



## Pact for the Future- Chapter 4 Youth and Future Generations - MS consultations

**ABOUT:** During the first week of April 2024, Member States engaged in the second reading of the zero draft of the Pact for the Future at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This bulletin will focus on Chapter 4 of the Pact for the Future, Youth, and Future Generations.

### Executive Summary:

Young people play an important role in crafting a sustainable future by advocating for gender equality and creating a more inclusive global workplace. Member States stressed the need of investing in inclusive education as a foundation for the long-term development of young people. They also emphasized the necessity of eliminating prejudice, developing interreligious dialogue, and improving digital literacy to help young people grow and flourish. Furthermore, Member States emphasized the importance of cultural engagement and active involvement in decision-making processes in fostering a more inclusive society. Some Member States also urged the Secretary-General to lead the development of a global standard for inclusive youth participation, stressing the importance of coordinated efforts in this area. On the whole, discussions on future generations were to be left to the parallel Declaration on Future Generations process.

### Headlines:

- The importance of empowering and capacity-building Indigenous women and youth is highlighted in the Pact for the Future, emphasizing the need for their full, meaningful, equal, and effective participation in decision-making processes.
- The Declaration on Future Generations is annexed to the Pact for the Future, signifying an intergenerational commitment to thinking and acting for future generations and addressing global challenges.
- Areas of concern for Indigenous women, children, and youth include access to health services, education, employment, preserving traditional knowledge and languages, and raising awareness of their rights.
- Recognizing the underrepresentation of young people in formal political structures, particularly young women, calls for states to address legislative or policy barriers hindering young persons under 30 from running for public leadership positions.
- Encouraging nations to guarantee young people's representation in political systems and fostering their ability to engage across all sectors of society without discrimination based on nationality or political beliefs.
- The call for States, the United Nations, private sector, donors, and stakeholders to provide flexible funding tailored to the needs of youth organizations, supporting small-scale projects and innovative programmatic approaches, while prioritizing efforts to enhance their financial sustainability and impact.
- Strengthening mechanisms for youth engagement within the UN system, including creating a Global Youth Investment platform to attract financing for youth-related programming, deepen collaboration, and enhance existing UN funds supporting youth.



- Urging States to establish national youth consultative bodies with mandates and resources to engage in national policymaking and decision-making processes, with support from the UN system to ensure their effectiveness and sustainability.
- Prioritizing positive youth development today while proactively addressing challenges and injustices impacting future generations, centering policy and decision-making on children, adolescents, youth, and future generations through the implementation of UN2.0.
- Recognizing the importance of intergenerational collaboration and dialogue in advancing sustainability initiatives and addressing global challenges, highlighting the detrimental effects of unilateral coercive measures on youth and future generations, particularly amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

## RESOURCES:

1. [Pact for the Future: zero draft](#)
2. [A declaration on Future Generations](#)