

NSC PACT OF THE FUTURE INPUT



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The National Student Council (NSC) of Mauritius envisions a future anchored in sustainability, peace, innovation, youth empowerment, and inclusive governance. As we co-author the UN Pact of the Future, we pledge to forge an equitable path leaving no one behind. This shared global pact will catalyze resilient and just societies for generations to come.

Chapter I. Sustainable Development and Financing for Development

To realize the promise of sustainable development, the international community must embrace financing mechanisms aligned with needs of the future. We propose the creation of a Global Sustainable Development Fund, fueled by mandatory contributions from all UN member states. This Fund will channel resources towards initiatives tackling our most pressing challenges - climate change, poverty alleviation, gender equity, accessible education, healthcare, and more.

Contribution levels will be differentiated based on GDP, with higher income nations contributing a greater share. However, every country's stake in this shared Fund will galvanize commitment and collective responsibility. **Grant disbursements will be overseen by a committee featuring equitable representation, ensuring transparency and accountability.**

The Fund will prioritize directing resources to communities most vulnerable to climate change, such as small island nations and conflict-affected regions. It will invest in local NGOs and grassroots organizations to support context-specific solutions. A portion will support technical assistance to build capacity in developing nations for administering resources impactfully.

Sustainable development demands long-term thinking. To align incentives, required contribution terms will be 15-20 years. Over this horizon, the Fund will empower communities to implement programs for poverty alleviation, renewable energy access, sustainable agriculture, ecosystem restoration, disaster resilience, and more. It will also finance research and innovation to develop breakthrough solutions adaptable across geographies.

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This reimagined financing architecture, grounded in solidarity and shared prosperity, will allow us to eliminate extremes of poverty, reduce inequality, protect biodiversity, and limit warming to 1.5°C. When we unify behind a common cause, sustainable development ceases to be an aspiration, but an inevitability.

Chapter II. International Peace and Security

Lasting peace requires addressing root causes, not just reacting to symptoms. We call for a holistic investment in strengthening the foundations of human security worldwide.

1. **First, doubling investment in development aid and programs alleviating poverty, hunger, and inequality.** By ensuring equitable access to basic needs, we reduce desperation that engenders extremism and conflict.
2. **Second, increased spending on peacekeeping must be matched by greater investment in peacebuilding.** We propose the creation of a UN Peacebuilding Fund supporting long-term projects dedicated to conflict resolution, reconstructing social fabric within societies and building trust between groups. This Fund will also finance educational programs promoting tolerance, diversity and nonviolence, particularly focusing on youth.
3. **Third, expanding funding for humanitarian assistance and building local capacities to enhance disaster resilience and access to food, shelter and healthcare.** This will minimize instability resulting from both natural hazards and human conflicts.
4. **Fourth, establishing a Multilateral Diplomacy Initiative to strengthen and broaden cooperation between nations on issues of trade, human rights, climate action and global security.** Constructive dialogue creates empathy and diminishes tendencies towards unilateral aggression.
5. **Fifth, enacting responsible arms-control regulations globally to limit proliferation of weapons both between states and among non-state actors.** Arms sales must align with principles of human rights and responsible use.

Through this holistic agenda prioritizing multilateralism over militarism, we can cultivate a sustainable peace where all nations and peoples feel secure in their identities, needs, beliefs and freedoms.

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Chapter III. Science, Technology and Innovation; and Digital Cooperation

Science and technology must be guiding forces in creating an equitable future. We call for the establishment of a UN Global Innovation Fund to finance collaborative breakthroughs that improve lives.

The Fund will back pioneering projects in renewable energy, healthcare, education, environmental conservation and more. It will provide grant incentives for diverse researcher teams comprising youth, marginalized groups and developing world scientists to ensure an inclusive innovation ecosystem. All resulting innovations will be open-access.

Intellectual property restrictions often obstruct diffusion of life-saving technologies globally. Hence the Fund will champion open-source innovation for the public good. Grantees must commit to equitable access and transparency.

Still, sharing knowledge is only meaningful if societies worldwide can integrate innovations. The Fund will devote resources to expanding STEM education and digital infrastructure in disadvantaged regions, closing opportunity gaps. It will also finance incubator programs nurturing entrepreneurs who can adapt technologies locally.

Technology is merely a tool - its positive impacts depend on responsible governance. We call for the development of a legally-binding UN Convention on Digital Ethics establishing global principles on data protection, privacy, security and ethical AI. The framework must ensure technology safeguards human rights by design.

Through these twin efforts - democratizing both access to promising technologies and principles guiding their use - we can pioneer scientific breakthroughs that leave no one behind.

Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations

Our world's future rests in the hands of its youth. The UN must elevate young people as partners in governance now to prepare them as leaders tomorrow. We propose the creation of a UN Youth Empowerment Initiative to guarantee youth representation at every level of decision-making.

A Youth Advisory Council with diverse young leaders will be established under the UN Secretary General's office to consult on policies concerning youth. Governments worldwide must also integrate youth into policy consultations on issues like education, environment and human rights.

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At the grassroots, the Initiative will provide seed funding for community projects designed and led entirely by young change-makers. It will develop a digital platform for youth worldwide to exchange ideas, spotlight solutions and participate in global conversations.

Most critically, we call for a doubling of global education financing to make quality learning accessible to all youth. With expanded vocational programs, partnerships bridging classrooms with workplaces, and a focus on skills for the future, we can nurture informed young citizens.

Our world is only as strong as our investments in the generations to come. By placing youth voices and empowerment front and center today, we manifest the change we wish to see for tomorrow.

Chapter V. Transforming Global Governance

Fundamentally reshaping our global governance is imperative to meet the complex challenges of this millennium. We propose convening a UN Commission on Global Governance Reform comprised of diverse stakeholders worldwide.

This inclusive Commission will undertake a comprehensive review of existing institutions and multilateral frameworks. It will assess transparency, accountability, inclusivity and effectiveness across the UN system and affiliated agencies like IMF and World Bank. Through broad consultations encompassing civil society and marginalized groups, it will develop a blueprint for reform grounded in equity and justice.

Priority areas for transformation include:

- 1. First, restructuring leadership selection at UN agencies based on merit rather than tradition or narrow geopolitics.** Leadership must reflect the diversity of voices wishing to engage in global cooperation.
- 2. Second, ensuring civil society, especially from the Global South, has greater opportunities to participate and contribute in global policy spaces.**
- 3. Third, establishing clear performance metrics and oversight mechanisms for UN agencies to enhance transparency and accountability.**
- 4. Fourth, reviewing voting structures that underrepresent developing countries.** Decision-making power must align with principles of fairness.

This bold re-envisioning of global governance will culminate in a UN Conference where world leaders collectively commit to a reformed system prepared to equitably serve all humanity in the decades ahead. The future we wish for must be built on institutions designed for that future.