

UN SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

22-23 September 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

(As of 8 August 2024)

Note: The dedicated [website](#) of the Summit of the Future offers up-to-date information on negotiations and logistics.

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SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

The [modalities resolution](#) adopted by the General Assembly provides detailed information on the Summit including on the format - plenary and interactive dialogues, on who can participate and who can speak. Subsequent decisions by the General Assembly provide details on how the list of speakers for the plenary is prepared, and on the themes and speakers for the interactive dialogues.

Overview of events

What is the Summit of the Future?

The Summit of the Future is a high-level event mandated by the General Assembly to be held this year during the High-Level Week at the General Assembly on 22 and 23 September. It will bring world leaders together to forge a new international consensus on how we deliver a better present and safeguard the future.

What is the theme of the Summit?

The theme of this year's Summit is "Summit of the Future: Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow".

What is the outcome of the Summit?

The Outcome document of the Summit of the Future is the [Pact for the Future](#) and its annexes: a [Global Digital Compact](#) and a [Declaration on Future Generations](#).

When and where will the Summit take place?

September 22 and 23, 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

What is the format of the Summit?

The Summit of the Future will consist of an opening segment, plenary sessions, four Interactive dialogues and a closing segment.

Opening segment

An opening segment will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. on 22 September, featuring opening statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, and youth representatives (to be selected by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States).

Plenary Session

The plenary meetings of the Summit of the Future will be held in the General Assembly Hall and take place as follows:

- Sunday, 22 September: from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Monday, 23 September: from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 3 to 9 p.m.

Interactive Dialogues

In parallel to the plenary meetings, a series of interactive dialogues will take place during the Summit of the Future event.

On 12 July 2024, the Office of the President of the General Assembly circulated a [letter](#) with the Member States informing the topics for the interactive dialogues and sharing a [provisional programme for the Summit of the Future](#) all of which will take place in the Trusteeship Council:

- 22 September 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.: Transforming global governance and turbocharging the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.
- 22 September 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.: Enhancing multilateralism for international peace and security.
- 23 September 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.: Towards a Common Digital Future: strengthening inclusive innovation and cooperation to bridge the digital divides.
- 23 September 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.: The Future Starts Now: enhancing the global system for current and future generations.

Closing segment

There will be a Closing segment on Monday, 23 September from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a statement by the President of the General Assembly.

Participation and Attendance

Who can participate in the Summit of the Future?

The [modalities resolution](#) sets the parameters of the entities that can participate in the Summit of the Future (para 7 to 13). As outlined in the modalities resolution, Member States and members of United Nations specialized agencies, entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly, United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions are invited to participate and make statements in the plenary of the Summit. The aforementioned stakeholders and representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations with special accreditation, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector are invited to participate in the interactive dialogues.

A process to get special accreditation for NGOs without consultative status with ECOSOC was opened between 15 April 2024 and 31 May 2024. It was posted on the Summit of the Future website and communicated to all Member States through the official channels. On 18 June 2024, the President of the General Assembly circulated to Member States a list of over 1,200 NGOs, civil society, academic institutions and private sector entities who applied to receive this special accreditation (on a non-objection basis). The General Assembly decision on Participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector in the high-level Summit of the Future ([A/78/L.91](#)), including the list of all special accredited stakeholders, was adopted by consensus on 11 July.

How can civil society representatives attend the Summit of the Future in-person?

Civil society organizations that are ECOSOC-accredited (NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC) or have been informed by the United Nations that their special accreditation request has been granted are eligible to attend. **Accreditation alone *does not* grant eligibility to access to the UN Headquarters during the Summit on 22 and 23 September. A registration is required.**

The [registration](#) for stakeholders whose organizations have received **Ad hoc Special Accreditation to attend the Summit of the Future** will close on 19 August 2024.

The [registration](#) for stakeholders whose **organization is in consultative status with ECOSOC** is open and will close on 19 August 2024.

Finally, if a Member State wishes to include civil society in their delegation for UNGA, the Member States may register them through Protocol as per the usual process. ***The modalities resolution encourages Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to facilitate the participation of youth in the Summit. It also encourages States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the Summit and its preparatory process.***

[Who will be allowed to enter the UNHQ premises during the Summit of the Future?](#)

If you have a valid UN Grounds Pass for the UNHQ in New York:

*Anyone with a **valid UN Grounds Pass for the UNHQ in New York**, including members of official government delegations, UN Entities, IGOs, media, affiliates and retirees, will be able to access UNHQ premises on 22-23 September.*

If you DO NOT have a valid UN Grounds Pass for the UNHQ in New York:

*All interested participants **without a valid UN grounds pass** will need to **request registration**. This includes those who are **NOT** members of the official delegations of Member States/GA-accredited IGOs/specialized agencies to GA79.*

Note! *UN Laissez Passer (UNLP) Passport holders who do not have a valid UN grounds Pass **MUST register** to access the UNHQ premises.*

Activation of badges from other Duty stations (UN Staff Only) to be used at the UNHQ in New York

***UN Staff** from other duty stations can request their UN grounds pass to be activated for use at UNHQ New York. The UN staff member must contact their parent UN Pass and ID Office and inform them of their intended travel and check if this activation can be provided. Their Parent Pass and ID office will contact the UNHQ New York Pass and ID Unit with the required details for pass activation. Once all the information is received and approved, the UNHQ New York Pass and ID Unit will activate the pass for the duration requested. Requests for pass activations must be submitted at least 4 days prior to the UN Staff member's arrival in New York.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Due to limited space, access to the UNHQ premises during 22-23 September 2024 **DOES NOT** guarantee access to the event location. All participants **MUST** hold a Special Events Ticket to access the Summit of the Future venues.*

[Who can speak in the Summit of the Future?](#)

The modalities resolution sets out who can speak beyond Member States at the Summit of the Future plenary and in the interactive dialogues.

For the plenaries, Member States and members of United Nations specialized agencies (Head of State or Government level or the highest possible level) can make statements of up to five minutes. Entities having received a standing invitation to participate as Observers in the work of

the General Assembly, the United Nations system (funds, programmes, specialized agencies, and regional commissions) and Bretton Woods institutions can make statements of up to three minutes.

All the above-mentioned stakeholders and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and specially accredited are invited to participate in the interactive dialogues.

How can eligible speakers inscribe to speak in the Summit of the Future?

Plenary Session

For the Plenary sessions of the Summit, the General Assembly decision on the Establishment of the list of speakers for the Summit of the Future ([A/78/L.77](#)) was adopted by consensus on 10 July. It determines the process for establishing the order of speakers. In summary, the speaking slots for the plenaries will be divided into these four-time segments (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. / 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day) to allow delegations to plan for the attendance of their heads of delegation.

Through an interactive process, Member States will indicate their preference among the four segments and slots within each segment. The list of speakers for each segment will be rearranged following the established practice of the General Assembly (Heads of State, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, Heads of Government, Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers and Vice-Ministers, with group statements given further priority within each level. These levels will be followed by Chairs of delegation). Statements should be of up to five minutes (automatic mic cut off).

The remaining speaking slots will be allocated to entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly and by the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, which are invited, time permitting, to make statements of up to three minutes (automatic mic cut off), on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interested organizations are invited to inscribe by completing the inscription form (<https://forms.office.com/e/5Z5u06ThkQ>) between 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 August 2024 and 5 p.m. on Friday, 6 September 2024 (EDT). Any requests for inscription received before Monday, 5 August, at 10 a.m. (EDT) or submitted through any means other than the form mentioned above will not be considered.

Interactive dialogues

All those eligible to participate in the interactive dialogues will have to register in order to be included in the list of speakers. For inscription to speak in the interactive dialogues, the Office of the President of the General Assembly circulated a letter on 13 August 2024 inviting Member States to express their interest through the “Expressions of Interest” module which will open in the e-deleGATE portal on Monday, 19 August 2024 at 10 a.m. (EDT) and close on Friday, 6 September 2024 at 5 p.m (EDT). Organizations without e-DeleGATE access and the representatives of the UN system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions are invited to express interest to deliver a statement during the interactive dialogues using a [digital form](#) which will open on Monday, 19 August 2024 at 10 a.m. (EDT) and close on Friday, 6 September 2024 at 5 p.m (EDT). Representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector listed in decision 78/556 will



receive further information on how to express interest in making an intervention in the interactive dialogues in due course.

Others

Side Events

There will be **NO** side events organized by the Secretariat running in parallel to the Summit of the Future. Side events will only take place during the Action Days.

Interpretation

Interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian).