

Global Focus' input to delivering on the Summit of the Future

The Pact for the Future

The role of civil society: We remind Member States, that civil society support the delivery of essential services, especially to excluded groups, secure unique and local knowledge for the basis of efficient solutions and foster inclusive policymaking focusing on the ones left furthest behind. Although the role of civil society, and our inclusion in the process for the Summit of the Future, could have been improved, the Pact for the Future includes positive language on the protection of civic space, human rights and the importance of including civil society in relation to tech and peace building. We urge that the proposed actions on increasing partnerships and collaborating with civil society is followed up with concrete actions reflecting the necessity of multistakeholder collaboration to deliver on the 2030-agenda, and that Denmark with the #UNmute-initiative takes on a role in supporting other Member States and UN institutions in delivering on this.

Human rights and international law: We underline that human rights are universal and fundamental freedoms should be enjoyed by all humans¹. With this, the Pact for the Future's strengthening of the United Nations' Human Rights pillar is vital. If to secure impact, the strengthening of the work must include protecting civil society engaging with the UN as well as a dedicated focus on those left furthest behind. Further, we wish to highlight the importance of the ambitions from the Summit of the Future to be based on human rights to ensure sustainable development, as well as to meet some of the most pressing issues e.g. the climate crisis and achieving global peace. Adding to this, we support Denmark in taking a firm stand on upholding international law and international humanitarian law.

Reinvigorating multilateral trust: We applaud the Secretary-General's call for the Summit of the Future to serve as a moment to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation can effectively achieve agreed goals and tackle emerging threats and opportunities. The Pact for the Future's proposal on reforming primary international institutions such as the Security Council and the international financial architecture serves as a crucial tool in this regard, ensuring a broader inclusion and representation of countries. We remind Member States that ensuring diversity also includes engaging civil society meaningfully. Further, we underline that an important step in reinvigorating multilateral trust includes upholding the commitment to the 0,7 % ODA target in closing the SDG financing gap, facilitating debt relief, and not least to ensure new and additional climate financing. This also includes living up to the Secretary General's call² to provide at least 15% of all aid to crisis-

¹ including women and girls, persons of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, expressions and characteristics, indigenous peoples, migrants, people with disabilities, children and youth, elders, persons living with HIV, persons of diverse ethnicities, religions, race, socio-economic status, education status, legal status, and displacement affected people.

² [Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security \(2020\)](#)

affected countries dedicated to gender equality and the WPS agenda and that support to local women's rights organizations should be increased fivefold.

The Global Digital Compact

Multistakeholder processes: We support advancing the implementation of the Compact through multistakeholder processes, in particular the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), where civil society has access on equal footing with governments, industry and technical communities. Furthermore, we look forward to the contribution of all UN entities, especially the OHCHR in supporting the implementation

Gender front and center: We applaud the Compact's foundations on international human rights law. In particular the rights of all women and girls to equally and meaningfully participate in building the digital future they will inhabit. In following up on the core commitment to closing all digital divides, we urge Member States to fully commit to closing the digital gender divides in implementing the Compact, thus aligning with the risk assessments in the Pact for the Future³ of technology widening and deepening them, one prevalent and salient risk in particular being technologically facilitated sexual and gender-based violence.

Digital peace and security: We remind Member States that ensuring that international law, especially the law of war, applies to the digital aspects of armed conflict is a necessary requirement for paving the way for a peaceful and safe digital future. Aligning the implementation of the Compact closely to the assessments in the Pact for the Future⁴ of risks posed by emerging technologies to peace and security is a task of particular importance.

The Declaration on Future Generations

Education: In line with communique made in May 2024 as a result of the Nordic-African conference on quality education, we must recognize the need to invest in education, so that young people can reach their full potential, in line with the statement⁵ made by the Secretary General. Secondly, it is important that we continue to push for the promotion of gender equality in and through education, leveraging gender-disaggregated data on education access and attainment. Thirdly, it is important that education systems are protected and recognized for their contribution to resilience and adaptation – especially in the phase of crises. Lastly, support to education must be ambitious and new partnerships for increased investment in global education should be pursued.

³ As of Pact for the Future Rev3: Para53

⁴ As of Pact for the Future Rev3: Disinformation (Action 18, para 39.g), lethal autonomous weapons systems (Action 28, para 49.b), and artificial intelligence (Action 19, para50.d).

⁵ [Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 10: Transforming Education \(2023\)](#)