

Presentation of the Zero Draft: Informal consultations on the Summit of the Future, 29th January 2024

ABOUT: The aim of the Summit of the Future is twofold: accelerate efforts to meet our existing international commitments and take concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. This will be achieved through an action-oriented outcome document called the Pact for the Future. The Pact will be negotiated, and endorsed by countries in the lead-up to and during the Summit in September 2024. The result will be a world – and an international system – that is better prepared to manage the challenges we face now and in the future.

With the publication of the Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future on 26th January 2024, the co-facilitators, Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Namibia delivered a presentation and held an informal consultation on preliminary reactions with Member States, Observers, Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, and civil society.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The preparation for the Summit of the Future has reached a pivotal stage, marked by the release of the Zero Draft. This document reflects inputs from a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including Member States, civil society, and major groups and other stakeholders. The Zero Draft, while not exhaustive, provides a robust foundation and starting point for intergovernmental deliberations aimed at achieving an ambitious, concise, and action-oriented Pact for the Future. Key themes in the Zero Draft include:

- **Sustainable Development and Financing for Development:** an emphasis is placed on accelerating the full achievement of the 2030 Agenda, with a focus on means of implementation and financing for development, including addressing environmental crises and obstacles such as unilateral coercive measures.
- **International Peace and Security:** this Chapter underscores the UN Charter and the indispensable role of international cooperation in addressing global threats, with a commitment to prevention, mediation, peacebuilding, counter-terrorism, disarmament, and addressing emerging challenges from new technologies.
- **Science, Technology, Innovation, and Digital Cooperation:** there is consensus on leveraging science, technology, and innovation to advance the SDGs, with a particular emphasis on closing gaps and scaling up implementation, especially in developing countries.
- **Youth and Future Generations:** while future generations will be addressed separately, this Chapter widens its scope to encompass issues related to youth participation, education, employment, health, and inclusivity in decision-making processes.
- **Transforming Global Governance:** addresses reforming the UN Security Council, international financial architecture, strengthening UN human rights mechanisms, revitalising the Commission on the Status of Women, and developing frameworks for measuring sustainable development and addressing global shocks.

The Zero Draft aims to balance ambition with feasibility, recognizing the need for flexibility and further negotiation. It represents a shared vision for the future, emphasising cooperation, solidarity, and the revitalization of multilateralism with the UN at its core. Moving forward, Member States are encouraged to engage in constructive dialogue, with a focus on finding common ground and shaping the Pact for the Future into a transformative and impactful document.

HEADLINES:

- ❖ Emphasis on the significance of the Zero Draft as a solid foundation for further discussions.
- ❖ Reiterated calls for a concise and action-oriented Pact for the Future that accelerates SDG implementation.
- ❖ Varied support for the involvement of stakeholders, including, civil society, youth, private sector, and academia, among others, and ensuring inclusivity in the process.
- ❖ Concerns about overlooked priorities, non-consensual terms, and the need for evidence-based reforms.
- ❖ Stress on unity and collaboration among Member States to achieve consensus, through flexibility and trust.
- ❖ A strong emphasis was placed on the balanced treatment of the three UN pillars.
- ❖ Calls for stronger language on poverty eradication, hunger, inequality, and sustainable development.
- ❖ Support for gender equality and human rights as cross-cutting themes, as well as for the strengthening of such language.
- ❖ Calls for concrete proposals, coherence, and ambition in the outcome document.
- ❖ Recognition of the need for reform of international financial institutions and global governance, and stronger language on this.
- ❖ Calls for more effective procedures of negotiation, for example through the provision of interpretation and to share which Chapters or paragraphs will be negotiated ahead of the informal consultations / readings.

RESOURCES:

1. Summit of the Future [website](#).
2. [Zero Draft](#) of the Pact for the Future
3. [Written inputs](#) by Major Groups and Other Stakeholders and civil society.
4. [Recording of the Presentation](#) of the Zero Draft.