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ABOUT:

The [Zero Draft](#) of the Pact for the Future was released on January 26th, 2024, marking the start of formal negotiations in preparation for the Summit of the Future (SOTF) scheduled for September 2024. A chapter-by-chapter first reading in early February led to a compilation text, followed by a paragraph-by-paragraph second reading from late February through April. A revised [compilation text](#) was then circulated on April 3rd, 2024 (see [here](#) ICH bulletin #28 for details on the first and second readings). To align with the Membership's goal of making the Pact for the Future more concise and action-oriented, [Rev.1](#) was issued on May 14th, 2024 (see [here](#) ICH bulletin #35 for a comparison of the Zero Draft and Rev.1). The second revision, [Rev.2](#), was subsequently released on July 17th, 2024 (see [here](#) ICH bulletin #46 a comparison between Rev.1 and Rev.2) followed by the third revision [Rev.3](#) on August 27th, 2024. This bulletin will focus on Chapter 3: Science, Technology, and Innovation and Digital Cooperation, comparing Rev.2 and Rev.3 to provide detailed insights.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The latest revisions in Rev.3 bring several key enhancements that emphasize inclusivity, global cooperation, and the importance of tailoring strategies to diverse contexts. By specifying "**Billions of people**," the document underscores the global scale of the issues at hand, making the statement more impactful. The shift in focus from preventing exclusivity to promoting the necessity of **sharing** science, technology, and innovation highlights the importance of **global collaboration**. Rev.3 places a stronger emphasis on the broader impacts of science, technology, and innovation on human rights and sustainable development, ensuring these advancements are **accessible to all**. The inclusion of **climate action**, peaceful technology use, and the development of **local innovation ecosystems** reflects a more inclusive and context-specific approach. Additionally, Rev.3 introduces "**global collaboration on innovation**," simplifies collaboration terminology, and expands support for developing countries by detailing various methods such as **policy exchanges**, **knowledge sharing**, and technical assistance. It also emphasizes respect for **Indigenous Peoples**, highlights the vulnerabilities of **women migrant workers**, and underscores the importance of planning and foresight. Overall, Rev.3 represents a more comprehensive, inclusive, and adaptable strategy for leveraging science, technology, and innovation in addressing global challenges.

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HEADLINES:

- Rev.3 specifies **"Billions of people,"** making the statement more impactful and emphasizing the global scale of the issue.
- The shift from preventing exclusivity to promoting the necessity of sharing science, technology, and innovation underscores the importance of global cooperation.
- Rev.3 emphasizes the broader impact on both human rights and sustainable development by expanding references to these aspects in the context of science and technology.
- The inclusion of **"inclusive"** broadens the focus, ensuring that advancements in science, technology, and innovation are accessible to everyone.
- The addition of **"engagement with relevant stakeholders"** alongside "international cooperation" highlights the importance of comprehensive collaboration.
- Rev.3 introduces **"global collaboration on innovation"** and simplifies "multi- and transdisciplinary" to **"inter-disciplinary"** collaboration.
- The inclusion of **climate action**, peaceful use of technology, and developing local innovation ecosystems underscores a more inclusive and context-specific strategy.
- Rev.3 expands on support for developing countries by detailing methods such as **policy exchanges, knowledge sharing,** and **technical assistance** tailored to their needs.
- The phrase "taking into account different national circumstances" emphasizes context-specific cooperation.
- The shift to **"develops local innovation ecosystems"** highlights the importance of nurturing innovation environments within developing countries.
- Slight adjustments in language, such as "promote and maintain stable and resilient global supply chains," enhance the focus on resilience.
- The introduction of **"new and emerging technologies"** and the addition of assistive technologies for persons with disabilities expand the scope and inclusivity of the commitments.
- The emphasis on addressing "all forms of violence, including **sexual** and gender-based violence," and highlighting the vulnerabilities of **women migrant workers**, makes the language more comprehensive.
- Rev.3 emphasizes respect and engagement with Indigenous Peoples by including the principle of **"free, prior and informed consent"**.
- The expansion to include **"planning, futures thinking and foresight"** broadens the scope of the United Nations' role in leveraging science, technology, and innovation.
- A more exploratory approach is indicated by the change to "exploring ways to strengthen the capacity and expertise of United Nations Country Teams."

METHODOLOGY:

This bulletin will focus on Chapter 3, comparing Rev.2 and Rev.3. It will identify key terminology and language changes that were removed, modified, maintained, or added in Rev.3. The table will have five columns: the first column will display the original Zero Draft content, the second will show Rev.1 content, the third will present Rev.2 content, the fourth will contain Rev.3 content, and the fifth column will include the author's observations on content changes between Rev.2 and Rev.3. Additionally, in the 'Author's Observations' column, it explains the content's journey from Rev.2 to Rev.3, detailing whether content was maintained, modified, removed, or added. New or revised content in Rev.3 is highlighted in **Yellow**, while content removed is marked in **Red** for reference.

RESOURCES:

1. [Rev.3 of the Pact of the Future](#)
2. [Rev.2 of the Pact of the Future](#)
3. [Rev.1 of the Pact of the Future](#)
4. [Compilation text \(as of 3 April 2024\)](#)
5. [Zero draft of the Pact for the Future](#)