

SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAYS

September 20-21, 2024

Draft Programme (August)



Overview of the Summit of the Future and the Action Days

The world is at a precipice.

Advances in technology, science, medicine, and ways of working hold enormous promise for people and planet and for advancing peace and prosperity. Yet, as a global community, we face an array of consequential challenges, and even existential risks, including climate change and biodiversity loss, conflict and displacement, endemic poverty and unprecedented displacement. We have agreed the vision of the world we want in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but we are not on track to realise that vision. Meanwhile, new challenges and opportunities defy our grasp. These opportunities and challenges transcend national borders. In our deeply interconnected and increasingly multipolar world, international cooperation holds the key to effectively managing our collective success, and even to our survival.

This is a moment in history where we face a pivotal choice as a global community – breakthrough or breakdown.

Inaction almost guarantees a future of persistent crises and breakdown, whilst a breakthrough will not happen by itself. We must come together and make a conscious and collective choice to change course. We must evolve our ways of working, leverage the promises of technology and harness the power of all actors. And we must rebuild trust in each other and the multilateral system.

The Summit of the Future marks the beginning of a journey.

It will serve as a springboard to a more sustainable, peaceful and just future for all. It will do so by focusing attention and action on creating a multilateral system that better reflects the geopolitical realities of the 21st century, one that is more just and one that is capable of responding to the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow.

First, by putting in place new international norms and mechanisms to both manage and harness the potential of emerging areas of innovation. Second, by doubling-down on our efforts to achieve the world envisaged by the UN Charter, the SDGs and our commitments to address climate change, with a particular focus on making sure we have the necessary resources and fit-for-purpose institutions to deliver. Finally, it will challenge us to take a fresh look at the United Nations, to ensure it is fit for the challenges of the 21st century.





SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY 1

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Friday, 20 September 2024





The Action Days will kick off with a youth-led half day, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m, led by the United Nations Youth Office in close collaboration with other UN entities and relevant networks. The Action Days are an opportunity to elevate the voice of youth in the multilateral system, as key participants in efforts to secure breakthroughs in global cooperation. The day will be convened under the theme of #YouthLead for the Future: We believe in the promise of a better world for all .

[Opening ceremony \(13:00 - 14:00, General Assembly Hall\)](#)

The Friday will kick off with an energizing opening session in the GA Hall, focused on how meaningful youth engagement is a matter for all of society and all organizations.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Planned agenda item</u>	<u>Format</u>
13:00 - 13:05	Opening video	Our commitment to the Future
13:05 - 13:15	Opening remarks	

[Dialogue with the Secretary-General \(14:00 - 15:00, General Assembly Hall\)](#)

An interactive and intergenerational dialogue between the UN Secretary-General and youth is planned.

[#YouthLead for the Future: Breakout sessions \(15:30 - 18:00, ECOSOC, Trusteeship Chamber, Conference Room 4\)](#)

Convener: UN Youth Office

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Six thematic sessions, focused on core issues of importance to youth. Tentative titles for these sessions are:

#YouthLead: Innovative Solutions in Humanitarian Action

#YouthLead: Foresight in climate and environmental sustainability

SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY 2

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Saturday, 21 September 2024



Action Day 2 will consist of a full-day of programming from 9a.m. to 6:30p.m, focused on multistakeholder partnership and action – paving a way towards a next chapter of multilateralism that is more inclusive and networked. The Saturday sessions will focus on three priority themes – digital and technology, peace and security, and sustainable development and financing. These sessions will be coordinated by relevant UN entities, including UNDP, DESA, ITU, the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Technology, DPPA, DPO, ODA, and OCT. In addition to the three themes, there will also be a dedicated focus throughout the day on future generations.

[Opening ceremony \(9:00 – 10:30, General Assembly Hall\)](#)

In preparation for the Summit of the Future, this Action Day will bring together a diverse set of actors from across all sectors to reimagine how we work together to address the most pressing opportunities and challenges of our world. The opening ceremony will serve to both energize attendees, and tee-up several important themes and considerations for the rest of the day.

[A Digital Future For All \(10:30 – 17:00, ECOSOC Chamber\)](#)

Co-conveners: Office of the Special Envoy on Technology (OSET); International Telecommunication Union (ITU); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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[A Peaceful Future For All \(10:30 – 17:00, Trusteeship Council Chamber\)](#)

Co-convener: Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA);
Department of Peace Operations (DPO); Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA);

		Intergenerational dialogue for peace	to rebuild global trust in the power of diplomacy to resolve conflicts.
	11:20-12:10	Session 2: Dismantling patriarchal power structures	Women and male leaders and advocates for change hold a future oriented debate on what concrete steps can be taken to dismantle structures that stand in the way of a more just, fair, equal and inclusive world.
A world free of violence	12:10-13:00	Session 3: A Call to Action for a Future Without Terrorism	Through audio-visual presentations and remarks from prominent leaders and experts, this session will envision a cooperative, networked and interconnected approach to tackle conflict and the spread of terrorism.
	15:00-16:00	Session 4: Protection of Civilians in urban settings	This session will raise awareness about the impact of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas by State and non-State actors, including terrorist groups. Renowned storyteller Giles Duley, the United Nations Global Advocate for Persons with Disabilities in Conflict and Peacebuilding Situations, will describe the long-term impact of war through the stories of five survivors of armed conflict. The session will amplify these voices and highlight the humanitarian impact of

[A Sustainable Future For All \(10:30 – 17:00, Conference Room 4\)](#)

multilateralism that is more inclusive and fit for the challenges of the 21st century. There will be an emphasis on addressing the financing challenges that stand in the way of sustainable development, providing a bridge of discussions between the

Speakers will propose concrete actions to radically scale up development and climate finance to meet the SDG investment needs of developing countries to counteract the highly volatile financial landscape while emphasizing that the most vulnerable are at the heart of financing considerations.

16:00- 17:00 Session 5: International
Financial Architecture for
the 21st Century

[Closing Ceremony \(17:30 – 18:30, ECOSOC Council Chamber\)](#)

The Action Days will serve as a launchpad for the Summit of the Future, which will follow on September 22 and 23. Not only will the Action Days build energy for the formal components of the Summit, but the solutions advanced will initiate our journey towards a more effective and inclusive model of multilateralism.

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Additional Information



Side Events

In parallel to this main programme, a limited number of high-level side-events, organized by Member States, UN entities, relevant International Organizations, civil society and stakeholder networks working in partnership, will take place during the Action Days. The side-events will provide additional opportunities to amplify the Summit outcomes, and to advance multi-stakeholder collaboration. The side events will be identified through an open call. All interested parties wererties



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Registration of participants will be held exclusively through a dedicated INDICO Form. If you do not have an INDICO account, you can [Tf1ac 12 Tf1 0 0 1 310.49 449Tf1/0004rek92 reWnBT/F](https://indico.un.org/event/2019-09-12-1310.49449Tf1/0004rek92reWnBT/F)