

# Stakeholder Inputs for the Zero Draft of the Declaration on Future Generations

## The Pledge Network

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**The Pledge Network:** an informal collective of more than 60 civil society cross-disciplinary leaders with expertise across futures, foresight, anticipatory governance, wellbeing and future generations policy.

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Indigenous Groups

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## **What are the principles that should ground our commitments in the Declaration on Future Generations?**

**Intergenerational collaboration:** Whilst being distinct from ‘future generations’, young leaders offer essential insights while also having the willingness and optimism to fight for a better future. Intergenerational coalitions can unlock urgent action by breaking down barriers that preclude intergenerational solidarity and fostering mutually trusting relationships.

**Clarity & actionable directives:** The Summit of the Future is an opportunity to move beyond the discussions of the ‘*what*’ and ‘*why*’ of change that are so often the focus of these convenings and traverse the territory of ‘*how*’ action should be taken, capturing concrete commitments to safeguard our future. The Declaration provides an opportunity to codify the proposed ‘*how*’ for future generations, providing an accountability tool for future generations champions around the world to drive progress across local, national and regional levels.

**Platforming the knowledge and input of indigenous communities and countries from the Global South.** These communities have a unique contribution to make to this agenda, yet are often the most impacted by the challenges of the 21st century. Proactive efforts to rebalance this dynamic are essential to a just and transformational Summit of the Future.

**Translating the demands of the future into actionable tools:** the skillsets and mindsets that support foresight, futures, anticipatory governance, and intergenerational fairness practices have the potential to turbo-boost the 2030 Agenda and the impact of the Declaration on Future Generations. Considering how these skillsets and mindsets can be effectively cultivated will be critical to an impactful and actionable Declaration.

**Treating the global context as an interconnected and indivisible whole** and focusing on action beyond the 2030 threshold of the SDGs, looking at least a generation into the future.

**An integrated perspective on the connections and common causes** between different governance innovations (including measuring what we value, beyond GDP, meaningful youth engagement, intergenerational fairness, solidarity, foresight, future generations, wellbeing economics and existential risk).

## **What practical steps are needed at the global level to take future generations systemically into account?**

**The appointment of the UN Special Envoy for Future Generations** before the Summit of the Future. This appointment should be representative of global majority communities, and be supported by the necessary resources to drive transformation.

**Supporting genuinely innovative and tangible practices** worldwide that protect the rights of current and future generations, including policy innovations, new institutions, meaningful youth engagement, demonstrator projects, and national listening exercises to be showcased at a national level and the High-Level Political Forum.

**Integrating insights from young leaders and leveraging foresight practices** and anticipatory governance to consider the interests of future generations across the remaining thematic tracks of the Summit of the Future.

**A Declaration on Future Generations**, which enshrines the rights of future generations as a practical instrument to drive legislative and institutional reforms at the national level.

**A fundamental commitment to fairness for current and future generations**, including the need for effective intergenerational dialogue and assessment of public policies from the standpoint of intergenerational fairness — ensuring policies and decisions speak to the needs of future generations, with accountability mechanisms to assess their intergenerational distributional impact.

**A high-ambition capability-building programme** to adopt strategic foresight and intergenerational fairness approaches in the UN and across Member States, including commitments to building capability for a foresight ecosystem at all levels of government and to run “national listening exercises” that connect all generations into policy-making in support of the 2030 Agenda’s “new approach” to multilevel (local, subnational and national, multi-stakeholder and multilateral public administration and anticipatory global governance.

## **What should the Summit of the Future aim to achieve so that we live up to our obligations to future generations?**

**Showcasing existing and emerging initiatives** across UN member states to foster knowledge sharing and foster increased ambition and momentum for local, national and regional mobilisations of future generations policy.

**Promote a narrative and understanding** that the Summit is a launch pad for action, rather than an endpoint, and communicate the imperative for member states to take responsibility for continued efforts to drive local, national and regional progress for high-quality implementation of the Declaration on Future Generations.

**The Summit should provide a critical moment for reclaiming realistic optimism** towards our common futures and committing to building the anticipatory governance this century demands.

### **Other outputs and commitments to be made as part of the Summit include:**

An ambitious Declaration for the rights of Future Generations,

The appointment of a strategically positioned and well-resourced UN Special Envoy for Future Generations

Substantive commitments to build futures-oriented governance,