

## PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

21 September 2023, 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.  
Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

### INFORMATION NOTE

#### *Objectives*

One year before the 2024 Summit of the Future, the President of the General Assembly will convene the preparatory ministerial meeting for the Summit of the Future on 21 September 2023 in New York, as mandated in General Assembly resolution 76/307. On 1 September, the Assembly adopted decision 77/568, in which it decided on the scope of the Summit of the Future and its outcome document, comprising a chapeau and five chapters, as follows:

- Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development;
- Chapter II. International peace and security;
- Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation;
- Chapter IV. Youth and future generations;
- Chapter V. Transforming global governance.

The preparatory meeting will be an opportunity for Ministers to set out their vision and priorities for the Summit of the Future, and to outline their expectations of the action-oriented outcomes that can be achieved when Heads of State and Government meet at the Summit in 2024.

The ministerial meeting will be an opportunity for Ministers to discuss how to reinvigorate the multilateral system to address emerging global risks and challenges, and, based on the key building blocks of further transformation, present concrete, ambitious proposals to strengthen it. With the Sustainable Development Goals off-track, Ministers will be asked to consider how the Summit of the Future can turbocharge Agenda 2030, building on the outcomes of the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit). Ministers may also wish to discuss how to restore trust among Member States and recall our pledge to strengthen global governance for the sake of present and future generations. In addition, Ministers may wish to discuss how to uphold the UN Charter and international law, and to deliver on Member States' commitments to leave no one behind, protect human rights, and place women and girls at the center of the UN's work. Ministers may also wish to offer guidance for multilateral negotiations to prepare the shared understanding on how future actions can serve global transformation, stability, and well-being.

In preparing their interventions, delegations may wish to consider one or more of the following questions:

- How can we reinvigorate the multilateral system and strengthen global governance to respond to current and future challenges, identify the critical gaps in global governance and to honor the commitments made in the Declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations?
- How can we advance the implementation of Agenda 2030, building on the outcomes of the SDG Summit and addressing the systemic obstacles to the achievement of the SDGs?

- How can the multilateral system better respond to emerging threats to international peace and security, in line with the UN Charter and international law?
- What steps can be taken to strengthen digital cooperation, bridge the digital divide, and harness the power of new technologies to achieve Agenda 2030? How can we better manage the risks of new technologies, including artificial intelligence?
- What reforms to multilateral institutions are required to make them more inclusive, effective and better able to respond to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- How can we make the United Nations more inclusive to engage with all relevant stakeholders across society to ensure an effective response to our common challenges?
- How can we deliver on our responsibilities to future generations yet to be born? How can youth engagement contribute to the discussion? How can the realization of human rights of all and the achievement of gender equality contribute to the achievement of these goals?

### *Programme overview*

The ministerial meeting will be held in-person on 21 September 2023 from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., including through lunchtime, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters, New York and will be webcast. It will consist of an opening segment followed by a plenary segment with statements from Member States, members of United Nations specialized agencies and Observers of the General Assembly at the ministerial level, as well as from the UN system at the head of institution level, in line with resolution 76/307.

Participants will require a meeting specific special event pass to access the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Passes will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service, as follows: Member and Observer States: 1+1; other speakers inscribed on the list of speakers for the plenary segment: 1+1; Other observers (including IGOs and UN system entities): 1 each.

The link to the live list of speakers is available [here](#). The time of intervention will be limited to **three minutes** for individual delegations and **five minutes** for statements on behalf of a group of States. Time limits will be strictly enforced. In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible within the allotted time, the floor will be given without the name and the title of the speaker, simply calling on “the distinguished representative of [country] (on behalf of [group])”, etc.

To facilitate the provision of interpretation, delegations are requested to submit their statements (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as in PDF format) by email to [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org). The statement should be submitted no later than two hours before delivery. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery, after which they will be available in the eStatements section of the Journal. Statements of inscribed speakers that were not delivered due to time constraints will be published there the day after the meeting.

## PROGRAMME

*Thursday, 21 September 2023*  
*Trusteeship Council Chamber*

**9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.            Opening segment**

*Opening remarks*

- H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly
- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Ms. Varaidzo Kativhu, Founder and Director, Empowered by Vee
- Ms. Geetha Manjunath, Founder and CEO, Niramai Health Analytix
- H.E. Mr. Stefan Löfven, Co-Chair of the Secretary General’s High Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism

*Highlights from co-facilitators of “Our Common Agenda” processes*

- H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia
- H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany
- H.E. Mr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda
- H.E. Mr. Tobias Billström, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- H.E. Ms. Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica
- H.E. Ms. Liesje Schreinemacher, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

**9.45 a.m. – 5.55 p.m.            Plenary segment**

*Statements by Member States, members of United Nations specialized agencies, observers of the General Assembly and UN entities*

**5.55 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.            Closing segment**

*Closing remarks*

- Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy
- H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly