

Closed Informal Consultations on the preparations of the Pact for the Future – ECOSOC Chamber, 9 November 2023

ABOUT: *The co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future (SOTF), the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Namibia, convened closed informal consultations with Member States and observers on 9 November 2023. This will be followed by a [series](#) of closed informal consultations on specific chapters of the SOTF in early December 2023.*

NOTE: Since the 9 November meeting was closed to CSOs, this bulletin relied on secondary accounts from representatives present in the room and thus not able to provide a more comprehensive bulletin report on the meeting.

TAKEAWAYS:

- ✦ *The co-facilitators shared information on the schedule of closed informal consultations in December, each corresponding to chapters of the proposed Pact for the Future. They also reiterated the deadline for MS and observers to submit written inputs to the Pact for the Future (31 December 2023) – which was mentioned in their [letter](#) dated 19 October.*
- ✦ *The co-facilitators aim to circulate a zero draft of the Pact for the Future in early 2024, and for negotiations to begin after Member States have had an opportunity to reflect on this draft.*
- ✦ *The co-facilitators will hold virtual consultations with representatives of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) and civil society on 13 December 2023 – as mentioned in their [letter](#) dated 13 November.*
- ✦ *The co-facilitators of the Declaration on Future Generations, to be annexed to the Pact for the Future, informed that they will convene consultations with small regional groups of states in December and with various stakeholders in either December or January, and a zero draft will be released in the first quarter of 2024.*
- ✦ *The co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact, also to be annexed to the Pact for the Future, informed that they will visit Geneva in December for consultations and that negotiations will start in January 2024.*
- ✦ *Member States stressed that the SOTF is a unique opportunity to strengthen multilateralism and increase trust among countries in a period of geopolitical tensions.*

KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION:

- ❖ *MS were broadly supportive of the approach taken by the co-facilitators with many emphasizing the need for SOTF to accelerate implementation of the SDGs.*
- ❖ *A few states raised the need and importance of multi-stakeholder engagement in the SOTF processes, with some explicitly asking for SOTF negotiations to be open for CSOs.*
- ❖ *On the SOTF negotiation processes, some individual MS suggested that the “elements” of the Pact for the Future to be decided before starting negotiations on the content; for the length of the Pact to be decided beforehand to ensure that it will be “concise,” as already decided; and on a follow-up mechanism to enhance implementation.*
- ❖ *Some states also mentioned (a) the need to address Unilateral Coercive Measures and (b) the ongoing war between Israel and Palestine.*

RESOURCES:

1. [Letter from the co-facilitators on virtual consultations for MGoS and CSOs – 13 November 2023](#)
2. [Letter from the co-facilitators on the Preparatory Process for the SOTF – 19 October 2023](#)
3. [Letter with the draft decision on scope of the SOTF and the co-facilitators assessment of the intergovernmental consultations in the 77th session of the GA – 30 August 2023](#)