

Overview on the UN Summit of the Future

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WHAT is the “Summit of the Future”

Schedule: 22-23 September, New York ([website](#))

Objectives:

- a) accelerate efforts to **meet existing commitments** (e.g. SDGs, Paris Agreement)
- b) “**reinvigorate multilateralism**”

Expected outcome: “Pact for the Future” on:

- 1) SDGs & financing;
- 2) peace & security;
- 3) digitalization;
- 4) future generations;
- 5) global governance.



Pact for the future = 3 documents!

PACT FOR THE FUTURE
(cofac: Germany and Namibia)

Annex 1: Global Digital Compact
(Sweden&Zambia)

Annex 2: Decl. on Future Generations
(Netherlands&Jamaica)

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2024 Roadmap of SOTF negotiations

**ZERO
DRAFT**
(January)

**REVISED
DRAFT**
(mid may)

**CSO
CONFERENCE**
(9-10 may,
Nairobi)

**General
Debate at
HLPF (July,
New York)**

22-23 September 2024

Summit of the Future

Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow

Pros and cons of the Zero Draft

PROS

- Language on **human rights and gender equality**
- On peace commitment to a world free of **nuclear weapons**
- Language on **new technologies as human-centred**

CONS

- Many **reaffirmations of existing agreements**
- Need for more **decent work agenda**
- No reference to **rights-based, democratic multilateralism**
- Need for more **ambition on reform of international financial architecture**

Challenges and opportunities

Challenges

- **Broad and controversial issues**
- Several **negotiations in parallel**
- **Closed doors** negotiations
- Several **CSO platforms** involved

Opportunities

- Support of the **ILO**
- Alliances with **Major Groups** and ECOSOC
- Leverage SOTF as part of a broader process → **policy coherence vis-à-vis 2nd Summit on Social Development**

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Why this Summit is relevant for the ITUC

- Commitment to **multilateralism + support of UN** “as the **peak multilateral body**” (ITUC Congress Statement)
- increase **accountability and effectiveness** of the UN
- strengthen the **centrality of Decent Work** to achieve the SDGs



**Summit is an opportunity to push for a
rights-based and democratic
multilateralism
(as part of our call for a New Social
Contract)**

ITUC priorities on Chapter 1 (SDGs and financing)

- Leverage effect of **decent work** to accelerate action on overall 2030 Agenda;
- Priorities for **financing for development**:
 - increase development cooperation/ODA;
 - Reform of the global DEBT architecture;
 - Reform of the global TAX architecture;
 - BUSINESS ACCOUNTABILITY; alignment of all investments with SDGs.



ITUC priorities on Chapter 2 (international peace and security)

- Link between peace, labour rights and **social justice**
- Call for **concrete efforts to maintain international peace and security**
- Disarmament + **conversion of public investments in weapons into investments in social infrastructure**
- Support of the **role of trade unionists as peace builders**



ITUC priorities on Chapter 3 (digitalization)

- **Regulation of technology, data and algorithms in line with labour rights** and privacy (digital rights)
- **Universal access to internet + fair digitalisation policies**
- Potential of **new technology to create decent jobs**
- invest in **skills development and life-long learning**



ITUC priorities on Chapter 4 (youth and future generations)

- Decent and climate-friendly **jobs** for youth
- Meaningful youth participation in **decision-making processes** on development policies;
- Trade unions' support to the **mobilisation and organisation** of youth;
- **Skills development and life-long learning** for young workers



ITUC priorities on Chapter 5 (global governance)

Reform of the International Financial Architecture:

- 1) Democratize **international financial institutions**;
- 2) Permanent multilateral process on DEBT;
- 3) Call on **Public Development Banks** to better support national country needs and integrate employment objectives;
- 4) **Special Drawing Rights** reallocation based on need and vulnerabilities
- 5) **Align investments with SDGs, ILO standards**, responsible business-conduct;
- 6) Multilateral reform of the current tax architecture



Thank you!

(more info on the [TUDCN webpage](#))