



New York, 20th December 2023

Excellency,

Sir/Madam.

We would like to thank the relevant stakeholders for their valuable engagement throughout the 77th Session of the General Assembly in support of a Declaration on Future Generations, as part of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future.

Reference is made to the letter of the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 October 2023, announcing our reappointment as co-facilitators to continue our leadership of the intergovernmental process for the Declaration on Future Generations during the 78th Session.

In line with this letter and the mandate of General Assembly decision 77/568, we are committed to ensuring open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States, as well as relevant stakeholders, to elaborate a Declaration on Future Generations which, if intergovernmentally agreed, will be annexed to the Pact for the Future and will form one of the outcomes of the Summit of the Future to be held on 22 and 23 September 2024, in New York.

In this regard, and in preparation for the intergovernmental negotiations which we intend to facilitate in the second quarter of 2024, we plan to convene virtual informal consultations with stakeholders on 15 and 16 January 2024 to give participants the opportunity to share good practices and suggestions on how to safeguard the interests of future generations. These consultations will be arranged as follows:

Date	Time	Stakeholder Group(s)
15 January 2024	9:00am – 12:00pm	Youth and Indigenous Groups
15 January 2024	12:30pm – 2:00pm	United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programs
16 January 2024	10:00am – 12:00pm	Civil Society Organizations and Research Institutions/Academia
16 January 2024	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Private Sector

Stakeholders interested in participating in the consultations are required to register via this <u>link</u>. A link to the virtual meeting room will be shared with registered participants before the event. During the meeting, the Secretariat will indicate in the chat box how connected stakeholders can inscribe on the list of speakers.

To ensure equitable and effective participation, we encourage stakeholders to nominate a representative to speak on behalf of their organization, entity or network, and to keep their interventions brief with a focus on the following guiding questions:

- What are the principles that should ground our commitments in the Declaration on Future Generations?
- What practical steps are needed at the global level to take future generations systematically into account?
- What should the Summit of the Future aim to achieve so that we live up to our obligations to future generations?

In preparing their interventions, representatives of the various stakeholder groups are encouraged to reflect on the <u>Our Common Agenda policy brief entitled</u>, "<u>To Think and Act for Future Generations</u>", as well as the <u>issues paper</u> produced by the co-facilitators on 27th June 2023.

The call for written inputs will be sent to participants registered for these consultations in the coming weeks with a deadline for submission by 22^{nd} January 2024. These inputs will subsequently be made available to all Member States for consideration in the development of national positions that will inform our preparation of the zero draft of the Declaration, in accordance with the roadmap outlined here.

We kindly request that Member States share this letter with the relevant stakeholder groups in their respective countries. We also invite Member States and Observer delegations to join the consultations on 15th and 16th January 2024 to hear the views of all stakeholders and representatives. There is no registration required for Member States and Observers, who will receive the link via e-deleGATE.

We count on your continued support and active engagement in the coming months.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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