



2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum
**"Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions:
Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of crises"**

IDENTIFICATION	
Session title	Summit of The Future: Multilateral Solutions For A Better Tomorrow - Global Dialogue On Youth
Session focus	Youth & Summit of the Future; Meaningful Youth Engagement in Policymaking & Decision-making Processes
Session leads	UNYO, DESA, MGCY and IMCYO
BACKGROUND & KEY ISSUES	
<p>The Summit of the Future is a high-level event, bringing world leaders together to forge a new international consensus on how we deliver a better present and safeguard the future. This once-in-a-generation opportunity serves as a moment to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation can effectively tackle current challenges as well as those that have emerged in recent years or may yet be over the horizon.</p> <p>We already have the "what" in the form of many existing agreements and commitments, starting with the UN Charter and including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and many others.</p> <p>The Summit of the Future will look at the "how" – how do we cooperate better to deliver on the above aspiration and goals? How do we better meet the needs of the present while also preparing for the challenges of the future?</p> <p>The aim of the Summit is twofold: accelerate efforts to meet our existing international commitments and take concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. This will be achieved through an action-oriented outcome document called A Pact for the Future. The Pact will be negotiated and endorsed by countries in the lead-up to and during the Summit in September 2024. The result will be a world – and an international system – that is better prepared to manage the challenges we face now.</p> <p>Meaningful youth engagement in policymaking and decision-making processes, including in United Nations intergovernmental processes, is a pivotal necessity in that endeavor. As outlined in the Secretary-General's Policy</p>	

[Brief on Meaningful Youth Engagement in Policymaking & Decision-Making Processes](#), published in April 2023, “The world today has the knowledge and resources required to deliver on the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. But transformative changes will simply not be possible at the scale required without the buy-in and contributions of a wide range of actors. This is especially true of the 1.9 billion young people alive today.”

In the resolution on the modalities for the Summit of the Future ([A/RES/76/307](#)), Member States committed to the participation of youth in the Summit. Moreover, in the resolution on the scope of the Summit of the Future ([A/77/L.109](#)) Member States decided that one of the five chapters of the Pact for the Future will focus on “Youth and future generations”. This decision provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Member States to take decisions to ensure the systemic and transformational changes needed to “listen and work with youth”, including by strengthening meaningful youth engagement in policymaking and decision-making processes at all levels, as per the commitment made in the [UN Declaration on the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations](#).

OBJECTIVES OF SESSION/PLENARY

The third day of the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum, 18 April 2024, will be dedicated to “Youth & the Summit of the Future.” The session entitled “Summit of the Future: Multilateral Solutions for A Better Tomorrow – Global Dialogue on Youth”, taking place from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, will serve as a high-level opening to the “Youth & the Summit of the Future” day of the ECOSOC Youth Forum.

The main goals of this session are to:

- Provide a framing to the “Youth & the Summit of the Future” day of the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum by highlighting the Summit of the Future and its outcome document, A Pact for the Future, as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuild trust in multilateralism and make concrete commitments to address current and future challenges through intergenerational, multisectoral, and international cooperation.
- Highlight the importance of meaningful youth engagement in policymaking and decision-making processes at all levels, including at the United Nations, and spotlight examples of meaningful youth engagement in action from the perspective of governments, international organizations, civil society, and youth.
- Call to action to young people and motivate them to be engaged in the Summit of the Future process at the global, national, and local levels.

OVERALL FORMAT/STRUCTURE

The session will be divided in the following segments:

Opening by co-presenters of ceremony: *[5 minutes]*

- Vee Kativhu, Young Leader for the SDGs
- Nahjae Nunes, UNICEF Youth Foresight Fellow

Panel discussion: Youth at the Center of Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow: cultivating intergenerational partnerships through meaningful youth engagement *[30 minutes]*

- Mr. Guy Ryder, Under Secretary-General for Policy
- Mr. Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs
- Ms. Chido Mpemba, African Union Chairperson’s Special Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Davila Talemamaleya, Pacific Youth Council & Major Group for Children and Youth
- Ms. Lydia Vlagsma, Youth Committee, International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Discussants from the floor: Meaningful Youth Engagement in Action – [40 minutes]

Closing & Wrap-Up by co-presenters of ceremony: [10 minutes]

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