

# Unpacking the Pact: The UN Pact for the Future

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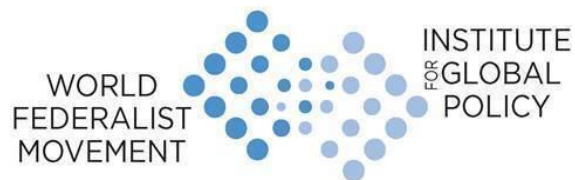
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SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE  
OUTCOME DOCUMENTS

September 2024

Pact for the Future,  
Global Digital Compact,  
and Declaration on Future  
Generations

# UN Summit of the Future, Sep 2024

## *Introduction*

- High-level event, bringing world leaders together at UN Headquarters in New York, to forge a new international consensus on building a better present and safeguarding the future.
- A once-in-a-generation opportunity to mend eroded trust and enhance global cooperation
- Concrete objectives: accelerate efforts to meet existing international commitments and take concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.
- Cross-cutting approach to key global issues





# UN Summit of the Future: *Topics*

- Sustainable development and financing for development
- International Peace and Security
- Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation
- Youth and future generations
- Transforming global governance

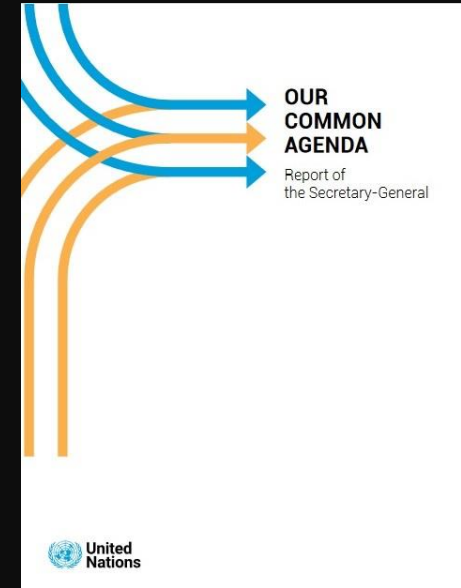
## Cross-cutting topics

- Human rights including gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls



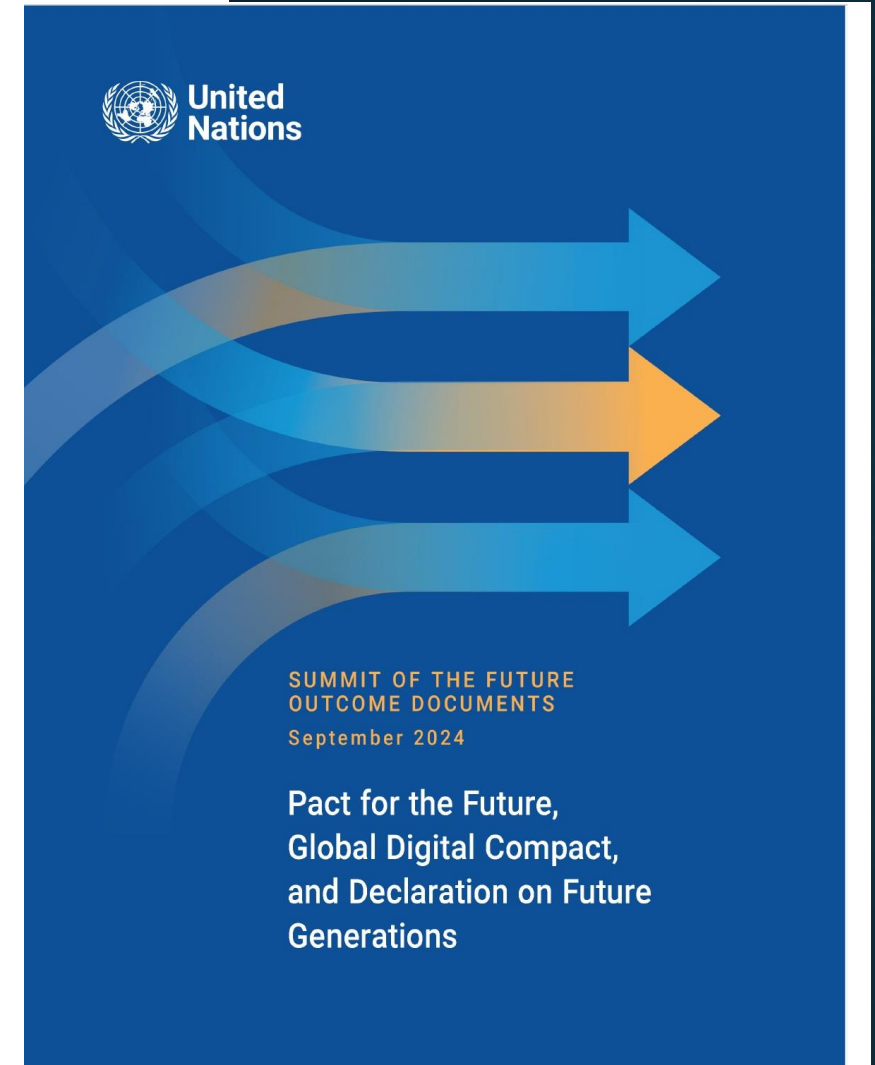
# UN Summit of the Future: *Process*

- Summit of the Future proposed in Our Common Agenda, 2021
- Decision to hold the Summit, UNGA Resolution 76/307, 2022
- High Level UNGA Prep event, September 2023
- Intense inter-governmental deliberations on the draft documents organized by the UN facilitators
- Considerable engagement of civil society with the Summit of the Future facilitators and UN member states;
- UN Civil Society Conference, Nairobi, May 2024
- UN Summit Action Days, Sep 20-21, 2024
- UN Summit, Sep 22-23, 2024



# UN Summit of the Future: *Outcomes*

- **Pact for the Future:**  
56 agreed commitments and actions
- Annexes:
  - **Global Digital Compact:**  
5 agreed commitments and actions
  - **Declaration on Future Generations:**  
22 agreed commitments and actions



# Related civil society processes and documents:

## Peoples Pact for the Future

[www.c4unwn.org/the-peoples-pact-for-the-future](http://www.c4unwn.org/the-peoples-pact-for-the-future)

## ImPACT Coalitions (a sample)

- **Earth Governance**  
[www.earthgovernance.org/campaigns/impact-coalition](http://www.earthgovernance.org/campaigns/impact-coalition)
- **Strengthening the International Judicial Institutions**  
[www.globalsolutions.org/what-we-do/advocacy](http://www.globalsolutions.org/what-we-do/advocacy)
- **Future Generations**  
[www.ourfutureagenda.org/impactcoalition](http://www.ourfutureagenda.org/impactcoalition)
- **UN Charter Reform**  
[www.globalgovernanceforum.org/un-charter-reform-coalition](http://www.globalgovernanceforum.org/un-charter-reform-coalition)
- **Peacebuilding**





# UN Summit follow-up

- General implementation of the commitments and actions in the PACT for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations and Global Digital Compact;
- Follow-up in related UN events, e.g. World Summit for Social Development 2025 and Climate Change COPs;
- High-level review Global Digital Compact, 2027;
- High-level plenary meeting for the Declaration on Future Generation, 2028;
- Heads of State meeting for a comprehensive review of the Pact for the Future, 2028





## An example of follow-up: UN Envoy for Future Generations

UNSG's decision to establish a UN Envoy for Future Generations is announced by Guy Ryder, UN Under-Secretary General for Policy at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, October 2024.

[www.earthgovernance.org/blog](http://www.earthgovernance.org/blog)



# Protecting the Rights & Wellbeing of Future Generations through Institutional Representatives:



Establishing a UN Special Envoy for Future  
Generations and Representatives /  
Guardians of Future Generations at local,  
national and regional levels

- Future Generations ImPACT Coalition / Wales Future Generations Commissioner
- Earth Governance ImPACT Coalition / Mobilizing and Earth Governance Alliance
- World Future Council
- International Network of Institutions and Leaders for Future Generations

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# Wales Wellbeing of Future Generations Act: An example of an effective Institutional Representative for Future Generations



Video of the Wales Wellbeing of Future Generations policy

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocnMTmBh-Hs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocnMTmBh-Hs)



# Summit of the Future: Peace and Security

- **Pact for the Future**

- Commitment to prevent nuclear war and work towards the abolition of nuclear weapons
- Support for international law and the International Court of Justice
- Adapt peace operations to better respond to existing challenges and new realities.

- **People's Pact for the Future – Chapter 2**

- Adopt no-first-use policies, replace nuclear deterrence with Common Security and commit to eliminating nuclear weapons no later than UN 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Universal acceptance of ICJ jurisdiction and ratification of the International Criminal Court.
- Upgrade the Peacekeeping Commission to become a Peacekeeping Council, and establish a standing UN emergency body (UNEPS or Rapid Deployment Force) to address imminent threats to peace and security



**PEOPLE'S PACT  
FOR THE FUTURE**

**COALITION  
for the  
UN  
WE NEED**

[www.c4unwn.org](http://www.c4unwn.org)

# Nuclear threats – hotspots

- Russia v Ukraine
- North Korea v South Korea/Japan/USA
- China v USA/Japan: Taiwan and other South China Sea territories
- Iran v Israel: Respective nuclear programs
- India v Pakistan







# Preventing nuclear war and abolishing nuclear weapons

## Key policies:

- Affirm the inadmissibility of the threat or use of nuclear weapons
- Adopt no-first-use policies
- Replace nuclear deterrence with Common Security
- Establish additional nuclear-weapon-free zones
- Commit achieving the elimination of nuclear weapons by 2045

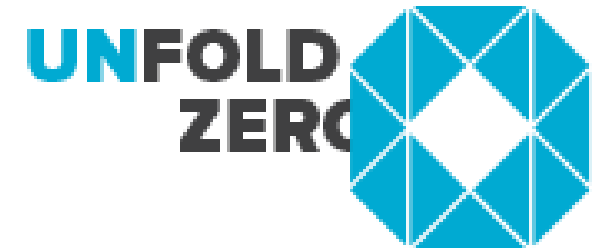
## Key forums/events in 2045

- April/May: Meeting of States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)
- August 6 and 9: 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- September 26: UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

# Some key nuclear disarmament campaigns/networks

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- NoFirstUse Global:  
[www.nofirstuse.global](http://www.nofirstuse.global)
- Abolition 2000: Frameworks for a Nuclear Weapons Free World  
[www.abolition2000.org](http://www.abolition2000.org)
- Replacing nuclear deterrence with common security  
[www.unfoldzero.org](http://www.unfoldzero.org)





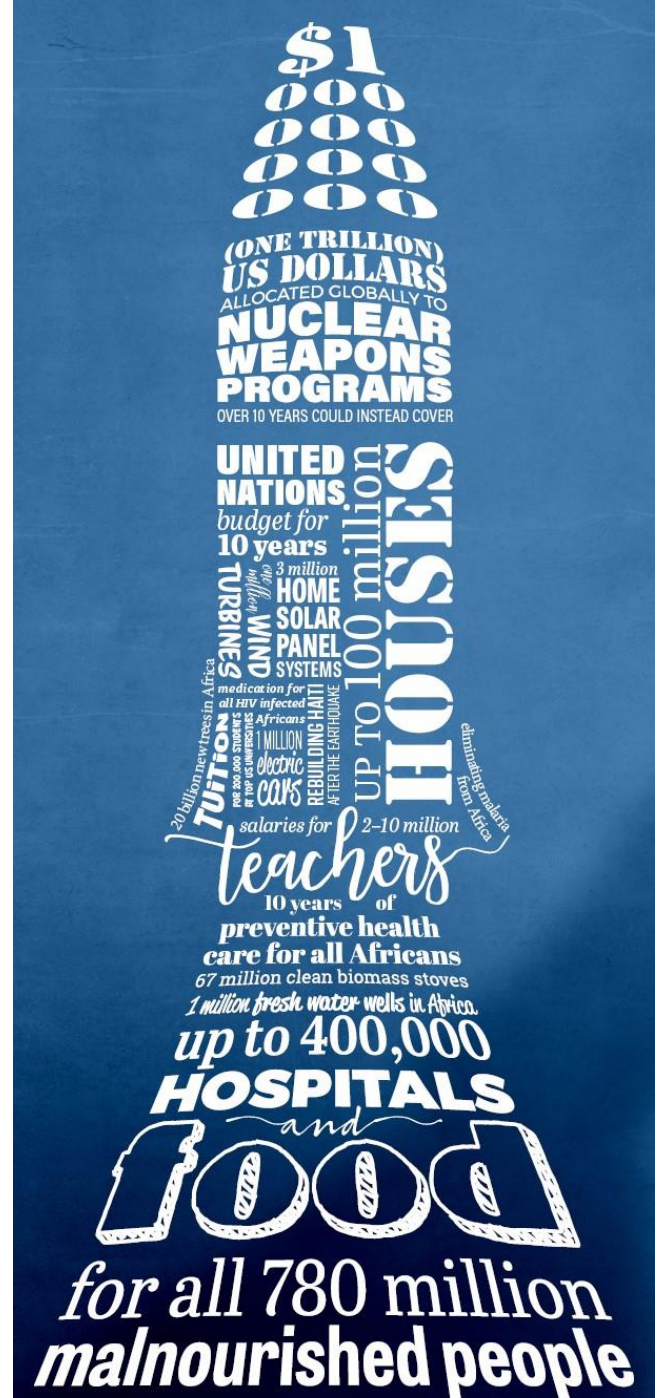
# Move the Nuclear Weapons Money

A global campaign to:

- Cut nuclear weapons budgets in the nuclear armed states
- End investments in the nuclear weapons industry
- Redirect these budgets and investments to supporting peace, environmental protection and sustainable development.

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[www.nuclearweaponsmoney.org](http://www.nuclearweaponsmoney.org)



# Legal Alternatives to War (LAW not War)

A campaign to replace the law of force with the force of law



- Increase the number of States accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ.
- Encourage more frequent use of the ICJ as a dispute resolution mechanism provided in international treaties;
- Support UN bodies to more frequently and effectively request ICJ Advisory Opinions on critical issues;
- Engage in current ICJ cases to help build success

[www.unfoldzero.org/law-not-war](http://www.unfoldzero.org/law-not-war)



# LAW not War: Legal Alternatives to War

A campaign to replace the law of force with the force of law

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*“From the smallest village to the global stage, the rule of law is all that stands between peace and stability and a brutal struggle for power and resources. I note the importance of accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court and call on all Member States to do so without any reservations.”*

**Antonio Guterres**, UN Secretary-General.

Remarks to the UN Security Council Thematic Debate on the Rule of Law amongst Nations, January 12, 2023





## Role of the International Court of Justice

- One of the principal organs of the United Nations
- Helps resolve international disputes through the rule of law
- Has considered over 190 cases
- Between 80-90% of decisions are accepted and implemented by all sides

[www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org)



# Some success stories of the ICJ

## Libya v Chad

In 1994, the Court settled a longstanding and often bloody dispute between Chad and Libya over ownership of the resource-rich Aouzou Strip between their countries. The Court ruled in Chad's favor. Libya accepted the decision, withdrew their forces and signed a peace agreement with Chad that still holds today.





# Nuclear Tests Case

- **From 1966:** France nuclear testing (detonations) in the Pacific
- **1973:** New Zealand and Australia v France on atmospheric tests
- **1995:** New Zealand v France on underground tests



# Nicaragua v USA

- **1984: Nicaragua v United States**

Regarding US military actions against Nicaragua.

- **ICJ decides in favour of Nicaragua**

- **US rejects the decision**

US administration announced that it would not adhere to the Court's decision.

- **US complies with the decision.**

The decision provided considerable support for congressional and legal efforts within the US to change US policy, which were eventually successful.

- **Nicaragua case and the Central American Peace Process.**

Costa Rica and Nicaragua use the decision to bring all American leaders together on the proposal to end the civil wars.







# Some of the current ICJ cases

- **Climate Change Advisory Opinion**
- **Genocide cases**
  - The Gambia v Myanmar
  - Ukraine v Russia
  - South Africa v Israel
- **Netherlands and Canada v Syria**  
Torture and other human rights violations in Syria
- **Nicaragua v Germany**  
Military support for Israel's actions against Palestine
- **Mexico v Ecuador**  
Raiding of the Mexican embassy in Ecuador
- **Armenia v Azerbaijan**  
Human rights violations under the Convention on Elimination of Racial Discrimination

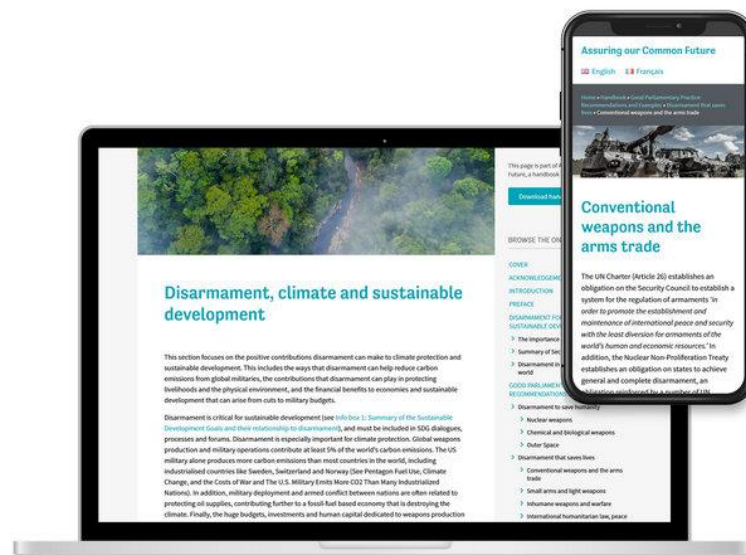




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# Resource on peace, disarmament and common security



- **Assuring our Common Future:**  
A guide to parliamentary action in support of disarmament for security and sustainable development

[www.disarmamenthandbook.org](http://www.disarmamenthandbook.org)

- **Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament.**

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