

**Declaration of the United Nations Associations (UNAs)
present at the 2024 Civil Society Conference in Nairobi
in view of the Pact for the Future**

The UNAs present at the historic 2024 UN Civil Society Conference, members of WFUNA, believe in the transformative potential of the **Summit of the Future** to foster a renewed global commitment towards multilateral solutions that are robust, innovative, inclusive, and equitable, as envisaged in "Our Common Agenda".

The participating UNAs affirm that the United Nations is the only currently established possible global framework of cooperation to achieve these goals while ensuring a global reach and the participation of all. The UN remains the foremost and only currently established global forum for addressing the multiple challenges confronting humanity including development, peace, human rights, and the triple planetary crisis - climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss.

For the UN to achieve its objectives and maximize its impact, it is crucial that it receives the support it needs from its member States and to ensure that civil society has a meaningful and inclusive participation in the UN System.

Building on the momentum generated by the 2024 UNCS Conference and in view of the drafting of the Pact for the Future, participating UNAs:

Urge for an enhanced participation of Civil Society in the UN mechanisms, fostering greater influence in decision-making processes and deliberations, and calling upon all stakeholders involved to promote these objectives during discussions and decisions related to the Pact of the Future;

Express deep concern over the current UN liquidity crisis and related budgetary issues which are in great part attributed to the insufficient or untimely financial commitment from some member States. The United Nations cannot function without proper resources. Support for UN values and multilateralism must come with a robust commitment to the respect of financial obligations which is a guarantee for the Organization to function;

Support the UN Secretary-General's proposal for the establishment of a UN Special Envoy for Future Generations and call upon stronger future foresight thinking combined with the establishment of similar positions representing future generations at local, national and regional levels;

Call for meaningful youth engagement globally through active involvement of young people in decision-making and dedicated platforms that tap into their diverse perspectives and innovative ideas, empowering them as leaders for sustainable development and peace;

Emphasize the need for technological advancement that respects human rights and ethical standards advocating for the development of cooperative frameworks to govern emerging technologies, particularly in the fields of artificial intelligence and digital cooperation while leaving no one behind;

Affirm a steadfast support for the UN Secretary-General's initiatives, particularly to 'Our Common Agenda' and recognizing the imperative to redesign the global financial architecture to better meet the needs of developing nations, enhancing social and economic rights, and recognize the impact of unilateral sanctions on the right to development for the developing countries subject to it.

Urge for strengthened implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the ICPD Program of Action, and Agenda 2030;

Support the conceptualization of UN 2.0 and the Quintet of Change to increase the UN's relevance and efficacy;

Call on all member States to adhere fully to the UN Charter obligation to resolve international conflicts by peaceful means, and to consider accepting the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice to resolve international conflicts through law not war.

Supported by the UNAs of:

Albania, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Finland, Indonesia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United States of America