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# UN Pact for the Future Submission: On the significance of culture and cultural expertise

A Pact for the Future

panhuman trust and solidarity. This must include strengthened multilateralism through which all humans and all parts of the world are interconnected, recognizing a common agenda for all human beings present and future

Understanding culture is a key capacity for increasing human wellbeing in the future. Culture must be guiding all actions inspired by the Past for the Future. We welcome a UN Special Envoy for Future Generations and inter-governmental Forum for Future Generations which must have a strong mandate to work with culture and adequate cultural expertise in teams of experts.

The realm of culture has more to offer than what has previously been acknowledged in relevant global practice and policy. In particular, this is true for policy referring to future generations, for whose benefit cultural heritage, as has often been stated, is preserved too.

Through our UNESCO Chair on Heritage Futures (<https://lnu.se/en/unescochair>) we are developing the role of cultural heritage in managing the relations between present and future societies. For culture and cultural heritage to pull their weight in global development and to contribute to meet the needs of future generations, they need to be informed by foresight, anticipation, and long-term thinking. This approach is informed by the UNESCO 1997 Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations by the United Nations System's 2023 Common Principles on Future Generations, a high document advocating "long-term and intergenerational thinking at all levels."

Culture, including cultural heritage, is located at the intersection of past legacies and tomorrow's possibilities. Change – and needs to change – as the world changes: different futures imply new ways of being human and new narratives about the human past. Culture is therefore a key competence to be included explicitly when humanity unites to address the challenges for the world global Pact for the Future and in a Post-2030 Agenda

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## Chapeau

The Chapeau should explicitly recognize the cultural condition of humanity. Culture guides the values and ideas that govern people's behaviour. It changes, and needs to change, as the world changes. Culture is a key competence to be included explicitly when humanity tries to address the challenges of the world for the future.

## Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Climate change, world peace, artificial intelligence and other major challenges facing present and future generations are affected by, and affect, the way human beings, as members of specific communities, live their lives and make sense of the world, of themselves, and of each other. For that reason, culture needs to be firmly integrated in any development agenda for the future. The realm of culture has more to offer than what has previously been acknowledged. Culture changes, and needs to change as the world changes, and needs to change.

## Chapter II. International peace and security

Global peace and security are built through culture, notably by informing the extent of trust within societies and of global solidarity between societies. To make progress towards international peace and security, humanity needs a culture of panhuman trust and solidarity. This must include strengthened multilateralism, through which all humans (present and future) and all parts of the world are interconnectedly sharing a common agenda.

## Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

The interests of future generations cannot be addressed without understanding and appreciating human culture. We welcome aTJ 10.391 0 Td ( )Tj 4 [(Y)2 9s(t)-4.6 ( )2.6 (e)1us (t)8.3 e4