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ABOUT

The Regional Forum on the Future of Latin America and the Caribbean was held virtually on May 20, 2026, as part of the 2026 Regional Forum on the Future dialogue series. The Forum was jointly organized by the LAC Impact Coalition for the Pact for the Future and its member organizations: The Millennials Movement, Network of People with Disabilities and their Families, Institute of Black Women - Geledes, Institute of International Relations - National University of La Plata, La Ruta del Clima, Inclusive Agency, and the Bolivian Platform of Adolescents and Youth for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, along with the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN). It brought together representatives from civil society organizations, academia, and experts from the region to exchange perspectives on the implementation of the Pact for the Future, the future of multilateralism, and regional priorities for sustainable development and global governance reform.

Building on the outcomes of the 2026 Regional Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development, the dialogue explored how the commitments contained in the Pact for the Future can be translated into meaningful action within the LAC region, while contributing to broader international processes such as the 2026 World Future Forum, the 2027 SDG Summit, the 2028 High-Level Review of the Pact for the Future and the ongoing discussions on UN80.

The session included an expository segment and an interactive segment that allowed participants to:

- Share regional perspectives on the implementation of the Pact for the Future and identify opportunities and challenges in the regional context.
- Examine the interconnections between the Pact for the Future, the 2030 Agenda, UN80 and the broader processes of multilateral reform.
- Identify priorities and recommendations to strengthen accountability, sustainable development, peace and inclusive multilateralism.
- Contribute to a people-centered vision for the future of the United Nations and global governance beyond 2030.

This outcome document summarizes the main reflections, concerns, and recommendations that emerged from the dialogue. Its aim is to inform regional and global discussions and contribute to ongoing efforts to strengthen inclusive, effective, and accountable multilateral cooperation.



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This outcome document reflects a collective exchange of ideas and constitutes a regional contribution to the ongoing discussions on the implementation of the Pact for the Future, the preparations for the 2026 World Future Forum, the 2027 SDG Summit, the 2028 High-Level Review of the Pact for the Future, and the broader deliberations on the future of multilateralism and the United Nations.

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Introduction

The United Nations Future Summit was an intergovernmental forum held in September 2024 during the sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. It was a key meeting for building a new, renewed, action-oriented, and more effective multilateralism with the United Nations at its center. Social actors from Latin America and the Caribbean actively participated in this process, mobilizing in relevant regional forums and joining the United Nations Civil Society Conference (UNCSC) 2024 global call through the formation of the Latin American and Caribbean Impact Coalition, which brings together representatives from civil society, academia, the United Nations, youth organizations, and government entities.

The Future Summit resulted in a [Pact for the Future](#) negotiated at the intergovernmental level and action-oriented, with chapters on:

- Sustainable development and development finance
- International peace and security
- Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation
- Youth and future generations; and
- Transformation of global governance.

The Summit has also resulted in a [global digital pact](#) and to a [statement on future generations](#) (Resolution [76/307](#)) attached to the Pact.

In this regard, following up on the commitments to advocate for the implementation of the Pact for the Future and taking into consideration the UN 80 process, from a multisectoral, intergenerational, accessible perspective and responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by the LAC region, the LAC Impact Coalition for the Pact of the Future and its member organizations is developing a series of activities in the coming months to raise awareness among the different actors in the region about the scope of the Pact for the Future and to mobilize actions for its implementation. That is why the LAC Impact Coalition for the Pact for the Future and its member organizations The Millennials Movement, Network of People with Disabilities and their Families, Institute of Black Women - Geledes, Institute of International Relations - National University of La Plata, The Climate Route, Inclusive Agency and the Bolivian Platform of Adolescents and Youth for Sexual and Reproductive Rights together with the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN), join the global efforts to generate spaces for dialogue, listening and ideation on the implementation of the Pact for the Future, within the framework of the second Global Future Forum.

Thus, on May 20, 2026, the event **Regional Dialogue for the Future of Latin America and the Caribbean 2026** was held online.



This was a space that brought together diverse social actors from 14 Representatives from forty organizations and institutions in the region, which have been carrying out advocacy and monitoring activities related to the Pact for the Future, participated in the consultation. The consultation fostered a safe, broad, and participatory dialogue where diverse perspectives were presented on the implications of the Pact for the Future in the region, its contribution to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, its implementation in the region, and the impact of processes such as UN 80. Recommendations were also developed for the United Nations and decision-makers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

It is worth noting that the session included the high-level participation of Mr. Themba Kalua, Director for the implementation of the United Nations Pact of the Future.



1. Commitments of the Pact for the Future with the Greatest Potential to Accelerate the Implementation of the SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean

The participants' responses reveal a significant consensus regarding the need to strengthen financing mechanisms for sustainable development. Most interventions identified the availability of financial resources as a determining factor in accelerating progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting the importance of reforming the international financial architecture, expanding access to funding for civil society organizations, and ensuring a more equitable distribution of development resources. This concern reflects the perception that financial constraints remain a major obstacle to the effective implementation of global agendas at the national and local levels.

Furthermore, significant convergence was observed regarding the promotion of equality, inclusion, and social justice as cross-cutting elements for achieving the SDGs. Several participants emphasized the need to guarantee respect for civic spaces and gender equality, reduce structural inequalities, expand access to technologies, and recognize cultural diversity as an essential component of development strategies. These responses suggest that the implementation of the Pact for the Future should consider inclusive approaches that address the realities and needs of historically excluded groups.

Another recurring theme was the need to strengthen monitoring, follow-up, and accountability mechanisms. Participants noted that the effectiveness of international commitments depends largely on the existence of transparent systems that allow for the evaluation of progress, the identification of shortcomings, and the assurance of compliance with agreed-upon goals. The demand for more effective oversight reflects a shared concern regarding the gap between commitments made and their actual implementation.

Some less frequent but noteworthy contributions also enriched the debate. These included references to the role of building a culture of peace and preventing global conflicts, the need to strengthen comprehensive and scientific education, and the importance of adapting global commitments to regional realities. The importance of children, youth, and future generations was also highlighted within the framework of Action 34 of the Pact and its Chapter Four, as it is considered essential for the region younger generations to be able to reach their full potential and thus ensure the implementation of the commitments made.

It is important to highlight that proper follow-up to the commitments made by Member States in the Pact for the Future, according to participating organizations, involves a process of training and retraining on the Pact for the Future and its downstream and upstream adoption mechanisms; this would lead to people and communities knowing how to support and demand its implementation.



2. Contribution of Civil Society to the Monitoring and Implementation of the Commitments of the Pact for the Future in the Region.

The responses reflect a widely shared view on the fundamental role of civil society as a key actor in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of international commitments. One of the most prominent roles was that of citizen monitoring and accountability. Participants noted that civil society organizations can contribute through independent oversight of government commitments, the production of alternative or shadow reports, and the generation of evidence that complements or contrasts official reports on progress toward the SDGs.

Inclusive participation also emerged as a central priority. Various responses underscored the need to guarantee open, safe, and accessible civic spaces that enable the effective participation of social organizations, local communities, Indigenous peoples, women, youth, and other vulnerable groups. Participants emphasized that including these actors from the initial stages of public policy design and implementation can strengthen the legitimacy and sustainability of the actions undertaken.

Another key finding was the importance attributed to multi-stakeholder partnerships. Participants identified collaboration among civil society organizations, universities, trade unions, youth movements, Indigenous communities, and international organizations as an essential strategy for enhancing the impact of monitoring activities and generating synergies across different sectors. These partnerships are perceived as effective mechanisms for sharing knowledge, avoiding duplication of effort, and strengthening the institutional capacities of the various actors involved.

Academia was also identified as a strategic partner for monitoring and evaluation processes. Several responses highlighted the role of universities in generating evidence, building technical capacity, conducting applied research, and supporting public policy monitoring processes. Academic participation is seen as an opportunity to strengthen data quality and promote evidence-based decision-making.

Finally, some participants highlighted the need to bring global processes closer to local contexts by adapting indicators, translating technical language into accessible and culturally relevant formats, and implementing direct actions in the territories. These contributions reflect the importance of building bridges between international commitments and the everyday realities of communities, ensuring that sustainable development processes respond effectively to local needs.



3. Which key commitments of the Pact for the Future most significantly strengthen accountability and achievement of the SDGs by 2030?

Participants' responses highlight that strengthening accountability and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires, first and foremost, robust monitoring, evaluation, and review mechanisms. They emphasize the need for permanent monitoring systems that allow for verifying progress on commitments made, incorporating the active participation of civil society organizations, local stakeholders, academia, and experts. Participants consider these mechanisms essential to guarantee transparency, independent oversight, and the capacity to demand concrete results.

Another recurring theme is the importance of strengthening civil society participation through permanent and binding mechanisms. The responses indicate that the effective implementation of the Pact for the Future depends on the meaningful participation of social organizations, local communities, youth, women, and other historically excluded groups. This participation is considered essential to move beyond occasional consultations and become a structural component of decision-making, monitoring, and evaluation processes.

Participants also highlighted the need to ensure sufficient and sustainable funding for the implementation of international commitments, particularly those related to the environment and sustainable development. They identified as a concern the reduction in resources allocated to international cooperation, especially South-South cooperation, as well as the lack of mechanisms to translate financial commitments into concrete and measurable actions.

The responses also highlight the importance of revitalizing the multilateral system and advancing reforms to global governance. In this regard, they mention the need to strengthen the role of the United Nations and bodies such as ECOSOC to ensure more rigorous review processes and greater international coordination. Transforming the multilateral system is considered central to ensuring more effective implementation of global commitments.

Furthermore, a strong concern for inclusion and equity was identified. Participants emphasized that sustainable development must recognize cultural diversity, promote gender equality, and prioritize the inclusion of vulnerable populations, women, youth, and diverse groups. The need to effectively implement the Declaration on Future Generations and strengthen intergenerational accountability mechanisms was also highlighted.

In the area of innovation and digital transformation, the responses emphasize data governance, algorithmic transparency, responsible content moderation, and monitoring of the Global Digital Compact.



Participants believe that the governance of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies must be accompanied by human oversight mechanisms, access to information for researchers, and protection against potential risks and forms of digital violence.

Finally, several responses point to the need to move towards alternative measurement systems that complement traditional economic indicators. It is proposed that metrics be developed that go beyond Gross Domestic Product to highlight inequalities, vulnerabilities, and gaps that currently remain hidden, thus enabling a more comprehensive assessment of sustainable development.

4. How do civil society actors assess the current efforts by Member States and the United Nations to implement the Pact of the Future?

The responses reflect a mixed assessment of the progress made to date. On the one hand, it is acknowledged that both Member States and the United Nations have made significant efforts to promote the commitments associated with the 2030 Agenda and the Pact for the Future. However, participants believe that much of this progress remains primarily at the normative or rhetorical level and does not always translate into concrete actions or visible results for communities.

A recurring concern is the significant gap between international commitments and the realities faced by populations. Participants mention that current contexts of economic crisis, increasing inequality, impoverishment of large segments of society, and a rise in various forms of violence hinder the effective implementation of global agendas. In this scenario, a lack of coherence is perceived between the priorities established in international commitments and the policies implemented in many countries.

The responses also reveal a perception of weakness in implementation at the national and local levels. It is noted that information related to these processes is often difficult for communities to access and that local authorities have limited ownership of international commitments. Furthermore, frequent changes in government and decision-making lead to institutional discontinuities and a loss of accumulated knowledge, affecting the sustainability of initiatives.

Another key finding is the insufficient participation of civil society and youth in implementation and monitoring processes. Participants believe that significant gaps remain between rhetoric promoting inclusion and actual opportunities to influence decision-making.



Consequently, there is a perceived need to strengthen effective spaces for participation, citizen oversight, and accountability.

Finally, some responses underscore the importance of promoting independent monitoring mechanisms to track compliance with commitments, generate evidence on progress and challenges, and strengthen civil society's capacity to demand results. From this perspective, strengthening transparency, participation, and independent oversight emerges as an essential condition for advancing the effective implementation of the Pact for the Future and the 2030 Agenda.

5. What strategies and forms of participation can best strengthen civil society's participation in the monitoring and implementation of the Pact?

To strengthen civil society participation in monitoring and implementing the Pact, it is recommended to promote mechanisms that guarantee the effective participation of communities, especially impoverished populations, women, youth, indigenous peoples, and other historically excluded groups. It is essential to expand training and capacity-building opportunities through accessible programs, including digital certifications and mini-certifications that enable people to acquire knowledge and progressively access new opportunities for participation and leadership. Likewise, the importance of leveraging digital tools and technological innovations, including artificial intelligence applications, to broaden the reach, efficiency, and impact of collective action is emphasized.

Similarly, it is recommended to develop dialogue, outreach, and awareness-raising strategies about the Pact aimed at actors with limited access to digital spaces, complementing virtual modalities with in-person and community-based mechanisms. Participation must be based on transparent, open, and evidence-based processes, strengthening independent monitoring and evaluation systems. It is also necessary to recognize citizen participation as a fundamental right, guaranteeing that civil society organizations and movements can significantly influence decision-making. Finally, it is proposed to foster diverse and flexible participation, combining direct, collaborative, and consultative modalities, allowing organizations to find the most appropriate spaces to contribute to achieving the Pact's objectives.

Member States and the United Nations must ensure that institutional reform processes are based on sound, evidence-based diagnoses, guaranteeing that the proposed transformations respond to the real needs of territories and populations.



In this regard, it is recommended to strengthen the democratization of global governance spaces and promote effective coordination between the various reform initiatives and the commitments made within the framework of the Pact for the Future.

Likewise, structural reforms related to international governance, the international financial system, and multilateral bodies must be explicitly designed in accordance with the principles and strategic pillars of the Pact, avoiding the fragmentation of agendas and the duplication of efforts. It is equally important to strengthen the support, monitoring, and evaluation of projects and initiatives driven by civil society organizations, incorporating territorial and differentiated approaches that recognize local, regional, and global particularities. Finally, it is recommended that clear coordination and follow-up mechanisms be established among the various international bodies involved in the implementation of the reforms and the Pact, ensuring institutional coherence and concrete results.

6. Messages for the United Nations

Organizations and participants from the region call on the United Nations to maintain a firm stance in favor of peace, the defense of human rights, and the strengthening of financing for sustainable development. They emphasize the need to ensure the continuity of international development agendas within coherent and integrated frameworks that allow for an effective response to global challenges.

Furthermore, the region calls for an urgent international financial reform that recognizes not only countries' income levels but also their vulnerability and exposure to multidimensional risks. The region emphasizes the importance of ensuring real and meaningful access for civil society to multilateral decision-making spaces, overcoming the barriers that limit its effective participation.

Participants also raised the need to strengthen the relationship between the United Nations and social, community, and non-governmental organizations, expanding channels of dialogue and collaboration beyond traditional government interlocutors. They emphasized the importance of ensuring the substantive participation of civil society, indigenous peoples, and youth in the monitoring and implementation of international agreements. Finally, they urged the United Nations and Member States to ensure greater coherence between commitments made and resources allocated, prioritizing concrete actions, effective accountability mechanisms, and tangible results for communities.



7. Recommendations

1. Promote a reform of financing for sustainable development with an equity focus

States and international organizations must promote more accessible, predictable, and sustainable financing mechanisms that respond to the needs and vulnerabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean. This includes expanding civil society organizations' access to development funds, strengthening South-South cooperation, and ensuring that resources are allocated considering not only countries' income levels but also their social, economic, and climate vulnerabilities.

2. Institutionalize the binding participation of civil society in the implementation and monitoring of the Pact

It is essential to create permanent and structured mechanisms for participation that allow social organizations, youth, women, Indigenous peoples, academia, and local communities to participate in decision-making, monitoring, and evaluation of commitments. Participation must go beyond consultative processes and become a central component of governance to guarantee the legitimacy, transparency, and sustainability of actions.

3. Strengthen monitoring, accountability and independent oversight systems

It is recommended to develop regional and national monitoring platforms that integrate clear indicators, open data, and participatory evaluation mechanisms. Civil society and academia should play an active role in producing independent reports and generating evidence to identify progress, shortcomings, and gaps between commitments made and results achieved.

4. Promote inclusive implementation focused on equality and future generations

The implementation of the Pact must mainstream gender equality, cultural diversity, digital inclusion, and the rights of historically excluded groups. It is also necessary to strengthen youth participation and apply intergenerational accountability approaches that ensure current decisions contribute to the well-being of future generations.

5. Leverage digital transformation to strengthen governance and citizen participation

Governments and regional institutions must use digital tools and technological innovations to broaden social participation, improve transparency, and strengthen the monitoring of commitments. This must be accompanied by robust digital governance frameworks that

guarantee the protection of rights, algorithmic transparency, human oversight of artificial intelligence, and equitable access to technologies.

These recommendations respond to the priorities identified by civil society actors: sustainable financing, meaningful participation, accountability, social inclusion and strengthening of democratic governance, elements considered essential to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and materialize the commitments of the Pact for the Future in the region.



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