

GLOBAL FUTURES FORUM

The Africa Dialogue: Bringing the Voice of the African Citizenry to the UN

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 (10.00 EDT | 14.00 UTC | 16.00 CAT)

Venue: Place 866 United Nations Plaza, (48th Street & 1st Avenue), Suite 120 New York City

1.0 About the UN Summit of the Future

The UN Summit of the Future (SOTF), proposed for September 2024 in New York, is a critical milestone in the reform process initiated by the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda (OCA) report. The SOTF is intended to "advance ideas for governance arrangements in the areas of international concern mentioned in this [OCA] report, and potentially others where arrangements are nascent or require updating." This Summit is to be preceded by a Ministerial Forum in September 2023, alongside the second SDG Summit. Describing the second SDG Summit in 2023 and the Summit of the Future in 2024 as "twin summits," Guterres said the two high-level events share the common objective of "creating conditions for a sustainable, equitable and inclusive future." The "twin summits" are "our last, best chance to deliver on ... a multilateral system that manages and solves global challenges in a timely, effective and fair way," the Secretary-General underscored.

2.0 The Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN) Regional Consultations

Building on the first round of C4UN regional consultations undertaken in June 2021 that discussed priority issues on the role of civil society and the United Nations in each of five regions globally, regional C4UN partners are once again invited to organize and participate in a series of regional discussions. These Regional Futures Forums are intended to bring critical and diverse intergenerational civil society perspectives into preparations for the first annual civil society-led Global Futures Forum (GFF), taking place on 20-21 March 2023 in New York. C4UN partners Nigeria Network of NGOs, SDGs Kenya Forum and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), together with AU-ECOSOCC, organized this African Civil Society Regional Consultation to consolidate the African voices and help ensure that their proposals are reflected in the outcomes in the Global Futures Forum and the ongoing negotiations leading to the Summit of the Future more broadly.

3.0 The Africa Dialogue: Bringing the Voice of the African Citizenry to the UN

In the immediate aftermath of the Global Future Forum, ECOSOCC in partnership with the C4UN coalition, will be organising the 'The Africa Dialogue: Bringing the Voice of the African Citizenry to the UN'.

The main objective of this activity will be to share the outcomes of the Regional Consultations pertaining the African perspectives to key stakeholders, including missions of the African Union Member States accredited to the United Nations, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders.

How can African civil society, together with governments and the African Union, promote the development of common positions between countries and among constituencies to ensure that the interests of the African continent are considered at the 2023 HLPF & SDG Summit, and the preparatory Ministerial Forum in September 2023 for the Summit of the Future in 2024?

Panellists are invited to provide 3-5 introductory remarks followed by a strategy discussion.

Guiding Questions

- What participation modalities 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 2030 Agenda and Our Common Agenda?
- Building Synergies between the AU Agenda 2063 and the UN SDGs

Run of Show (in EDT)

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome, Opening Remarks & Context
Moderator: Daniel Perell, C4UN Co-Chair & UN Representative,
Baha'i International Community

Opening Presentations

10:05 - 10:10 Khalid Boudali, Presiding Officer, AU ECOSOCC
10:10 - 10:15 Representative of the African Union Commission
10:15 - 10:20 Nudhara Yusuf, Global Futures Forum Coordinator
10:20 - 10:25 Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Permanent Observer of
the African Union to the United Nations

Open Discussion & Remarks by Discussants (5 minutes each)

10:25 - 10:50 **Moderator:** Mr. Kyeretwei Osei, Head of Programmes,
ECOSOCC

Discussants

- Oyebisi Babatunde, Executive Director, Nigeria Network of NGOs, C4UN discussant
- Nqobile Moyo, Board Member, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, C4UN discussant (remote)
- William Carew, Head of Secretariat, AU ECOSOCC
- List of other discussants

10:50 - 11:00 Interaction with the African Group / New York Permanent
Representatives)

Reflection on Key Takeaways

Closing Remarks

Registration in person & online for Zoom:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Mar 22, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

**[https://bic-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqdu-qjkiG9wjlzIDbSsZDs6x34nv_
TEW](https://bic-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqdu-qjkiG9wjlzIDbSsZDs6x34nv_TEW)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting either in person or online.

