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Draft Concept Note: **Exploring an ImPACT Coalition for Future Generations**

ImPACT Coalition for Future Generations

The ImPACT Coalition for Future Generations is a global network dedicated to reimagining the United Nations to effectively address the challenges of the 21st century. The coalition is dedicated to championing the needs of future generations through intergenerational equity, trust, and solidarity and ensuring no one is left behind.

As an umbrella coalition uniting a wide range of partners and networks, it will facilitate meaningful and actionable collaboration to address the most pressing global challenges. It will have a dedicated focus on amplifying long-term governance and solutions that balance the needs of the current generation with the rights of future generations. It will play a pivotal role in shaping global discourse and action on sustainable development, climate change, and systemic global challenges. Through its work, the Coalition not only supports the UN's transformation to think, plan, and act for the future, but also sets a standard for future-oriented, multilateral cooperation.

A preparatory meeting of the ImPACT Coalition for Future Generations was held in Cardiff, UK on the 30th April, (on the fringes of the Future Generations Forum), to support the intergovernmental processes related to the Summit of the Future and the upcoming Nairobi Conference.





Guiding Principles

1. ***Nurture a vision for future generations leveraging existing global agreements:***
Leveraging the precedent for future generations within global instruments including the Declaration on Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, the Maastricht Principles for Future Generations, and the upcoming Pact for the Future and supporting annexes, including the Declaration on Future Generations.
2. ***Pursue intergenerational equity and solidarity between present and future generations:***
This involves incorporating a long-term lens into policy-making and fostering a culture of stewardship across all age groups and communities.
3. ***Think, plan and act with future generations in mind:*** Our approach is to advocate and promote sustainable development that can withstand and adapt to the evolving challenges of the 21st century. We support the UN's transformation efforts to think, plan and act for the future, ensuring that long term sustainability and resilience is at the core of global governance.
4. ***Strengthen inclusive partnerships and global cooperation:*** We believe in the power of collaboration across borders, sectors, and generations. Our work is to unite a diverse array of stakeholders, facilitating meaningful dialogue and action that transcends traditional boundaries. This inclusive ecosystem leverages collective efforts to amplify impact and drive significant change.
5. ***Recognize and foster an interconnected world:*** As advocates for future generations, we operate with the highest standards of transparency and accountability are vital for an open and inclusive future. We engage our partners and the public in our processes, ensuring that our actions and outcomes are clearly communicated and scrutinized.
6. ***Foster a future-oriented organizational culture and capabilities:*** We are committed to reimagining and advancing innovative solutions that are necessary for a sustainable future. This includes leveraging cutting-edge research, technology, and social innovations that align with our long-term governance goals.





Policy asks and recommendations *(to be explored)*

Priorities towards the Summit of the Future

1. Make the Summit of the Future a catalyst that serves ongoing efforts to protect the [rights and] interests of future generations through:
 - a. A **Declaration** on Future Generations in which countries commit to safeguard the interests of future generations.
 - b. The appointment of a UN Special **Envoy** on Future Generations to support member state implementation of the Declaration, including through a **Future Generations Review** in collaboration with the UN Futures Lab. This would ensure that the UN's commitment to future generations is ongoing and adaptable.
 - c. The creation/repurposing of a UN **Forum** for countries to regularly report back on efforts to implement the Declaration and exchange best practices, including making future generations a standing item at UNGA.

To advance these key reforms, the impact coalition will:

- *Organize global and national forums* that highlight the role and importance of these tools for ensuring sustainable future governance at a local, national and international level.
- *Develop position papers and policy briefs* for key decision-makers and stakeholders on the Coalition priorities including outlining the mandate, responsibilities, and benefits of the Envoy, the purpose and operations of the Forum.
- *Explore ways the UN, member states and philanthropy can resource these tools.*





Ongoing Priorities *(to be explored)*

2. **Serve as a Docking Station for Future Generations:** We serve as a central space for collaboration and synergy among various global networks, coalitions, and partners committed to long-term sustainable development across generations. This inclusive ecosystem amplifies collective efforts and broadens impact across sectors. We aim to:
 - *Foster collaboration between existing and new coalitions* working towards similar goals of intergenerational solidarity and long-term governance.
 - *Support joint, strategic action that amplify and accelerate leadership* on future generations, particularly from marginalized and vulnerable communities to ensure national and global action for the future leaves no one behind.

3. **Advocate for 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement implementation:** We promote rapid implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement to address the root causes of global challenges, aiming to modify underlying economic, social, and environmental systems to prevent future crises and secure a resilient world for future generations.
 - *Engage with national policymakers and global stakeholders* to reform economic and social systems for better alignment between global goals and national priorities.
 - Commit to work with other movements and ImPACT Coalitions to ensure meaningful integration to identify holistic solutions.

4. **Promote Intergenerational Cooperation for the Future:** actively involve people across all generations, focusing on demographic trends and future projections to ensure current policies and actions bridge the gap between current needs and future aspirations. We aim to:
 - *Support intergenerational dialogues and convenings* that encourage dialogue and idea exchange between generations, with a focus on *amplifying indigenous and native cultures, learnings and experiences.*
 - *Implement initiatives that pair experienced professionals with young leaders* to foster transfer of knowledge exchange, resilience and cooperation.

5. **Amplify National Long-term Governance, especially from the Global South:** We emphasize empowering national leadership, recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities the Global South nations face in effectively tackling current and future challenges.





- *Advocate for the integration and alignment of future generations' needs and interests within current governance structures, ensuring alignment between national and global processes to ensure intergenerational equity.*
- *Support capacity-building initiatives that empower local communities to take an active role in sustainable development processes.*

Timeline/ Work Plan (to be explored)

1. **IMPACT Coalition workshop during Nairobi CSO Conference:** A 90 minute workshop with stakeholders will take place on Day 2.

Objectives: To shape and explore the collective vision for the ImpACT Coalition for Future Generations. Discussions will focus on:

- Reaffirming and possibly revising the guiding principles of the Coalition.
 - Enhancing regional representation and expanding membership.
 - Refining specific policy asks from Member States, the UN system, and other relevant stakeholders.
 - Articulating actionable steps and pathways to advance the proposed initiatives.
2. **Official Workshop during Nairobi CSO Conference:** Hosted by members of the Unlock the Future Coalition and UN Futures Lab, this intergenerational dialogue will provide a platform to discuss and refine the vision and ambition of the Coalition.
 3. **Post Nairobi Virtual Workshop:** Discuss an initial draft work plan detailing intended activities for sustaining the Coalition's efforts leading up to the Summit of the Future and beyond.
 - Identification of key partners and roles.
 - Development of a tailored advocacy strategy with clear policy goals.
 - Comprehensive communications and digital engagement plan.
 - Specific support strategies for Declaration on Future Generations and establishment of the Envoy.
 4. **National Intergenerational Townhalls:** In the lead up to the Summit and beyond, these dialogues are essential to incorporate diverse generational perspectives into national policies. These dialogues aim to bridge the gap between current policy measures and the long-term needs of future generations, provide a network of partners that will support the Declaration and work of the Envoy, and platform to build support,





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awareness, and learning on integrating strategic foresight and intergenerational equity into existing governance structures.

5. **Member State Dialogues:** These policy discussions will focus on aligning national strategies with global sustainability goals of the Coalition. They will be crucial for providing a bridge between national priorities and UN processes in the lead up to the Summit of the Future and beyond.
6. **Policy Briefs and Communication materials:** These are key to providing stakeholders with actionable recommendations based on the latest research and global best practices. These documents aim to influence policy formulation and public opinion on current and future generations to guide national and UN processes.





Annexe

ImPACT Coalitions

The overarching objectives of ImPACT Coalitions are to:

- Serve as a mechanism for civil society to work in partnership with UN agencies; Member States; and other stakeholders, including grassroots and local communities, academia, and the private sector; to strengthen and implement proposals on various initiatives aligned with the themes of the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations, Global Digital Compact, and others deemed essential;
- Offer a platform to foster and provide examples of collaborative and co-creative approaches to meaningful engagement among civil society, the UN, Member States, and other stakeholders;
- Serve as a space to develop synergies across various existing and new initiatives that may be pursuing similar goals toward and beyond the Pact for the Future (including other ImPACT Coalitions), to foster diverse Coalitions' membership and an overarching ecosystem that will amplify their outcomes;
- Create and encourage ongoing engagement through a forward-looking plan of action that encourages strong mutually reinforcing connections with other ImPACT Coalitions; and
- Inspire future multilateral, multi-stakeholder and intergenerational processes by setting an example for providing a bold and transformative space predicated on values of co-leadership, co-ownership and co-creation.

The expectation is for the ImPACT Coalitions to conclude their sessions in Nairobi by compiling an initial *draft work plan* (21st May) on their intended activities that will enable the continuation of the IC post-Nairobi, leading up to the Summit of the Future, and beyond (a final work plan will be requested one week after the conference).

This could also include any preparatory activities prior to the Conference. A guiding template for what this should look like will be provided closer to the Conference, but it will





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comprise:

1. The name of the coalition (this needn't be formal, but should be descriptive);
2. The principles this coalition is hoping to advance;
3. The specific policy asks/recommendations this Coalition will be advancing;
4. The membership of the coalition at this stage (names, organisations, emails);
5. Contact information to learn more and/or to join.

