



Youth for Change

Youth for Change is a youth-led project to inspire, empower and mobilize youth to advocate for change in various sectors and areas for fostering positive global development. We believe that every young person has the power to make changes in their communities and in the world.

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Chapeau

In an era deepened by conflicts and growing inequality and unprecedented challenges, **Youth for Change** shares an enchanting and youth-led input for the Zero Draft of the Pact of the Future from the United Nations, to urge parties to engage in the rebuilding of trust and use international cooperation to tackle the biggest challenges humanity is facing. Through a concrete and diverse recommendation, this input seeks to shape a new international pact able to deliver a better present and safeguard the future of all generations.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Youth for Change underscores the critical importance of sustainable development and financing mechanisms to address the pressing challenges of our time. We present the following concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter I.

- **Inclusive Financing Models:** Advocate for the development and implementation of inclusive financing models that prioritize equitable access to resources. Encourage international collaboration to create financial mechanisms that support sustainable development projects in both developed and developing regions.
- **Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainability:** Emphasize the role of public-private partnerships in achieving sustainable development goals. Encourage governments and businesses to collaborate on projects that promote environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic growth.
- **Investment in Green Technologies:** Call for increased investment in research, development, and implementation of green technologies. Support initiatives that



facilitate the transition to a low-carbon economy, addressing both climate change and sustainable development objectives.

- **Capacity Building for Developing Nations:** Prioritize capacity building in developing nations to enhance their ability to formulate and implement sustainable development policies. Support educational programs and knowledge-sharing initiatives that empower local communities to contribute to their own sustainable development.
- **Monitoring and Accountability:** Advocate for robust monitoring and accountability mechanisms to track the progress of sustainable development initiatives. Emphasize the importance of transparency and reporting in ensuring that financial resources are allocated effectively and contribute to tangible, sustainable outcomes.

Chapter II. International peace and security

Youth for Change believes in implementing strategies for the creation of a sustainable culture of peace and security in a multi polarized world for the creation of alliances that respect diversity and aspects. We need to rethink the mechanisms for developing world peace and the agendas for innovative territorialization, making room for global citizenship and each person's sense of transformation. Bringing together the objectives promoted by the UN and creating awareness, therefore:

- **Territorialization and Citizen Development:**
 - Invest in projects that promote sustainable development in vulnerable communities, addressing the underlying causes of conflicts.
 - Peace Education: Implement educational programs that promote intercultural understanding, conflict resolution and peace values from an early age.
 - Citizen Participation: Actively involving local communities in decision-making and the implementation of policies that affect their lives.
- **Information and Data Security:**
 - Cyber-diplomacy: Develop international agreements for cooperation in cybersecurity, promoting global norms and standards.
 - Cybersecurity Training: Invest in training and capacity building for cybersecurity professionals at national and international levels.
 - Intelligence Sharing: Establish effective mechanisms for sharing information between nations in order to prevent cyber threats. A safe space, in favor of peace and the engagement of diverse cultural individualities.
- **Openness in the Co-Creation of Peace Missions and Social Actions:**



- Multilateral Diplomacy: Promote multilateral diplomacy as the preferred means of resolving international disputes and creating effective partnerships, looking directly at the territory and being resilient to it.
- Joint Training: Establish joint training programs for the peacekeeping forces of different countries, increasing effectiveness and interoperability.
- Involvement of Local Stakeholders: Actively include the participation of local actors, such as non-governmental organizations and community leaders, in the definition and implementation of peace missions.
- Accelerating and creating sustainability for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): It is necessary to rethink the ways in which sustainability is created for the SDGs, bringing impact perspectives to the various layers of multiple societies with a focus on including differences and accelerating impact purposes.
- In addition it imports international protocols and agreements with continuous evaluation, responsibility and transparency, In order to create more actions and more decentralization of leadership.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

Youth for Change would like to highlight the importance of combating global inequality regarding access to science and technology to allow global cooperation. We recognise there is a significant gap between Global North and Global South access to essential technologies as the internet, leading to stronger disparities in education, economy, health standards and overall development. Based on that, we defend the importance of policies to facilitate technology exchange and the recognition of universal access to the internet as a human right.

To this end, **Youth for Change** gives due consideration to the provisions of the World Intellectual Property Report 2019 ⁽¹⁾ that point out that innovation hubs are highly concentrated in metropolitan areas of high-income economies or middle-income ones, reflecting the inequalities not only between countries but within countries. The limited access to research and resources limits a country or area's capacity to compete in a global scenario, therefore, international pacts to ensure the cooperation in research between areas with more resources — as huge, metropolitan areas and high-income countries — and those with less resources — as rural areas and the LDCs — would support a more sustainable development.

When discussing the necessity to prepare for the challenges of the future, it's vital to also discuss the ethical dimensions of advanced technologies and the necessity of establishing protocols to



ensure the protection of privacy and data security and avoid the use of the advanced technologies for terrorism purposes or illicit activities, for example.

Lastly, we believe cooperation between countries is essential to ensure that science, technology and innovation are used to contribute to a fairer, inclusive and equitable world, closing the inequality gap between countries, instead of deepening it.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

Developing strategies for the empowerment of multiple youths based on a culture of peace and development alliances against inequality means bringing empowerment and integrated and comprehensive approaches to discussion spaces. At **Youth for Change**, we believe that integrating generations and engaging young people means creating a world made possible by change.

→ Empowerment of Multiple Youths:

- Inclusion and Diversity: Creating inclusive spaces that recognize and respect the diversity of experiences, identities and perspectives of young people from different cultures and countries.
- Training and Skills: Offer training programs that develop practical skills, leadership and entrepreneurship among the different youth, opening up spaces for discussion and problem-solving.

→ Cultural Exchange and Culture of Peace:

- Facilitate the development of cultural programs between nations and in underdeveloped territories that promote mutual understanding, tolerance and the building of bridges between different communities.
- Peace Education: Integrate educational curricula that emphasize conflict resolution, dialogue and the promotion of a culture of peace.

→ Youth in Spaces of Power and Global Discussions:

- Quotas and Active Participation: Establish policies that guarantee the active representation of young people in decision-making bodies and spaces for global discussion on a larger scale, bringing strategies of responsibility and action to every young person on the planet, every person has the capacity to be a transforming agent.
- Conferences and Forums: Facilitate conferences and forums that allow young people to express their opinions on global issues and contribute to policy formulation.



→ **Development of the Intergenerational Agenda:**

- Intergenerational Dialogue: Facilitate regular dialogues between different generations to promote mutual understanding and identify areas for collaboration. As well as bringing visibility to the different forms of “ageism” and their groups.
- Connections Programs: Establish programs that encourage the exchange of knowledge and experiences between young people and more experienced members of nations and missions.

→ **Earth, Climate and Sustainability:**

- Environmental Education: Integrate environmental education from the earliest stages of formal education to create environmental awareness from an early age.
- Sustainable Initiatives: Supporting and encouraging youth-led sustainable initiatives focused on caring for the earth, tackling climate change and promoting sustainability.

→ **Longevity and Responsibility as Agents of Transformation:**

- Health Promotion and Mental Health: Implement programs that address the mental health and well-being of diverse youth, promoting resilience and emotional balance. As well as promoting well-being and physical health.
- Training for be a Changemaking: Offering training opportunities that encourage young people to become active agents of transformation in their communities.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

Youth for Change emphasizes the urgent need to transform global governance, and we offer the following succinct recommendations for Chapter V.

- **Youth Empowerment for Change:** Advocate for meaningful youth participation in decision-making processes at all levels to infuse governance with energy, innovation, and diverse perspectives.
- **Inclusive Governance:** Create mechanisms ensuring diverse representation, recognizing that inclusive governance is not only ethical but also essential for crafting effective policies.
- **Global Citizenship Education:** Promote comprehensive civic education globally, instilling values of human rights and cross-cultural understanding for the cultivation of responsible future leaders.
- **Technology for Transparent Governance:** Endorse responsible technology integration, supporting initiatives like secure voting systems and AI-driven tools for policy monitoring



to enhance transparency.

- **Collaborative Action:** Commit to active collaboration with international bodies, governments, and youth networks to foster a culture of dialogue and cooperation for positive global governance.

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