

BULLETIN NO. 6:

Headlines and Key Remarks from the Second "Informal Consultations with Member States on the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future: Scope and Elements" – 13 June 2023











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ABOUT

On 13 June 2023, the Co-Facilitators of the Summit of the Future, H.E Ms. Antje Leendertse, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, and H.E Mr. Neville Melvin Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia, organized the second Informal Consultations with Member States to discuss the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future. They had shared a concept note highlighting proposed scope of the SOTF and structure for the Pact of the Future. This exchange allowed Member States to address pressing priorities for elements to be included in the Summit and The Pact for the Future.

The Co-facilitators gave a detailed overview of the proposed elements, indicating that outreach had been done through bilateral and group discussions, as well as written submissions that contributed to the proposal. Apart from the Member States, the co-facilitators for the 'Declaration on Future Generations', PR for Netherlands and Jamaica also made their statements at the meeting.

HEADLINES

- The Co-Facilitators proposed that the Pact for the Future should have a chapeau and 4 chapters on sustainable development; peace & security; digital cooperation; and transforming global governance, which are largely (but not completely) based on the UN75 Declaration (A/RES/75/1), the logic structure, proposals in the 'Our Common Agenda' document, and operative policy briefs introduced by the Secretary-General.
- The chapeau would frame the Pact, draw linkages to other processes (e.g. the 2030 Agenda) and reaffirm UN75 commitments
- The first cluster focuses on development and sustainable financing, aiming to advance the SDG agenda, progress beyond GDP, and reform the international financial architecture.
- The second cluster emphasizes peace and security, drawing inspiration from the New Agenda for Peace and addressing new threats.
- The third cluster centers around digital cooperation, including the negotiation of a global digital compact and addressing digital topics in other clusters.
- The fourth cluster is dedicated to transforming global governance, encompassing issues such as governance reforms, strengthening the response to global shocks, and peaceful and sustainable use of outer space.
- Cross-cutting issues (across each chapter) would be: <u>Human Rights and international law;</u> women and girls; and financing, while the overall theme of the summit is multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow.
- The co-facilitators propose a short decision on scope and elements to be adopted before the ministerial meeting, allowing for thorough negotiations on agreed-upon items and ensuring an ambitious outcome.

HIGHLIGHTS

Key Issues Raised	Views of Member States (MS)
Adoption of Co- Facilitators Proposals	MS say it is not clear why the proposal from the co-facilitators is to have a procedural decision, instead of a GA resolution.
	 MS suggest moving the process towards a resolution that can be intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed upon.

Cross Cutting Issues	 Member states requested for further clarification on the selection of cross-cutting inputs. They are calling for discussions and clarity on interrelatedness of issues and cross-cutting themes.
	They raised concerns about duplication and the need to respect existing structures and frameworks.
Timelines	 Most Member States called for an extension of the timeline to allow for in-depth consultations and substantive discussions, and time to understand the rationale behind the inclusion of certain elements. Avoiding artificial timelines and rushing the process before the SDG Summit.
Clusters (Chapters)	• Member States were broadly supportive of the approach, although many countries referred to international law (e.g. China, Pakistan and Viet Nam (even proposing a separate cluster)),
Ministerial Conference	The member states say the objective of the preparatory ministerial meeting should be to define a framework and identifying scope and elements for the SOTF, and it is important to usethe momentum of the ministerial meeting and SDG summit for effective implementation of the 2030 agenda
Link between SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future	Member states agree that the proposal on the scope and elements of the SOTF should necessarily take into account the outcome of the SDG Summit as an important input.
Rebuilding Trust and Global Solidarity	Member States believe that rebuilding trust and global solidarity as proposed fin the Chapeau is critical to ensure a SOTF that can help reinvigorate the multilateral system and strengthen global governance

RESOURCES

- 1. Recordings of the Meeting
- 2. Concept Note
- 3. Our Common Agenda
- 4. SDG Summit
- 5. HLAB Report (Summary report)
- 6. G77 and China

MS STATEMENTS

- 7. European Union
- 8. <u>Pakistan</u> Group of Friends of the Rule of Law
- 9. <u>Denmark</u> Nordic Countries
- 10. Netherlands and Jamaica
- 11. India
- 12. Qatar

- 13. Sri Lanka
- 14. Switzerland
- 15. Ukraine

KEY REMARKS

Cuba on behalf of G77 and	• Limited time to provide a comprehensive contribution on the substance of the proposal.
China	Emphasized on the need for open, transparent, and inclusive intergovernmental consultations.
	 Group insists on the need to have a detailed negotiation process to determine the scope and elements of the summit of the future in order to prepare for negotiations.
	 Request for a clear calendar to allow sufficient time for consultations and preparation. The calendar should also consider several ongoing negotiation processes some of them closely related to issues in the proposal particularly the negotiations on the draft political declaration of the SDG Summit.
	Emphasize that the link between the SDG Summit and the SOTF shall be clearly outlined in the text since the proposal on the scope and elements of should take into account the outcome of the SDG Summit as an important input
	Poverty eradication should e placed as a priority and overarching goal feature in any framework for our future discussions
	• Explain the rational and criteria behind the proposed structure of the text and to define the cross-cutting issues as well as the choices made to outline the Clusters and the different elements
	 Clarify how the interconnections of elements within the Clusters would be addressed
	• Commitment to engage constructively in the intergovernmental process.
European Union	 The ministerial preparatory meeting in September is an important stepping stone in this process. The meeting should build upon the outcome of the SDG Summit and accelerate the SDG implementation.
E35	The 12 commitments from the UN-75 Declaration should serve as an anchor for the elements of the Pact for the Future.
	The Summit should focus on advancing the implementation of those commitments and filling gaps in global governance.
	 Avoid duplication and overlapping of existing intergovernmental processes. The proposed structure of the Pact, with a chapeau and overarching clusters, is supported.
	The chapeau should frame the Pact while linking to other key processes and reaffirming commitments to existing agreements.
	 Human rights should be mainstreamed throughout the Pact, including the rights of women and girls.
	The four proposed clusters have clear justifications, including digital cooperation and future-oriented reforms.
	Clear timelines for each policy element are needed.
	 Advancing the social agenda and interlinkages between different summits should be emphasized.
	• The transforming education element needs clarification on its specific aim.
	Visual clarification is needed to distinguish new proposals from the implementation of existing agreements.
	 implementation of existing agreements. Modalities for the ministerial meeting need to be agreed upon, favoring an
	interactive meeting involving stakeholders and reporting back from the sdg summit.

Pakistan on behalf of a group of like-minded countries which include Algeria, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Eritrea, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic and my own delegation Pakistan	 The scope and elements of the Summit should be determined through intergovernmental consultations, taking into account the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The outcome document should address global challenges, boost implementation, strengthen global governance, and promote true multilateralism. We suggest separate clusters for sustainable development, international peace and security, digital cooperation, human rights, youth, women and girls, and reinvigorating multilateralism and strengthening the UN system. We disagree with selectively highlighting commitments from the UN 75 declaration as cross-cutting issues. the scope and elements of the Summit should emerge through these intergovernmental consultations (rather than from the Co-Facilitators' paper as suggested in the concept note We request clarity on the timeline for consensus, as more consultations and informal meetings will be needed to finalize the scope and elements of the outcome document.
Netherlands and Jamaica: As cofacilitators for the Declaration on Future Generations	 They have been in communication with the co-facilitators and the co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact and the SDG political declaration to ensure coordination among the processes in resolution 76/307 on the modalities of SOTF Welcome the reference to the Declaration of future Generations as one of the elements in the current proposals, which are also in the UN Charter, Agenda 2030, Paris Climate Accord, and SDGs. Desire for the Declaration on Future Generations to consolidate these commitments and propose implementation actions. Need to incorporate the interests of future generations in policy and decision making at various levels. Emphasis on investing in long-term thinking and planning for sustainable development. Future Generations' should be mention in the Chapeu of the "Pact for the Future" and the importance of a broader scope beyond UN upgrading.
Denmark on behalf of the Nordic countries (Finland Iceland, Norway Sweden, Denmark)	 Support for the concept note and draft decision on the scope and elements of SOTF Endorsement of the proposed four clusters aligned with UN 75 commitments. Emphasis on rebuilding trust, global solidarity, and strengthening global governance. Welcome to draw on insights from the high-level Advisory board (HLAB) on effective multilateralism. Three essential points for the scope of the summit and the Pact for the Future: Upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and international law, including the universal declaration of human rights. Mainstreaming gender equality across all clusters. Linking the SOTF to the SDG summit and ensuring sustainable financing for SDG implementation. Inclusion of civil society, youth, women, private sector, and vulnerable actors across all clusters. Continued consultation with non-state stakeholders. Ministerial meeting in September as a key step towards SOTF Focus on achieving the SDGs and securing the future through global cooperation and effective multilateralism.

	 Looking forward to constructive engagement among member states for a favorable outcome of the ministerial meeting and the summit.
Argentina	 Support the statement made by the G77 in China Request sufficient time and room for presenting own proposals Suggest the need to speed up the process while ensuring enough time before the Summit Inquire about the possibility of additional meetings beyond July 6th Begin working on the proposal of cross-cutting themes and specific issues Consider international law, UN Charter, human rights declaration, and declaration of women and children Seek information on criteria used for selecting themes and elements Express concern about the number and placement of proposed elements Request clarification to avoid duplication of effort Highlight that not everything affecting the multilateral system will be addressed in the summit Propose the SOTF as part of an ongoing process linked to the SDG summit
Bangladesh	 Request for intergovernmental consultation in deciding the modalities and structure of the meeting. Emphasis on the timeline and the need for sufficient time for agreement on the elements of The Pact. Recognition of the proposed structure and elements of The Pact reflecting commitments made in the 75th Anniversary declaration. Desire for gender equality to be covered in The Pact while ensuring balanced coverage of all commitments from the 75th Anniversary. Appreciation for the efforts in elaborating the proposed elements in the Clusters but a request for further clarity on cross-cutting issues. Suggestion to include challenges of the future and recommendations to address them in The Pact. Highlighting the close link between The Pact for the Future and the Declaration for Future Generations and a request for thoughts on their interaction.
Belgium on behalf of the co-chairs of the Group of Friends on Decent Work for Sustainable Development: Morocco and Belgium	 Urgent need for coordinated action and innovative solutions in the face of multiple crises in the global economy and labor markets. Reminder to not lose sight of the social dimensions and social justice in the SOTF policies. Prioritization of decent work as a driver of economic growth and social cohesion. Call for political will to reverse alarming trends and address unemployment, lack of social protection, and the informal economy. Emphasis on the complementarity of international financial support and domestic financing to achieve SDG8. Importance of reforming the current international financial system to address economic uncertainties, trade tensions, and promote equitable pay and decent work. Focus on comprehensive, integrated, and balanced approaches that align economic, environmental, and social aspects for peace and shared prosperity. Consideration of the impact of digitalization and technological advancement on the nature of work and the need to address inequalities through digital skills training, technology transfer, and social dialogue.

Brazil	 The elements proposed require thorough consideration in the current stage. Request for an extension of the timeline to allow for in-depth consultations and substantive discussions. Proposal to have a resolution rather than a procedural document for an ambitious and action-oriented process. The need for adequate time and discussions to understand the rationale behind the inclusion of certain elements. Appreciation for concrete proposals but emphasizing the importance of considering previous consultations. Emphasis on respecting the capacities of developing countries and allowing sufficient negotiation time. The process should be transparent, trust-building, and reflect common denominators to be reached.
Chile	 Agreement with the idea of structuring the document with a Chapeau and cross-cutting themes. Clusters proposed as larger segregated thematic areas for considering commitments. Recognition of the need for more than two meetings to anchor state commitments and strengthen trust. Emphasizing the importance of realism and prioritizing urgent and long-term goals within the framework of Agenda 2030. Advocacy for a broad approach to human rights and gender equality throughout the process. Highlighting the significance of including the social development component in the summit. Linking the Summit's outcomes with the SDGs and paving the way for a social summit in 2025.
China	 The objective of the summit of the SOTF should be crystal clear, promoting joint actions to tackle common challenges and achieve shared objectives. The scope of the summit should be focused on sustainable development, peace and security, global governance, and other prominent issues of member states' concern. The outcome of the summit should be action-oriented, with a document consisting of a chapeau and several chapters. The chapeau should reaffirm commitment to the UN Charter and incorporate guiding principles such as safeguarding the international system, practicing multilateralism, and putting people first.
Colombia	 Welcoming the SOTF as an opportunity to rethink approaches to crises and emerging challenges. Appreciation for additional details provided, particularly regarding the definition of clusters and distribution of elements. Questions raised about the placement of Agenda 2030 within a group and its relation to other areas. Concerns about the financial elements and their potential impact on negotiations in other forums. Inquiring about the role of new facilitators and coordination with cofacilitators designated for other processes. Requesting clarification on the inclusion of human security and governance, as well as the location of the Declaration on Future Generations. Articulating the need for the environmental component and how it aligns with the work of relevant agencies.

	 Clarify the transfer of theme definition for interactive dialogues to the PGA. Supporting the idea of an overall chapter and cross-cutting themes while emphasizing the importance of human rights and a gender perspective. Commitment to continued constructive participation in the process.
Costa Rica	 Emphasis on global and innovative solutions based on a framework of human security. Importance of inclusiveness, equality, and participation of different groups within society. Support for an independent process led by the Secretariat for the new Agenda for Peace. Value in an ambitious argument that inspires and should be considered differently. Recognition of the particular nature of each chapter and the need to avoid duplication. Support for Chapter One focusing on the implementation of Agenda 2030. Importance of addressing the reform of the International Financial system and beyond GDP instruments. Understanding of different paces for processes but emphasizing the importance of not working in silos. Interrelatedness of topics across chapters, such as space and environmental issues. Consideration of the impact of other forums on the proposed structure and potential results. Focus on the added value of the SOTF in contributing to each area.
India	 Avoiding artificial timelines and rushing the process before the SDG Summit. Objective of the Preparatory ministerial meeting should be to define a framework and identifying scope and elements for the SOTF. Need for substantive discussions on the outcome of the SOTF to take place after the SDG Summit. Request for more time to consult with relevant agencies and address the elaborative nature of cross-cutting issues. Strong political commitment to priority areas: effective implementation of SDGs, UN reform, addressing threats from emerging technologies, and countering terrorism. Request for appropriate capture of priority areas as independent clusters for further deliberations in the Preparatory process.
Indonesia	 Support for the approach to clearly define the scope and outline the path of the future. Importance of guiding intergovernmental discussions and preparing for the summit and its outcomes. Objectives of the SOTF should be to reinvigorate multilateralism, boost implementation of existing commitments, and address new challenges. Support for a cross-cutting approach and clustering of issues in the scope and outcome of the Summit. Flexibility to include emerging issues from other summits and processes. The scope of the "Pact for the Future" should clearly reflect goals, norms, and values. Inclusion of current and future challenges, reform, and an invigorated multilateral system based on equality, solidarity, and partnership.

	A vision of a multilateral system that is fit for purpose to address 21st-century challenges and beyond.
Jordan	 Emphasis on inclusive intergovernmental negotiations involving all stakeholders. Commitment to the UN Charter and appreciation for the aim of achieving consensus. Recognition of key priorities and deliverables from the UN-75 Declaration. Request for clarification on the selection of cross-cutting inputs. Agreement on the importance of reinvigorating the multilateral system and strengthening global governance. Peace and security as a key pressing issue to be discussed at the Summit. Promotion of the rule of international law as a core aspect of the outcome. Inquiry about proceedings at the preparatory meeting during UNGA 78 highlevel week. Focus on implementation plan and political will for a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive future.
Mexico	 Importance of finding a balance and flexibility in the decision's level of detail to foster cooperation and mutual understanding. Need for the decision to complement, not duplicate, what was agreed in the resolution on modalities. Emphasis on anchoring the scope and elements of the summit in the 12 commitments of the UN Declaration on the 75th anniversary. Satisfaction with the proper reflection of commitments in the proposal, including in the preamble, cross-cutting themes, and specific elements. Commitment to working constructively with all member states for a pragmatic and effective summit. Trust in achieving a successful summit with tangible and significant impact for a fair, inclusive, and sustainable world.
Morocco	 Support for the proposal to present a concise draft decision on the scope of the SOTF to the General Assembly for adoption. Recognition of the well-founded proposal that aligns with the UN-75 Declaration and the Secretary General's recommendation. Full support for the proposal reflecting aspirations and upholding outlined principles. Appreciation for the comprehensive approach and organized framework offered by the proposed structure of The Pact for the future. Importance of the overarching chapeau in providing a guiding document and comprehensive vision. Four individual chapters providing a focused and targeted approach to specific areas of concern: sustainable development and financing, peace and security, digital cooperation is supported Building upon discussions on the global digital compact and highlighting its importance.
Russia	 From the proposal on the scipe and element, the most promising are sustainable development and financing, peace and security, and the global digital compact. Importance of addressing underrepresentation of developing countries in governance structures of international financial and norm-setting institutions. Recognition of already institutionalized multilateral cooperation in various

	 areas. Doubts expressed over the emergency platform and UN 2.0 project as they have not been endorsed in intergovernmental formats Doubts expressed over other initiatives related to intersecting personal characteristics and their impact, such as age, gender and diversity Cross-cutting issues should focus on commitments to international cooperation, multilateralism, and solidarity, rather than human rights or gender equality. Emphasis on the UN Charter as the guiding principle. Willingness to be guided by the UN Charter when discussing the structure of the future pact.
Singapore	 Importance of reaching an agreement on the scope and elements before the ministerial preparatory meeting. Framing discussions and setting the agenda for the ministerial meeting. Maximizing time for negotiations before September, considering the busy UNGA season afterward. Flexibility in decision-making, taking into account outcomes of the SDG Summit and ministerial guidance. Clusters and cross-cutting issues as a way to examine issues in-depth and address relevant topics across the board. Reference to the UN75 Declaration and its commitments informing the deliberations and work is welcome Proposal to expand digital cooperation to include emerging technologies. Recommendation to subsume International Financial Architecture under the global governance cluster. Agreement on using the UN75 commitments as the foundation for the pact and considering youth engagement and future generations as cross-cutting issues.
South Africa	 There should be flexibility to consider additional suggestions from member states for the scope. Proposal to broaden the scope to include other elements of the UN-75 Declaration with cross-cutting character is welcome Highlighting "leaving no one behind" and "being prepared for future crises" as deserving references in the scope. Recognize the importance of addressing the 2030 Agenda and learning from the impacts of COVID-19. Suggestion to add subtitles or sub-bullets to Cluster 2, such as investing in and financing peace, strengthening peacebuilding, women peace and security, and disarmament and arms control.
Sri Lanka	 SOTF is as a beacon of light for collective solutions to humanity's problems, reinvigorating multilateralism and implementing existing commitments. SDG Summit outcomes and Agenda 2030 should be the backbone of the Summit of the Future. There is need for a GA resolution to correspond to the level of ambition of the Summit. Proposal for an intergovernmental negotiated process to capture the scope and elements of the summit in the resolution. Agree with the proposed structure of the outcome document (Pact for the Future) with multiple clusters. Emphasizing input from member states, SG's policy briefs, and stakeholders in shaping the structure.

	 Request for a calendar with sufficient time for consultation and input from delegations. Concerns about overlapping parallel processes and strain on small delegations.
South Korea	 Energetic progress needed on scope and elements of the summit of the future. Support for the proposal by the co-facilitators while respecting existing intergovernmental processes. Support the structure of The Pact with an overarching Chapeau and four chapters. Support for a new agenda for peace to strengthen conflict prevention and mediation capacities. Advocacy for global digital transformation and support for the Global Digital Compact
Switzerland	 Support proposed structure of The Pact for the future with clusters, Chapaeu, and cross-cutting themes. Taking into account all commitments of the Common Agenda. Looking forward to discussions and clarity on interrelatedness of issues and cross-cutting themes. Focus on concrete actions and commitments to strengthen multilateralism. Agreement in principle with the proposed elements list. Concerns about duplication and the need to respect existing structures and frameworks. Request for lean processes and clarity on the number and interrelation of facilitated processes. Importance of using the momentum of the ministerial meeting and SDG summit for effective implementation of the 2030 agenda
Ukraine	 Emphasis on the importance of reaching and maintaining international just and lasting peace. Support for the proposed scope, including all four clusters and elements, with a highlight on peace and security. Call for viable peace processes, respect for international law, and accountability for crimes. Highlighting the significance of conflict prevention as a cornerstone of the multilateral system. Assertion of each member state's sovereign rights regardless of imperialistic ambitions. Focus on achieving a substantive outcome of the SDG summit and its contribution to the SOTF
United Kingdom	 Welcome of the proposed Chapeau and clusters as a starting point for negotiations. Unable to support the inclusion of proposed elements due to limited time and capacity concerns. Emphasis on giving equal prominence to all three pillars of the UN: development, human rights, and peace and security. Support for a strong cross-cutting human rights element. Expectation of recommitment to existing human rights language and structures throughout relevant clusters. Appreciation for the commitment to ensuring attention to human rights. Recognition of positive proposals to improve UN effectiveness and efficiency as part of UN 2.0.

	• Emphasis on the importance of an effective, efficient, and responsive UN for achieving the SDGs.
	 Expectation of further deliberations and reflection of UN 2.0 proposals in all clusters.
	 Focus on the content, ambition, and commitments as defining factors of summit success.
	 Commitment to a pragmatic approach during the negotiation phase. Look forward to working with all member states on the way forward.
USA	 Support for the proposed approach and scope of the summit with cross-cutting issues and four clusters. Belief that the proposed clusters reflect key challenges and opportunities.
	 Recognition of the importance of integrating human rights and the needs of women and girls in all aspects of the summit.
	 Emphasis on addressing the climate crisis, sustainable development, and ensuring protection and safety for vulnerable and marginalized groups. Welcome for the avoidance of duplication and identification of elements that
	 can be managed through other bodies or existing mandates. Note the absence of the code of conduct on Integrity of public information and UN 2.0.
	 Highlighting the importance of integrity in restoring trust and combating disinformation.
	Emphasizing the need for improved expertise in areas like data analysis and foresight.
	 Urging to avoid parallel negotiations and proliferation of separate elements.
Vietnam	 Emphasize the need to strengthen the link between the two summits (SDG Summit and SOTF)
	 Highlight the opportunity to overcome current impasses and seek action- oriented solutions
	Focus the scope of the summit on complementing and turbocharging the SDGs
	 See the summit as an opportunity to engage in long-term thinking beyond 2030
	Reaffirm the role of the summit in reaffirming the UN Charter, reinvigorating multilateralism, and boosting implementation of commitments
	Call for comprehensive clusters and elements based on the UN Charter and international law
	Highlight the importance of peace, security, poverty eradication, trust building, and international cooperation
	 Caution against excessive listing and limit future deliberations Acknowledge the limited time for reviewing the proposals
Holy See	Co-facilitator's proposal is valuable input for further consideration without
	 prejudging the intergovernmental nature of the process Emphasize the importance of high-level discussions in the Preparatory
	 ministerial meeting to determine the scope of the summit Exchange views on the outcome of the SDG summit, which will be a major
	source of input for the summit of the future There is a need to discuss the issue paper on the global digital compact
	There is a need to discuss the issue paper on the global digital compact prepared by the co-facilitators, which will directly influence the summit
	 Focus on advancing the commitments made in the UN-75 Declaration Trust that discussions will accelerate the implementation of the agenda, avoid
	duplications, and prioritize key elements

Assure constructive engagement throughout the process and look forward to substantive discussions in upcoming meetings