Society Foundations
- Youth Futures Initiatives: Sofia Bermudez, GFF Youth Coordinator and UNESCO SDG4Youth Network
- Regional Forums intervention: Jefferey Huffines, Senior Advisor, Coalition for the UN We Need
- Feminist Framework for Our Common Agenda Policy Briefing: Soon-Young Yoon, UN Representative, International Alliance for Women
- E-Consultations and the People’s Pact Framework: Dan Perell, Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need
  Dan Perell Introduces:
- Futures Thinking Briefing: Jonas Gissel Mikkelsen, Director of Copenhagen Institute on Future Studies
- Respondent: H.E. Brian Wallace, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations

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12:30-13:45 Work in tracks (Group A)
Each of the thematic tracks has identified speakers to lead-off discussions, building on extensive e-consultation inputs. For details and summaries of the seven thematic tracks.
Objectives: Discuss and concretize Interim People’s Pact recommendations.
Online participants will join via the following link and enter their individually chosen breakout rooms:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566819883?pwd=cGJYQXVDaXZRMDk0aEtvQ1BYMVFSzd09

Human Rights & Participation (2nd Floor CCUN)
Environmental Governance (10th Floor CCUN)
UN & Global Governance Innovation (Large Room BIC)

Group B in Lunch

13:45-15:00 Work in tracks (Group B)
Each of the thematic tracks has identified key speakers to lead-off the discussions, building on extensive e-consultation inputs.. For details and summaries of the seven thematic tracks.
Objectives: Discuss and concretize Interim People’s Pact recommendations
Online participants will join via the following link and enter their individually chosen breakout rooms:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566819883?pwd=cGJYQXVDaXZRMDk0aEtvQ1BYMVFSzd09
Peace and Security (2nd Floor CCUN)
Development & HLPF (Large Room BIC)
Global Economic & Financial Architecture (Medium Room BIC)
Global Digital Compact (10th Floor CCUN)

Group A in Lunch

15:15-15:45 Talanoa Dialogues: stories from the grassroots
Objectives: Storytelling dialogues featuring indigenous/minority groups to help expand perspectives.
Online participants will join via the following link and enter their individually chosen breakout rooms:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566819883?pwd=cGJYQXVDaXZRMDk0aEtvQ1BYMVFSdz09
Global Economic & Financial Architecture + Environmental Governance (Medium Room BIC)
Human Rights & Participation + Global Digital Compact (10th Floor CCUN)
Development & HLPF (Large Room BIC)
UN & Global Governance Innovation + Peace and Security (2nd Floor CCUN)

16:15 - 17:30 Interconnection Roundtables
Participants break into four roundtables to articulate and discuss outcomes from Day One, in order to learn from the other groups and feed into Day Two and push discussions forward.
Online participants will join via the following link and enter their individually chosen breakout rooms:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566819883?pwd=cGJYQXVDaXZRMDk0aEtvQ1BYMVFSdz09
Roundtable 1: facilitated by Henk-Jan Brinkman (invited), Renata Juilotti, Georgios Kostakos (Large Room BIC)
Roundtable 2: facilitated by Tad Dailey, Fergus Watt, Anna Dupont (10th Floor CCUN)
Roundtable 3: facilitated by John Vlasto, Rosario Garavito, Sofia Garcia (2nd Floor CCUN)
Roundtable 4: facilitated by Rilli Lappalainen, Maddy Petersen, Sofia Bermudez (Medium Room BIC)
Roundtable 5 (Online only): Alyn Ware, Monique Cuillerier, Aline Burni, Tiago Masrour

19:00-21:00 Evening Reception: Women & Water
Venue: APCO Worldwide, 1250 Broadway 31st floor, New York, NY 10010, which is located on the corner of Broadway and 31st Street.

Brief interventions from
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need and Executive Director, Global Women Leaders: Voices for Change and Inclusion
- Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division and Executive Coordinator of Generation Equality, UN Women
- Martha Rojas, Commissioner, Global Commission on the Economics of Water
- Judit Arenas, Executive Director, APCO Worldwide

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Outcomes from Day One will be made available for comment and discussion via online platforms.
Day 2: Tuesday, 21 March
09:00-09:30 Coffee and Welcome
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN

09:30 - 11:00 Intergenerational Plenary
Work featured from youth tracks of the Global Futures Forum, along with other other intergenerational fora, will aim to create positive synergies between the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit of the Future. The panel will further seek to concretely address models for co-leadership and intergenerational learning.
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8653641450?pwd=S2RXZXI4VE5xWERwZm5KL05pZ3FTQT09

Panel
- Poem: Karimot Odebode, award winning poet and Founder of Black Girl’s Dream, SDG Young Leader and GFF Organising Team
- Moderator: Angga Dwi Martha, Programme Management Officer - Youth2030, Office of Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
- Anja-Olin Pape, former Chair for the Council of Europe Joint Council on Youth, Head of Strategy at Global Challenges Foundation
- Kehkashan Basu M.S.M, UN Human Rights Champion and Founder-President of Green Hope Foundation
- Maria João Rodrigues, President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, former Member of EU Parliament

11:00 - 12:00 Regional Panel
Regional Representatives discuss their work in relation to the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future.
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8653641450?pwd=S2RXZXI4VE5xWERwZm5KL05pZ3FTQT09

Panel
- Moderator: Oyebisi Babatunde, Executive Director, Nigeria Network of NGOs
- Opening: Rosario Diaz Garavito, Founder & Executive Director, Millennials Movement
- Asia Representative: Anselmo Lee, Regional Coordinator, Asia Civil Society Partnership for Sustainable Development/SDGs (APSD)
- Pacific Representative: Jackie Cabasso, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation
- LAC Representative: Javier Surasky, Research Director, Cepei
- Europe Representative: Georgios Kostakos, Executive Director, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)
- Africa Representative: William Carew, Head of Secretariat, AU Economic, Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)

12:15 - 13:15 Final Track Work (Group B)
Objectives: Discuss and concretize Interim People’s Pact recommendations, and identify next steps.
Online participants will join via the following link and enter individually chosen breakout rooms: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770484186?pwd=T09ZWE1LV3NaZlIqS0dJcXJEa1Eydz09
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Global Digital Compact (10th Floor CCUN)
Group A in Lunch

13:30-14:30 Final Track Work (Group A)
Objectives: Discuss and concretize Interim People’s Pact recommendations, and identify next steps.
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UN & Global Governance Innovation (Large room BIC)

Group B in Lunch

15:00-17:00 Closing Plenary: Report backs from the Thematic Tracks, including “Next Steps & Interlinkages”
Where do we go from here? Each thematic track is encouraged to speak on its top five recommendations for three minutes, followed by brief responses / questions from Member States, UN Agencies, and other partners. Time permitting, participants from different thematic tracks are encouraged to engage each other in this closing plenary session.
Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753154674?pwd=TllLaXY3bTBuSk41VXNWc2dWTIpEUT09

Co-Moderators: Nudhara Yusuf & Dan Perell Perell

UN & Global Governance Innovation
1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the UN
3. Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the UN

Development & HLPF
1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Alicia Barcena, Former Executive-Secretary, ECLAC
3. David Passarelli, Executive-Director, Centre for Policy Research, UN University and a member of the secretariat team for the High-Level Advisory Board for Effective Multilateralism

Environmental Governance
1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Dr. Adriana Abdenur, Senior Climate Adviser in the Office of the President, Brazil
3. Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water, India

Human Rights & Participation
1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. European Union Delegation to the UN
3. Craig Mokhiber, Director and Deputy to the ASG for Human Rights, OHCHR, New York
Global Digital Compact

1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division and Executive Coordinator, Generation Equality, UN Women
3. Representative of the Australian e-safety Commission

Global Economic & Financial Architecture

1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN
3. Chantal Line Carpentier, UNCTAD New York Office Director

Peace and Security

1. Spokesperson for Thematic Track
2. Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN
3. Dr. Adam Day, Head of the Geneva Office, Centre for Policy Research, UN University and a member of the secretariat team for the High-Level Advisory Board for Effective Multilateralism

5:15 - 5:45 Vote of thanks, Presentation of Timeline leading to the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future, Launch of a new Summit of the Future Information Clearinghouse Bulletin, and announcement of tomorrow’s (22 March) UN Mission Engagement Day in New York.

Venue: 2nd Floor CCUN
Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753154674?pwd=TIILaXY3bTBuSk41VXNWc2dWTlpEUT09

Panel

- Moderator: Fergus Watt, Coordinator of Coalition for the UN We Need
- Maher Nasser, UN Department of Global Communication
- Dan Perell, Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need
- Keisha McGuire, President and CEO, Present and Future Institute
- Beckie Malay, Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need

18:00-20:00 Youth-hosted Reception along with all GFF participants and High-Level Invitees

The Youth Reception represents an in-person networking opportunity for young people working to realize the full potential of the Our Common Agenda and September 2024 Summit of the Future, as well as those working in adjacent areas across and in support of the UN system. The reception will further showcase the outcomes of the GFF Youth Pavilion.


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Day 3, 22 March

UN Missions Engagement Day (Please inquire through the Global Futures Forum organizing team if you wish to participate; gfuturesforum@gmail.com.)