

## PACT FOR THE FUTURE, CHAPTER 4 – YOUTH AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

### KEY TOPICS

- Strengthening the **meaningful engagement of youth**, including in intergovernmental processes. LMG-4 caveated this with references to in-line with the rules and procedures of the relevant UN body or organ.
- There was a **notable absence of language on children** with the LMG-4 group stating that children were not in the scope of the Pact as agreed by Member States last summer. Some delegations encouraged the inclusion of language on children, while others (Africa Group and LMG-4) wanted to caveat language in-line with the UN Convention the Rights of the Child.
- There was general agreement among Member States to **refer to 'young people' or 'young persons' instead of 'youth'** to highlight the diversity of this constituency.
- The **Declaration on Future Generations** is to be annexed to the Chapter, signifying an intergenerational commitment to benefiting future generations and addressing global challenges.
- Emphasizing **Indigenous youth's**, full, meaningful, equal, and effective participation in decision-making processes, as well as access to health services, education, employment, preserving traditional knowledge and languages, capacity building, 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 from running for public leadership positions.
- Calls to provide sustainable and **flexible funding tailored to the needs of youth organizations**, supporting small-scale projects and innovative programmatic approaches.
- Creating a **Global Youth Investment platform** to attract financing for youth-related programming, deepen collaboration, and strengthen existing UN funds supporting youth.
- Urging States to establish **national youth consultative bodies** with mandates and resources to engage in national policy making and decision-making processes, with support from the UN.
- Prioritizing **positive youth development and well-being** today while proactively addressing challenges and injustices impacting future generations, including through implementing **UN2.0**.
- Recognizing the importance of **intergenerational collaboration and dialogue**.
- Recognizing the importance of the **UN Charter, international treaties, and the rule of law** as crucial for promoting intergenerational equity and protecting future generations..
- Investing in and expanding opportunities for **decent work, quality employment**, and universal, accessible, lifelong inclusive, and **quality education** to address youth poverty.
- Ensuring that the mandate of the **UN Youth Office** is resourced and implemented.
- Providing a **safe, enabling, and empowering environment for young people**, including protecting civic and political space both offline and online
- Strengthening existing **United Nations funds and programs** that support youth, especially from developing countries, and United Nations youth initiatives.
- Establishing **monitoring mechanisms** to track progress.