



President of the General Assembly 79th Session



Overview

The UN General Assembly is the main policy-making organ of the United Nations. With its membership of 193 Member States, the UN General Assembly stands as the most powerful platform for multilateral discussion on the full spectrum of international issues.

The beginning of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly in September 2024 marked a crucial milestone for multilateralism at a time when the world faces a myriad of pressing global challenges ranging from a worsening climate emergency to rising geopolitical tensions and deepening inequalities.

Under the leadership of the President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Philemon Yang, the [Pact for the Future](#) and its annexes, the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations were adopted last September. This landmark moment paves the way for a renewed international system that is responsive to the realities of today's world and the challenges of tomorrow.

President Yang will work closely with Member States to strengthen multilateralism and address global challenges through enhanced cooperation and concrete actions.

Under the theme, ***“Unity in Diversity, for the advancement of peace, sustainable development and human dignity for everyone, everywhere”***, the cornerstone of his Presidency will be built on the principles of unity in diversity, fostering an environment where every voice is not only heard but valued.

President Yang is committed to injecting new vigor into the work of the UN General Assembly, making the organ more agile and better positioned to deliver global solutions.

[His priorities](#) encompass the three pillars of the United Nations. These include peace and security in Africa, combatting the illicit use of small arms and light weapons, preserving human dignity in armed conflict, eliminating child labour, financing for development and turbocharging the Sustainable Development Goals, through digitalization.

Multilingualism and women's empowerment are also at the core of his priorities for the 79th session.