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The UN Summit of the Future should explore alternative futures of humanity. Our recommendations have 1) a clear connection to the medium to longer term future, 2) are innovative, bold, and calling for radical change and 3) can be implemented in most countries both developed and developing countries.

In Chapter I, emphasis is placed on urgent action to reduce material and carbon footprints, urging the UN to incentivize sustainable practices, and set new target dates for meeting Sustainable Development Goals by 2050. Chapter II underscores the necessity for vigilant monitoring of interconnected conflicts and crises to avert major global wars, along with cooperation to combat terrorism, organized crime, and cyber threats. Chapter III advocates for immersive learning, AI integration, and strategic foresight, promoting international collaborations for a future-ready public service. Chapter IV prioritizes addressing climate change vulnerabilities, promoting inclusive education, and engaging youth on AGI impacts. Lastly, Chapter V urges the UN to lead in transforming global governance, adapting economic systems, and ensuring accountability for sustainable development. Simulations, foresight training, and multi-stakeholder engagements feature prominently across all chapters to navigate complex global challenges and build a resilient, inclusive future.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

The current state of planetary boundaries demands immediate action to ensure a sustainable and thriving future for generations to come. Six of the nine planetary boundaries critical for humanity's development have already been breached. In highly developed economies, the prospect of stagnant growth looms, necessitating a comprehensive reevaluation of UN sustainable development and financing for development activities.

Policy Implementation:

Advocate for the integration of stringent emission reduction policies at the national and international levels.
Establish regulatory frameworks that incentivize sustainable manufacturing practices.

Financial Incentives:

Encourage the UN to create financial incentive programs for businesses adopting environmentally friendly manufacturing processes.
Explore partnerships with private sectors to bolster funding for sustainable initiatives.

Capacity Building:

Develop training programs on strategic foresight and game-based simulation for financial professionals.
Establish a knowledge-sharing platform for best foresight practices in sustainable development.

Evaluation, Monitoring, Learning and Reporting:

Strengthen evaluation, monitoring, and learning mechanisms to track progress towards the revised SDG targets.
Encourage transparent reporting on carbon reduction efforts and sustainable practices.

Chapter II. International peace and security

The world faces the complex challenge of potential non-linear interactions among rivalries, conflicts, and wars, which could escalate into a major global conflict. This chapter emphasizes the critical role of UN bodies in monitoring and proactively addressing interconnected regional and global conflicts to prevent devastating outcomes. Additionally, the importance of developing Futures and Foresight skills, with a focus on empathy and international cooperation, is highlighted as a risk reduction measure.

Early Warning Systems:

Establish robust early warning systems within UN bodies to detect potential conflicts and crises. Ensure swift response mechanisms to prevent the escalation of conflicts.

Futures and Foresight Training:

Implement training programs for diplomats and peacekeepers in Futures and Foresight skills. Emphasize the role of empathy and international cooperation in conflict prevention and resolution.

International Collaboration on Traveler Data:

Advocate for the creation of an international framework for traveler data collection and sharing. Strengthen intelligence-sharing mechanisms to prevent the movement of individuals associated with terrorism.

Global Cooperation on Cybersecurity:

Facilitate international cooperation to combat cyber threats through information-sharing and joint response mechanisms. Establish a task force to address the evolving challenges of cybersecurity in the digital age.

AGI Security Guidelines:

Develop and disseminate security guidelines for AGI research and development. Promote international collaboration in shaping policies that ensure AGI contributes to a more peaceful future.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

This chapter underscores the imperative for the UN to play a pivotal role in fostering immersive learning and training in both public and private sectors. By blending real-world data, cultural insights, and AI-powered guidance, a new era of learning for global public service officials can be unlocked, ultimately empowering leaders to navigate complexity and make informed policy choices.

Immersive Learning Programs:

Support the development and implementation of immersive learning programs in public and private sectors.

Integrate AI-powered guidance to enhance decision-making skills among global public service officials.

Arts and Humanities Integration:

Encourage the integration of arts and humanities into immersive learning experiences to foster digital social skills.

Acknowledge the holistic development of leaders through a multidisciplinary approach.

UN-led Training Sessions on Strategic Foresight:

Facilitate intensive training sessions on strategic foresight for government officials, pairing them with leading industry experts.

Foster an environment that encourages collaboration and creative problem-solving.

Governance Options for AGI:

Organize intensive training sessions on national and global governance options for Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

Promote international cooperation and knowledge-sharing to address the challenges and opportunities posed by AGI.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

This chapter emphasizes the need for UN activities to prioritize the vulnerability of youth to the future effects of climate change and income-based inequality. A paradigm shift away from constant GDP growth, especially in the Global North, is advocated. The focus is on nurturing education and health as key growth areas, leveraging the role of local educational institutions with accessible broadband. International educational programs for the next generation of public service professionals, centered on strategic foresight, are proposed to build a pathway to preferred futures.

Policy Reform for Inclusive Growth:

Advocate for policy reforms that prioritize inclusive growth over constant GDP expansion. Address economic structures to reduce income-based inequalities affecting youth.

Broadband Accessibility for Education:

Support initiatives to make broadband accessible to educational institutions at all levels. Enhance the reach and impact of education in shaping the future generation.

International Educational Programs:

Establish international educational programs focusing on strategic foresight for public service professionals. Encourage partnerships between institutions to share best practices in education.

Cultural Sensitivity Training:

Implement cultural sensitivity training programs in educational curricula. Promote understanding and appreciation for diversity among the youth.

Youth Forums on Future Employment:

Organize forums for youth to discuss and prepare for the impact of AGI on future employment. Facilitate collaboration between educational institutions and industries for relevant skill development.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

This chapter addresses the need to adapt global economic governance to the ongoing power shift from the West to the East and from the Global North to the Global South. The halted process offers an opportunity to relaunch and lead towards a more functional and resilient Bretton Woods 2.0 system. The UN is called upon to play a central role in this transformation.

UN-led Global Economic Governance Reform:

Call upon the UN to take a leading role in relaunching the process of adapting global economic governance.

Advocate for inclusive participation in restructuring global economic systems to reflect emerging powers' roles.

Simulation-based Policy Decision Exercises:

Implement regular simulation exercises focused on public policy decision outcomes. Identify policies and decisions that are actionable and contribute to sustainable global governance.

Inclusive Definition of Governance:

Promote a broad and inclusive definition of governance that goes beyond traditional associations with tenure.

Encourage academic and policy discussions on evolving concepts of governance.

Mechanisms for SDG Accountability:

Establish robust mechanisms within the UN to ensure accountability for sustainable development goals.

Encourage member states to integrate SDG progress into their national reporting structures.

Multi-stakeholder Training Sessions:

Facilitate intensive training sessions on TransInstitutional forms of governance involving government and non-government entities.

Foster cross-sector collaboration to enhance governance effectiveness and adaptability.