



## Informal Dialogue on the Summit of the Future – Opportunities and Expectations Monday, 31 October 2022 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in Conference Room 12

In the Declaration commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, Member States recognized that our challenges are interconnected and can only be addressed through stronger international cooperation and reinvigorated multilateralism, with the United Nations at the centre of these efforts. The UN Secretary-General's *Our Common Agenda* represents a launching ground for a renewal of global cooperation and an opportunity to reinvigorate inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism. One of the key proposals of *Our Common Agenda* is a *Summit of the Future* (the “Summit”) to be held on 22 and 23 September 2024, in New York, preceded by a preparatory ministerial meeting to be held on 18 September 2023, to forge a new global consensus on what actions are needed to ensure a better tomorrow, while simultaneously reinvigorating multilateralism and accelerating the implementation of existing commitments.

The Summit comes at a time when the need for ambitious and effective multilateral collaboration is greater than ever. Due to increasing impact from human activities on the Earth System, the world is facing multiple planetary crises – climate change, massive loss of biodiversity and pollution of air and water – that threaten to undermine the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and the foundations for human wellbeing.

These crises are all transboundary in that the impact of human activities in any country goes far beyond national borders, and, as such, no nation can protect its citizens by unilateral action. Strengthening the capacity for multilateral collaboration and effective global authority is urgently needed to protect safe and just boundaries of the Earth System, advance sustainable development, and secure human welfare and prosperity for all, in the present and future.

The IPCC has warned that communities least able to cope with the impacts of climate change are being hit the hardest. This applies to all the current planetary crises. At the same time, many of the most vulnerable States also have less capacity to engage with consistency in important processes, including within the UN-system. Given capacity constraints, these countries typically do not benefit from robust engagement with academia, civil society and other stakeholders, nor engage nationally or in effective coalition building to express support for, voice concerns over or push specific issues or reforms forward.

Recognizing the pressing need to address this situation and the significant linkages between the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and *Our Common Agenda*, as well as the critical opportunity presented by the *Summit of the Future*, **the Permanent Missions of Australia, Barbados, Botswana, the Republic of Bulgaria, The Gambia, the Gabonese Republic, Iceland, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Maldives, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Palau and Saint Lucia to the United Nations, in collaboration with Present and Future Institute (PFI), are**

convening the first in a series of informal dialogues amongst Member States, academia and key civil society stakeholders, to discuss expectations, identify common priorities, explore approaches to engaging in the *Summit of the Future*, ensuring an inclusive process where everyone has a voice and identify areas for further discussion and consensus building.

## Programme

1:00pm - 1:20pm	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Keisha A. McGuire, <i>President, Present and Future Institute</i></li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Michel Xavier Biang, <i>Permanent Representative of the Gabonese Republic and President of the United Nations Security Council</i></li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, <i>Permanent Representative of Bulgaria and President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council</i></li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, <i>Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</i> (read-out)</li> </ul>
1:20pm – 2:05pm	<p><b>Roundtable 1: Setting the stage and identifying key challenges</b></p> <p>This roundtable will bring together various stakeholders to discuss key multilateral challenges and the role the <i>Summit</i> may play in addressing them and how to ensure complementarity with the SDGs and other existing frameworks.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Mr. Mitchell (Mitch) Peter Fifield, <i>Permanent Representative of Australia</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, <i>Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda</i></li> <li>• Ms. Jayathma Wikramanayake, <i>United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth</i></li> <li>• Dr. David Obura, <i>Earth Commission</i></li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Mohammad Aamir Khan, <i>Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan</i></li> <li>• Dr. Michael Weisberg, <i>Bess W. Heyman President's Distinguished Professor and Chair of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania</i></li> <li>• Ms. Michele Griffin, <i>Director, Common Agenda Team, Executive-Office of the Secretary-General</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the main challenges the Summit should address?</i></li> <li>• <i>Which are the most promising proposals in the OCA to address those issues?</i></li> <li>• <i>How do Member States and different stakeholders envision the complementarity of the Summit with the Sustainable Development Goals Summit?</i></li> </ul>
2:05pm – 2:50pm	<p><b>Roundtable 2: Engaging stakeholders in the process</b></p>

	<p>It is vital to drawing on the widest and best expertise to ensure the effectiveness and ongoing relevance of the UN system. This roundtable will consider the vital issue of how to provide for the effective participation of various relevant stakeholders in the <i>Summit</i> process.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Keisha A. McGuire, <i>President, Present and Future Institute</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa’olelei Luteru, <i>Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa</i></li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Sima Bahous, <i>UN Women Executive Director</i></li> <li>• Mr. Magnus Jiborn, <i>Head of Research, Global Challenges Foundation</i></li> <li>• Ms. Amy Dick, <i>Head of Impact, Anyone Technologies Limited</i></li> <li>• Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, <i>UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How do we ensure an inclusive process to ensure the meaningful participation of various stakeholders?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can Member States and different stakeholders coordinate their efforts to effectively push forward common priorities?</i></li> </ul>
2:50pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>Closing Reflections, Way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Thilmeeza Hussain, <i>Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives</i></li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Keisha A. McGuire, <i>President, Present and Future Institute</i></li> </ul>