



## **Note by the secretariat**

### **LETTER DATED 19 OCTOBER 2023: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE PREPARATIONS OF THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE**

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#### **Purpose**

To inform the Group about the letter from the Summit of the Future Co-Facilitators on the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future.

#### **Action required**

This letter is transmitted to the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG **for information**.

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#### **References**

<https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/summit-of-the-future>;

[https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/informal\\_consultations\\_on\\_the\\_preparations\\_of\\_the\\_pact\\_for\\_the\\_future\\_on\\_19\\_october\\_2023.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/informal_consultations_on_the_preparations_of_the_pact_for_the_future_on_19_october_2023.pdf)

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New York, 19 October 2023

## Preparatory Process for the Summit of the Future

Excellency,

Reference is made to the letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 10 October 2023. In this letter, the President informed Member States of our appointment as co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future during the seventy-eighth session, in line with paragraph (c) of General Assembly decision 77/568. He invited the co-facilitators to work in a coordinated manner and to ensure that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in the consultations.

The mandate set out in resolution 76/307 and decision 77/568 is for the co-facilitators “to facilitate open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental consultations on the preparatory process” of the Summit of the Future, while “allow[ing] adequate time for negotiations on the Pact for the Future.”

To begin the preparatory process in this session, we would like to invite Member States to participate in **informal consultations** on the preparations of the Pact for the Future on

### **9 November at 4 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber.**

The objective of this meeting will be for the co-facilitators to outline our approach, timeline and plans for consultations over the coming months. Delegations will be invited to make brief, general interventions. The co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations processes plan to also join this meeting.

Following this initial meeting on 9 November, we plan to hold **closed informal consultations in December** with the aim of allowing the co-facilitators to hear directly from Member States on the substantive issues that they would like to see reflected in the zero draft of the Pact for the Future on a chapter-by-chapter basis.

### **These consultations will be arranged as follows:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic under consideration</b>	<b>Room</b>
1 December 2023	10.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm (if required)	Chapeau and Chapter 1: Sustainable Development and Financing for Development	ECOSOC Chamber

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5 December 2023	10.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm (if required)	Chapter 2: International Peace and Security	Conference Room 1
6 December 2023	10.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm (if required)	Chapter 5: Transforming Global Governance	Trusteeship Council
11 December 2023	10.00am-1pm	Chapter 3: Science, Technology and Innovation; Digital Cooperation	Conference Room 2
11 December 2023	3:00pm-6pm	Chapter 4: Youth and Future Generations	Conference Room 2

During these consultations, Member States and observers will be invited to deliver a single statement covering the topics under consideration and the issues that they would like to see reflected in the zero draft. Time limits of 5 minutes for statements on behalf of groups and 3 minutes in national capacity will be strictly enforced. In preparing their interventions, we would encourage Member States to reflect on the scope of the Summit, as set out in decision 77/568, as well as the understanding set out in our letter to the President of the General Assembly of 30 August 2023 and stated during the 99th meeting of the 77th session.

The co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact and of the Declaration on for Future Generations intend to join the meetings when their topics are under consideration. We will continue to coordinate closely with the co-facilitators of these processes; and going forward with our respective processes, will ensure that there are no meetings related to the preparatory process of the Summit held in parallel with one another, in line with paragraph (e) of General Assembly decision 77/568.

We will also invite Member States and observers to **submit written input to the Pact for the Future through e-deleGATE. The deadline for submissions will be 31 December 2023.** Information on how to submit written input will be shared via e-deleGATE.

Our aim is to circulate a zero draft of the Pact for the Future in early 2024, and for negotiations to begin after Member States have had an opportunity to reflect on this draft. We will share further details on how we plan to structure the negotiations in 2024 at our meeting on 9 November.



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Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to all delegations for entrusting us with their confidence and support, and their valuable contributions as we work together towards achieving an ambitious outcome for the Summit of the Future.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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