



Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 at the Summit of the Future for a Networked and Inclusive Multilateralism

Multilateralism, and more specifically the role of the UN, is under threat. Considered a “once-in-a-generation opportunity” to address inequities in global governance and reset international cooperation, the Summit of the Future (SoTF) will be held on 22-23 September 2024 where member states will adopt ‘A Pact for the Future’ that hopes to deliver a UN for people and planet in the 21st century and beyond. Based on the results of the 2023 SDG Summit, the Summit of the Future promises to bring concrete commitments for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda to build a world where no one is left behind.

To increase awareness, ambition and accountability for the Summit of the Future and support the amplification of diverse voices and initiatives to inform an inclusive Pact for the Future, some 1500 civil society representatives and youth leaders from around the world, together with Member States and senior UN officials, will be invited to participate in the 69th UN Civil Society Conference on the Summit of the Future, set to take place 9-10 May in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Agenda 2063, as the continental strategic framework for development, calls for the strengthening of Africa's role as a united, resilient and influential global player and partner in the global governance system. This side event will discuss how African civil society, together with governments and the African Union, could promote the development of common positions between countries and among constituencies to ensure that the interests of the African continent are taken into account at the 2024 HLPF and the Summit of the Future to accelerate both the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Second ten-year implementation plan of Agenda 2063.

Key Objectives

- From the African perspective, generate recommendations on how key global governance proposals -- institutional, legal, normative and operational -- to be adopted in the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations and Global Digital Compact at the Summit of the Future may be implemented through multi-stakeholder Smart Coalitions constituting Member States, civil society, academia, think tanks, foundations, and the private sector to be set up at the UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi (9-10 May 2024).
- Identify synergies and interlinkages between the AU Agenda 2063, UN SDGs and Our Common Agenda to accelerate their implementation on behalf of the African people and that of the continent at the Summit of the Future.
- Raise awareness on the Summit of the Future and reflect on the collective role of African states, multilateral institutions, and African civil society organizations to make a meaningful contribution to the Summit and its outcomes.

Format

The panel session will be held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and online participation. It will take the form of presentations followed by open discussion.

Organisers

Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN), SDG Kenya Forum, Nigeria Network of NGOs, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Oxfam, AU Economic Social and Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC), GCAP Africa

Draft Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

- Florence Syevuo, C4UN Co-Chair & Executive Director of SDGs Kenya Forum

Opening remarks

- Representative from Government of Kenya (from Florence)
- Carole Osero-Ageng'o, Co-Chair of the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference & Global Initiatives Lead and Africa Regional Representative at HelpAge International
- Nudhara Yusuf, Co-Chair of the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference & Executive Coordinator for Global Governance Innovation Network at The Stimson Center

Panel Discussion

- Khalid Boudali, Presiding Officer, AU ECOSOCC
- Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa (from Oyebisi Babatunde)
- Muru Maro, Tanzania, GCAP Youth Constituency Group **or** Mahen Busgopaul, from Mauritius, GCAP Global Council member (from Oyebisi Babatunde)

Respondents

- Marcel Carlos Akpovo, East Africa regional representative OHCHR (from Stephen Lamony)
- Dr Solomon Ayele Dersso, Executive Director, Amani Africa
- Renata Juliotti - Consultancy & Research Lead at Group Talento Incluir (Brazil)

Q&A and open discussion

Closing remarks

- Florence Syevuo, C4UN Co-Chair & Executive Director of SDGs Kenya Forum

Background Material

- [Tenth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development](#) website
- [C4UN Generic Side Event Proposal](#)
- [UN-ECE Side Event Proposal](#)
- [UN Nairobi Conference Concept Note](#)
- [ECOSOCC-C4UN TOWN HALL MEETING](#) (21 June 2023)
- [Towards the Summit of the Future: aligning the 2030 to Agenda 2063](#) (12 July 2023 HLPF)
- [Summit of the Future: Advancing African Perspectives for a Networked and Inclusive Multilateralism](#) (1 February 2024, Addis Ababa)