

## Closed Informal Consultations on Chapter 4 (Youth and Future Generations) – Conference Room 2, 11 December 2023

**ABOUT:** The co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future (SOTF), Germany and Namibia, convened closed informal consultations on Chapter 4: ‘Youth and future generations’ of the Pact for the Future on 11 December 2023. The objective of this meeting is for the “*co-facilitators to hear directly from Member States on the substantive issues that they would like to see reflected in the zero draft of the Pact for the Future on a chapter-by-chapter basis*”.

NOTE: Since the 11 December consultation was closed to civil society and not broadcast on UN Web TV, this bulletin relied on secondary accounts from representatives present in the room and statements made available online.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On “Chapter 4: Youth and future generations”, the co-facilitators noted that the discussions would not be focusing on the Declaration on Future Generations to avoid duplications, as the Declaration will be discussed at a later point. The consultations showed broad agreement on several key issues: as “agents of change” youth should take an important role in decision-making processes at national, regional and international levels. Many States specifically called for increased support for the UN Youth Office and the establishment of a Special Envoy on Youth, to further facilitate youth engagement in the UN and the streamlining of youth issues across decision-making bodies. Most Member States focused on the involvement of youth in decision-making processes and how to improve the lives of current generations. The absence of references to climate change was also notable.

### HEADLINES:

- Language on future generations in Chapter 4 will be concise and will instead refer to the Declaration on Future Generations which will be annexed.
- Importance of meaningful participation of youth in UN processes was highlighted, including by removing barriers to young people’s engagement.
- The importance of poverty eradication, quality education, decent work and employment, and skills training was mentioned.
- Youth are agents of change in peace and security issues, recognising the importance of the Women, Peace and Security and the Youth, Peace and Security Agendas.
- Member States welcomed the establishment of the UN Youth Office, the appointment of the first ASG for Youth Affairs, and pointed to the need to resource the Office adequately so that it can fulfill its mandate.

### RESOURCES:

1. [Draft Decision on the Pact for the Future \(revision. 3\)](#)
2. [Political Declaration adopted at the SDG Summit](#)
3. [Secretary General’s Policy Brief on Meaningful Youth Engagement](#)
4. [Resolution A/RES/76/306 on the Establishment of the UN Youth Office](#)