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In light of the climate crisis and increasing frequency and intensity of disruptions to the interdependent socio-economic and ecological systems of planet earth, the United Nations system needs to be – in order to maintain its legitimacy and public acceptance as the world's leading global challenges response institution of humanity - reimagined and re-engineered towards enhanced effectiveness.

The most important element of such deep UN system transformation is the enhanced integration of non-state actors and their resources in global governance with the individual (young) global citizen being placed at the center of such institutional design efforts.

By introducing a citizens' and local communities focused **"Local Pact for the Future"** *as a complement to the UN Summit 2024 Outcome document "Pact for the Future", the UN system can introduce an institutional interface and concrete tool, which connects in a challenges/needs and action & impact oriented manner citizens with the UN system and other public authorities (in a multilevel governance framework), thus improving the effectiveness of UN led global governance.*

The concept of "Local Pacts for the Future" has been introduced by IAAI GloCha and UN Habitat Youth Programme at their annual UN HQ conference in September 2023 https://www.glocha.org/un-hq-ny-conference-exhibit-2023/

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Recommendations for Chapter 1

We recommend to reconsider for the purpose of the Pact for the Future" the report on mobilization of People's money, as presented by the UN Secretary-General's Task Force on Digital Finance in 2020: https://unsdg.un.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/DF-Task-Force-Full-Report-Aug-2020-1.pdf

A concrete mechanism through which citizens' financial resources can be mobilized for global goals implementation are cryptostamps/digital collectibles – an initiative that the multistakeholder partnership GloCha is developing with partners from the UAE and which have the potential to become a flagship initiative and lighthouse project of the UN Summit of the Future (link to video of a GloCha COP28 workshop with the Dubai Blockchain Center and the UAE Post Authority: https://www.youtube.com/live/QLi1VESKI7E)

Chapter II. International peace and security

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 2)

In order to maintain international peace and security, the UN system needs to enhance its capacity to harness digital innovation and especially earth observation, AI, Internet of Things, blockchain technology and other emerging technologies. The UN SG's Early Warning for All program and the work of the UN Geospatial

Information Network are laudable, but will deliver better results if citizens will be included in (early warning) data collection. GloCha is preparing with UNEP / the UN Geospatial Information Network a Memorandum of Understanding for the setting up a community of practice and shared data and reporting standards for citizen science in the context of the Early Warning for All program (https://www.linkedin.com/posts/alexandre-caldas-8b198043_oneplanet-cop28-onehumanity-activity-7137788996079788032-xeuh?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop). We recommend that the Pact for the Future document acknowledges or welcomes such systemic non-state actors engagement efforts in general terms.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 3)

In order to connect citizens/youth with the UN system and in order to facilitate localization of SDGs, there needs to be an information technology bridge between the UN system and the individual citizen.

The place where such a bridge can be established are people's mobile phones.

*IAAI GloCha is proposing the formation of a consortium of (digital) solution providers for the collaborative development an **individual citizens' SDGs and Climate action app** ecosystem / pre-competitive technology stack. This is the second flagship initiative that has been by IAAI GloCha as input to the UN Summit of the Future at its UN HQ conference in September 2023 https://www.glocha.org/un-hq-ny-conference-exhibit-2023/*

Such consortium would also develop the data and digital innovation infrastructure for the "Local Pacts for the Future" functionality, which has been introduced as key flagship initiative of the Summit of the Future.

*A first module of such an individual SDGs/Climate action app, a "**Challenges Mapping Tool**", has been developed already by IAAI in the context of the EU INTERREG project JETforCE https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/jetforce/ and is being made available to the UN system for the specification and management of "Local Pacts for the Future".*

This function can be integrated in the ActNow app of UN DGC, in city level apps, CSO members' apps etc.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 4)

In order to prevent global youth from falling into despair (and from there to violence), there need to be in place educational innovations (combining education with entertainment and (micro-) social entrepreneurship and gamification) and new forms of creativity and action oriented communities. Platforms and virtual communities which facilitate this are nowadays possible with relatively modest financial means.

An initiative that exemplifies this is the DigitalArt4Climate program of GloCha, which is launching a #CoCreatingTheFuture Call for music and art in support of the UN Summit of the Future on the sidelines of the UN Partnership Forum on 30th January 2024 at the UN HQ in NYC. The call for music and art will be followed by a GloCha CoCreation Festival 27 may – 7th June in St.Primus am Turnersee in Austria, edutainment shows on World Environment Day (5th June 2024) and in the run-up to the SoF in NYC in September 2024.

GloCha is going to support public awareness raising for the UN Summit of the Future and the work of the UN in general also through a GloCha digital TV/ streaming channel with programs that will build local, global and thematic communities around specific topics (e.g. with programs around the challenges that citizens will identify in the context of the "Local Pacts for the Future" program) with the power of edutainment and with creative/purpose economy business models.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 5)

The Global Pact for the Future is a great opportunity for the UN system to connect with all stakeholders who can make a contribution to the delivery of global public goods – the central mandate of the UN system!

Data and impact focused information and communication systems are the key for this system's innovation to become reality.

An "Local Pacts for the Future" are the concrete tool to unlock the creativity and the other resources of global citizens/youth for an effective people centered UN system and for cocreation of a climate safe future.