



## **Together 2030**

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## **Chapeau**

- “Recognizing that social inclusion and equality are intrinsically linked and that focusing on and investing in the most disadvantaged and excluded populations, which may include children, women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons, migrants and indigenous peoples, is critically important for the effective achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,
- Recognizing persons with disabilities as both agents and beneficiaries of development, stressing the need to promote the rights of persons with disabilities and their participation, including through their representative organizations, in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” (Resolution, A/RES/74/120, 2019)
- Reaffirming that States have the primary duty and responsibility to promote, respect, protect and fulfill all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of the child. Prioritize the needs of children living in extreme poverty, in humanitarian crises or on the move, particularly girls and children with disabilities (A/C.3/78/L.19/Rev.1, PP 21).

## **Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development**

- Review all financing mechanisms for sustainable development vis-à-vis the current financing system. This requires combining the efforts of all stakeholders to create new sources of financing.
- Take pragmatic actions for promoting the monitoring and evaluation of development projects and financing for SDGs. This includes data on the percentages of financing and projects ratio for attaining the social dimension of SDGs, as well as the necessary priority indicators.
- Respond to the Secretary-General’s call for an “SDG Stimulus Plan”. Governments, donors, international organizations and stakeholders at all levels should make robust financial commitments to SDG16+ and recognize that investments in all aspects of SDG16+ represent a high-yield opportunity for governments and others to address key challenges related to SDG implementation.
- Commit to meaningful reform of the global financial architecture at all levels. This includes critical efforts to solve the increasingly urgent sovereign debt crises, to address the scourge of illicit financial flows and corruption as outlined in SDG16, and to commit to enhancing efforts to expand measurement of economic progress “beyond GDP”.
- Open the debate on the effectiveness of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the need to improve its financing scheme.
- Strengthen the local approach in climate finance and the role of affected communities, as well as promoting debt-for-climate finance swap mechanisms as a measure to address climate change.
- “Commit to targeted and accelerated action to remove all legal, social, and economic barriers to achieving gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls including those with

disabilities, their full, equal and effective participation in all decision-making processes, and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights.” (A/HLPF/2023/L.1, 2023, para.38c)

- “Continue increasing investment in inclusive and equitable quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all, including early childhood education, youth and adult literacy programmes and initiatives, digital education, cultural education, education for sustainable development, digital technologies for education, skills enhancement, affordable higher education and vocational training, education in emergencies and teachers’ continuous professional development.” (A/HLPF/2023/L.1, 2023, para.38d)
- “Pursue policies towards adequate, sustainable, effective and efficient health financing and investments in universal health coverage and health system strengthening (...) to respond to unmet health needs and to eliminate financial barriers to access to quality, safe, effective, affordable and essential health services (...) which led to financial hardship and ensure financial risk protection (...) especially for the poor and those in vulnerable situations” (PD of the HLM on UHC, 2023, para.83)
- Commit “to accelerate the full implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and to take further actions to scale up financing for sustainable development and provide means of implementation for developing countries” (A/HLPF/2023/L.1, 2023, para.38t)
- “Support, promote and strengthen international cooperation and assistance, and enhance partnerships and coordination, including South-South cooperation, among themselves and with the active participation of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, as well as other relevant civil society organizations and stakeholders...” (Resolution A/C.3/78/L.64,2023, para.OP.31 b)
- We will intensify and increase investment in children and youth, in all their diversity, as critical to achieving inclusive, equitable and sustainable development for present and future generations, and will provide support to countries that face particular challenges in making the requisite investments in this area (Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13–16 July 2015; A/RES/69/313., I. A global framework for financing development post-2015, Para. 7).
- We will prioritize delivering social protection and essential public services for all children, in all of their diversity, as a national priority. Budget for sufficient funding to reach, inter alia, children living in extreme poverty, children with disabilities, children living in alternative care, migrant and refugee children, and those in conflict and post conflict situations to provide essential public services for all children, including health, education, energy, water and sanitation (Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13–16 July 2015; A/RES/69/313., I. A global framework for financing development post-2015, Para. 12).

## **Chapter II. International peace and security**

- Undertake the revision and restructuring of the international system, including a reform of the UN Security Council.
- We will prioritize the protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children affected by armed conflict, and fully incorporate post-conflict recovery and reconstruction planning, programs and strategies. Member States and United Nations entities, including the Peacebuilding Commission and other parties concerned must ensure that the views of children are taken into account in programming activities and the creation of solutions throughout the conflict cycle. Remove barriers to children’s meaningful participation and facilitate consideration of their views in these processes as well as in efforts on peacebuilding and sustaining peace (S/RES/2427 [2018], OP 23).

- We recognize that children in situations of armed conflict can be especially vulnerable to violence, abuse and exploitation, including sexual and gender-based violence. Member States, relevant parts of the UN system, and international and regional bodies, within their respective mandates should work to develop and implement comprehensive policies and action plans that prevent and address grave violations against children (S/RES/2427 [2018], OP 39).
- Design evidence-based anticipatory peace processes, to document peacebuilding efforts and promote peace building activities in country, regional, continental and global contexts. This includes positioning and leveraging the use of technology for social good, advance peacebuilding efforts and promote sustainable peace for all

### **Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation**

- Take appropriate measures to accelerate efforts to bridge the digital divide and technological gaps, including but not limited to those based on gender, age, disability and migration or refugee status, and not only to combat discrimination and bias in the development and use of new technologies, particularly in terms of access to products and services that are essential for the enjoyment of the right to education, but also to ensure accessible and quality education at all levels, in order to increase the digital competencies and innovation skills of all..." (Resolution A/HRC/RES/47/6, 2021, para 11)
- Safeguard freedom of expression in the digital environment with focused attention to those groups whose rights are in jeopardy, such as women, youth, indigenous communities, LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized groups.
- Commit to "strengthen guidance and expectations for equitable and inclusive research partnerships (including south-south partnerships) for science and innovation, stressing the need for those partnerships to respect local knowledge, share benefits of research equitably, and ensure consideration of, and participation by, left behind populations"
- Promote cooperation to reduce the digital gap by establishing strategic alliances to strengthen connectivity and bi-regional digital development.
- Promote a responsible, human-centered, value-based and inclusive digital transformation model that protects privacy as a fundamental right, increases digital connectivity and cybersecurity, aims to close digital divides, fosters the development and reliable use of AI, and contributes to building trust in the digital economy.
- We will protect and fulfill the rights of all children, including those living in extreme poverty, in humanitarian crises or on the move, girls, and children with disabilities, to ensure that they have equal access to quality inclusive education, information in child-friendly and accessible formats, digital skills development, and affordable access to the internet and digital devices (A/C.3/78/L.1/Rev.1, OP 19).
- We recognize that children face risks such as online sexual exploitation, economic exploitation, misinformation, harassment and hate speech, the promotion of or incitement to suicide or life-threatening activities, trafficking and abduction of children, and the recruitment of children to participate in criminal activities (CRC/C/GC/25 III. General principles, A. Non-discrimination, Para. 11, C. Right to life, survival and development, Para.14, XII. Special protection measures Paras. 112, 115).

### **Chapter IV. Youth and future generations**

- Insert mention of children alongside youth in this chapter and throughout - e.g. "children, youth and youth led" in (xv).
- We will distinguish children and youth as two distinct groups of rights-holders with specific and sometimes overlapping needs. Children and youth are closest in time to generations still to come

and thus occupy a unique position. They have an important role to play within this transition to long-term, multigenerational thinking. Accordingly, their perspectives and participation must be given special weight (Maastricht Principles on the Human Rights of Future Generations Preamble, VII. [2023])

- We will ensure the respect, protection and fulfillment of the rights, empowerment and capacity-building of girls, including their full, meaningful, and inclusive participation in developing policies and programs, and determining resources that address their actual needs (E/CN.6/2023/L.3, Para. 78. Para. 54). Remove inequalities and discriminatory social norms that limit their enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms (E/CN.6/2023/ L.3, Para. 40).
- Support the creation of a UN envoy for future generations as outlined in [Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 1](#), as a governance innovation to promote thinking and acting in the interests of future generations.
- Emphasize and reaffirm the urgent need for countries to implement SDG targets that reflect elements of intergenerational justice (i) through long-term, multigenerational policy making; (ii) preserving and restoring ecosystems for future generations; (iii) solving problems that burden generations long into the future.
- Emphasize and reaffirm the urgent need for countries to realize SDG targets concerning children and youth while encouraging countries to report in the context of the summit for the future on the status of SDG targets that specifically address children, youth, and future generations in their country contexts.
- Accord and re-emphasize special priority to achieving SDG outcomes for vulnerable, marginalized and disadvantaged populations in line with the commitment to “leave no one behind” - aiming to ensure no-one is left behind in future generations
- Encourage funding, opportunities and the creation of more equitable and safe spaces for young people across the world (especially from the global south) to actively participate in high-level meetings for them to share their insights and have a voice during decision-making processes.

## **Chapter V. Transforming global governance**

- Undertake a reform of the United Nations to ensure it delivers its mandate according to the current realities.
- Recognize and support civil society as key partners in ensuring that governments meet their commitments to leave no one behind, to reach those furthest behind first, and to ensure that our collective efforts to implement SDG16+ and the 2030 Agenda are people-centered.
- Create inclusive, participatory and coherent modalities within all relevant SDG mechanisms at the local, national and global levels, benefiting from the diverse contributions and expertise of civil society around SDG16+.
- Develop specific training programs to strengthen diplomacy skills in local governments to participate in the global arena. This includes supporting the development of digital diplomacy capabilities empowering local governments to engage in diplomatic activities through online platforms.
- Encourage the creation of subnational climate alliances in which regional administrations pledge to joint climate action initiatives.