



Coalition for the UN We Need

Consultations on the Peace and Security theme

for the Global Futures Forum, People's Pact for the Future and the UN Summit of the Future

Including online consultations on February 16 and 23

1. Introduction to the Global Futures Forum, People's Pact of the Future and the UN Summit of the Future

The **United Nations General Assembly** has decided to hold a [Summit of the Future](#) (full title: *Summit of the Future: multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow*) on 22-23 September 2024, preceded by a preparatory ministerial meeting on 18 September 2023. The Summit is tasked to adopt an action-orientated Outcome Document, a *Pact for the Future*. It is also likely to establish a *UN Special Envoy for Future Generations*, and it could address other institutional reforms/initiatives such as the proposal by the UN Secretary-General to re-purpose the Trusteeship Council to enhance governance of the global commons (the oceans, atmosphere, outer space, Antarctica and the Sea-Bed). In addition, the UN Secretary-General is preparing a [New Agenda for Peace](#) which will be released prior to the UN Summit of the Future. It will have relevance for the Summit and more broadly for the UN as a whole.

The **Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN)** is facilitating civil society input into the UN Summit and its preparatory process, and for the New Agenda for Peace. This includes holding a [Global Futures Forum](#) on March 20-21 (in New York and online), preparing a *People's Pact for the Future*, organising a number of dialogues with the UN and government representatives facilitating the UN Summit and the Pact for the Future, and organising a number of thematic and regional consultations to ensure maximum possible input and engagement by civil society in the UN processes.

2. The seven themes and the consultations

C4UN has identified seven key themes for the Summit of the Future and is facilitating consultations on these themes during February/March. These consultations will feed into the thematic discussions at the Global Futures Forum and into the draft *Peoples Pact for the Future*, which is scheduled for adoption in April. The seven themes are: Global Economic & Financial Architecture, Human Rights & Participation, Development (HLPF, SDGs), Global Digital Compact, Environmental Governance, Peace and Security, and UN & Global Governance Innovation.

[Click here](#) for additional information on these themes, list of consultation facilitators and registration to join the consultations. There is a dedicated [Peace and Security theme webpage](#).

3. Objectives of the consultations

The objectives of the consultations are to:

- a) Facilitate a broad discussion of the issues and initiatives, leading to 3-5 concrete proposals in each theme for advancing in the People's Pact and general advocacy for the SDG Summit, New Agenda for Peace and Summit of the Future.
- b) Ensure that the mix of proposals includes some which could be picked up by governments in the near future and adopted at the UN/Summits, as well as some more innovative proposals which might find traction amongst civil society organizations in the short-term and could lead to government/UN action in the medium to long-term.

4. Dates and times for the Peace and Security theme consultations

There will be two online consultations for Peace and Security theme. **The first consultation will be on February 16** and will include an overview of the Summit process, discussion on the different frameworks on peace and security, and suggestions of Peace and Security proposals for the Peoples' Pact for the Future and the Summit of the Future. **The second consultation will be on February 23**. It will pick up suggestions/proposals that appear to have traction, discuss these further in order to consolidate them for passing on to the Global Futures Forum.

Each consultation will be held in two sessions: the first timed for participants from Asia/Pacific and the second timed for participants from the Americas/Africa/Europe/Middle East.

- **Session 1.A:** Thursday February 16. 7am Central Europe Time (CET). Timed to suit Asia/Pacific. [Click here](#) to register.
- **Session 1.B:** Thursday February 16. 10:30 Eastern Time USA / 16:30 CET. Timed to suit Americas/Africa/Europe/Middle East. [Click here](#) to register.
- **Session 2.A:** Thursday February 23. 7am CET. Timed to suit Asia/Pacific. [Click here](#) to register.
- **Session 2.B:** Thursday February 23. 10:30 Eastern Time USA / 16:30 CET. Timed to suit Americas/Africa/Europe/Middle East. [Click here](#) to register.

5. Approaches to Peace and Security

The consultations will take an inclusive approach to peace and security issues and frameworks. Participants are invited to share any peace and security issue that is of importance to them, taking into consideration that issues relating to the other six themes might be relevant to peace and security, but can be addressed more comprehensively in the other thematic strands.

Participants are also welcome to discuss the peace and security theme from a range of frameworks/approaches, including national security, common security, human security, feminist foreign policy, trans-generational security, inter-national law, global governance and others. The facilitators recognize that, in general, these are not separate and competing security frameworks, but are intersecting and mutually supporting.

For more information please see the [Introduction to the Peace and Security theme](#) prepared for these consultations.

6. Background reading

Documents and articles/papers for background reading are posted on the [Peace and Security theme webpage](#). They include (amongst others):

- [UN75 Declaration](#) (adopted by the UNGA) and the [People's UN75 Declaration and Plan for Action](#);
- [Securing our Common Future: A Disarmament Agenda](#), released by the UN Secretary-General;
- Introductions to [Feminist Foreign Policy](#), [UNSC1325 Women, Peace and Security Agenda](#) and the [Gender, Peace and Security framework](#);
- Introductions to the [UNSC2250/Youth, Peace and Security](#) and [UN Human Security](#) agendas;
- Summary of the process for a [UN New Agenda for Peace](#)

7. Other related consultations

In addition to the seven thematic consultations, there are also regional consultations for the GFF and Peoples Pact for the Future. The Asia regional consultation will take place between February 7-9 as part of the *PyeongChang Odae-San Peace (POP) Dialogue*. Principal organizer is Anselmo Lee alee7080@gmail.com. The Pacific Region consultation will take place on March 1, which is also World Futures Day and Nuclear Remembrance Day. Principal organizer is Alyn Ware, alyn@pnnd.org.

8. Peace and Security theme, registration contact and facilitators

To register with us and engage in this theme, please send an email to gfuturesforum@gmail.com or visit <https://c4unwn.org/e-consultation/>.

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