

Global People's Assembly 2024



Programme

22 - 24 September, New York



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Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors
Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
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Major Group of Children and Youth
Millenials Movement
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South Asia Alliance for Poverty
Eradication
Step Up Youth Initiative
Südwind
TAP Network
Together 2030
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About the Global People's Assembly

The Global People's Assembly 2024 will take place in person from 22-24 September at the UN Church Center in New York. In this programme you will find event descriptions for everything happening over the three days. Because of technical challenges people will be able to follow online only the first day of the assembly.

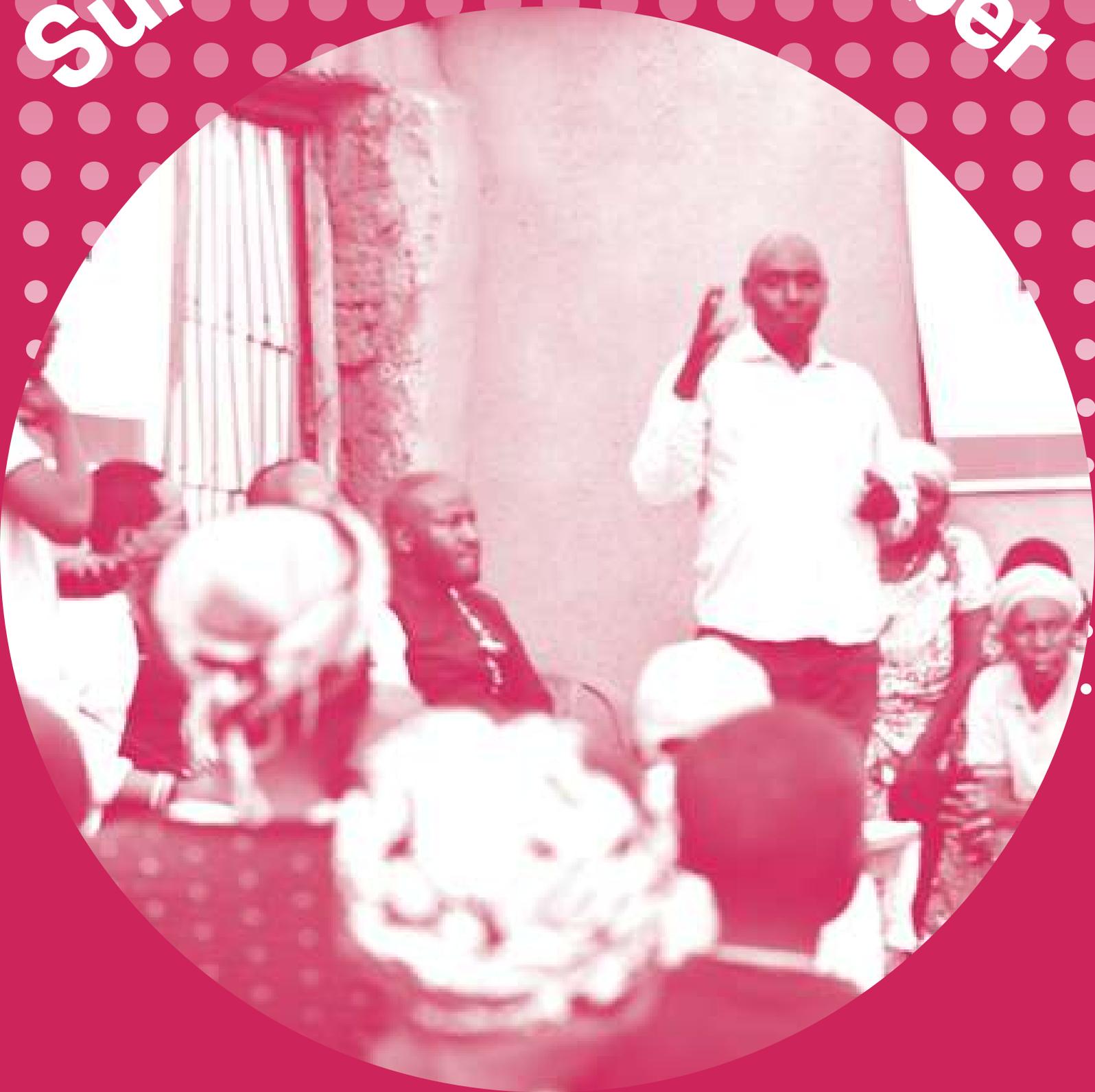


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Sunday 22 September





Opening Plenary

Global People's Assembly
Sunday, 22 September 2024
New York

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9.00 -10.30

Opening Plenary

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Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

Join us either online or in person as we kick off the beginning of this year's Global People's Assembly! We will have speakers representing the diversity of civil society.

Additionally we will have representatives from the Regional Assemblies coming together to voice their joint work and recommendations.

11.30 - 13.00

Pay Up Trillions, not Millions for Climate Finance

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Organisers

- Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- Bread for the World

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

This session will cover the impacts of the climate crisis and connection with the Summit Of The Future. Who needs to pay up for the mess? How to make polluters Pay Up for climate finance? Accountability and justice for climate impacts: a view from the global South. Accountability and justice for climate impacts: :A feminist perspective Securing the rights of future generations to a safe and healthy environment Reparations from the perspective of human rights - delivering justice to frontline communities What needs to happen in Baku, Azerbaijan and beyond?

Moderator: Sabine Minninger, Bread for the World

Speakers:

- **Hamira Kobusingye**, Fridays for Future Uganda
- **Adrian Martinez**, La Ruta de Clima, Costa Rica
- **Raju Pandit Chettri**, Prakriti Resources Center, Nepal
- **Mithika Mwenda**, PACJA, Kenya
- **Tetet Lauron**, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Philippines

13.00 - 13.30

Lunch

13.00 - 14.30

Inequalities and Leave No One Behind

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Organisers

- Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
- LGBTIQ Children and Youth Stakeholder Groups
- Oxfam
- IT for change

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, Spanish, and Portugese

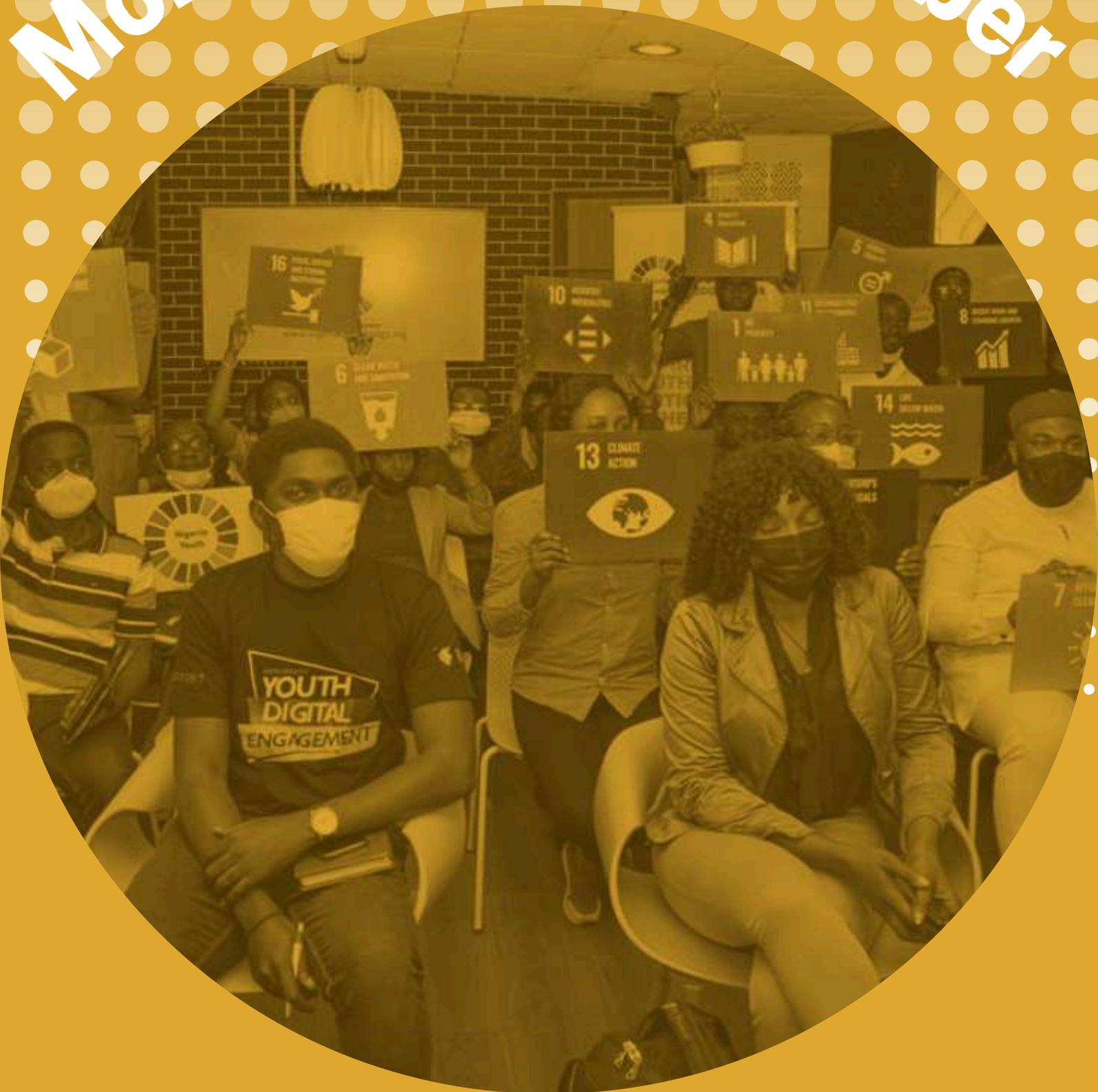
SDG Goal 10 calls for reducing inequalities in income as well as those based on age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status within a country. The Goal also addresses inequalities among countries, including those related to representation, migration and development assistance whereas around the globe, the disparities remain very alarming .

Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD) numbering more than 260 million people across the world, are among the most marginalized and excluded peoples, many of whom are persons living in conditions of slavery often tied to descent, similarly LGBTI populations are still criminalized and experience stigma, discrimination, violence, and other human rights violations due to their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC).

Within the confines of the shackles placed upon us, lies the potential of those whose potential remains disproportionate to please the purely imaginary cemented structures and hierarchies of “normality”. A vision of a world that allows people to be equal and leave no One Behind , express their true potential is needed to achieve SDG 10 and address gaps in global governance for the Summit of the Future

This session will focus on storytelling of how they have suffered inequalities and are often left behind., sharing experience and best practices

Monday 23 September



Organisers

- Financing For Development Mechanism

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

FfD4 should provide the political space for global systemic reforms that can expand the policy and fiscal space of the Global South to realize the Right to Development and advance the 2030 Agenda. The session will aim to provide a historical context to the FfD process, take stock of the first preparatory committee for FfD4 which took place in Addis Ababa in late July and appreciate the progress with the negotiations for a UN Convention on International Tax Cooperation. It will also be an opportunity to learn more about the civil society proposals for reforming the international financial architecture and explore pathways and strategies for a successful FfD4 outcome.

11.00 - 12.30

Strategy Meeting Towards the World Social Summit

Organisers

- Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF)
- NGO Committee for Social Development
- Major Group of Children and Youth
- Global Policy Forum
- Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Session description

Opening Panel, including Magdalena Sepúlveda/Valentina Contreras (GI-ESCR) and Barbara Adams (Global Policy):

This panel will offer a framing of the strategic work, recalling the results achieved during the World Summit for Social Development in 1995, characterising the current situation, and outlining the main challenges we face towards the future.

1. The spirit, aftermaths and challenges of the Copenhagen Summit and the world's current context
2. Paper Presentation: The strategic pillars towards the World Social Summit

Breakout Groups

1. People centred essential Public Services
2. Technology and AI
3. Taxation – tax justice
4. Care Economy
5. Multidimensional Poverty
6. Social Policy and social protection
7. Inequalities

12.30 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 14.30

Defending Civic Space: Opportunities and Challenges for Civil Society from the Local Level to the Summit Of The Future

Organisers

- Heinrich Boell Foundation DC,
- Major Group of Children and Youth
- SDG Watch Europe + European Environmental Bureau
- Transparency, Accountability, and Participation (TAP) Network
- CIVICUS
- Democracy without Borders
- REAL DEAL
- The Millennials Movement
- Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- Reacción Climática
- Plataforma CIPÓ

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

While the session aims to give space to discussions around civic space writ-large, the main focus will lie on discussions as understood in the second definition. This allows to connect activists and CSO representatives from very diverse contexts around the world. The interaction with UN bodies or other global governance mechanisms can still take very different forms, depending on whether we talk about the situation of inclusion into UN mechanisms in New York, at UN and other (AU, EU, AL, ASEAN,) regional offices, or at national level. The session thus also aims to highlight the gaps or differences of inclusivity within these different regions and to create a shared understanding within the audience about the achievements and challenges to civil society and civic space across those regions.

The session will start with a short keynote speech from): Aish Machani from ISWE Foundation (tbc), who will provide a short update on their experiences at the UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi. Following that, there will be a world cafe on the following themes:

- Role/future of deliberative democracy and public participation at the international level
- Highlights of various civil society-led campaigns
- Meaningful stakeholder engagement

15.00 - 16.30

Feminist Fishbowl - A Feminist Future Beyond the Pact

Organisers

- Foundation for Studies & Research on Women - FEIM
- NGO CSW Latin America and the Caribbean
- Women Engage for a Common Future
- Women Environmental Programme (WEP) Nigeria
- Gender Youth Caucus

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

In this dynamic event, we aim to outline what feminists want to see happen beyond the Summit of the Future. The event serves as a platform for civil society to engage and connect with each other in an interactive “fishbowl” format.

Topical experts are invited to take part in the initial panel discussions, sharing their critical insight on where we currently stand with the Pact and what work lies ahead, including in different upcoming processes. These processes include:

- Beijing+ 30 & ICPD+30
- UNFCCC COP29 & CBD COP16
- FfD-4 & SDGs
- Participants are actively encouraged to take part in the conversation, forging pathways for the work to be done beyond the Summit of the Future. We highly recommend reading the following briefing note on policy Processes linked to gender, climate and the Summit of the Future as a preparatory document to guide our discussion: [Policy processes linked to gender, climate and the Summit of the Future - WECF](#)

We hope you join the conversation then!

17.00 - 18.30

Unpacking the Pact for the Future: Mobilizing Civil Society for Sustainable Peace in the Age of Crisis

Organisers

- Transparency, Accountability, and Participation Network
- Major Group for Children and Youth
- MY World Mexico: Hub of Action for Sustainable Development
- Lithuania Development Cooperation Platform

Session description

As world leaders convene at the Summit of the Future, this moment provides a crucial opportunity to reassess and reinvigorate commitments towards SDG 16 and its pivotal role in fostering peaceful, just, and inclusive societies globally because the global landscape remains fraught with challenging multidimensional crises. The aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the climate crisis and escalating food insecurity, alongside rising geopolitical tensions, is placing unprecedented pressure on international security and multilateral cooperation. Protracted and new conflicts, rise in coups d'états and tensions around the world, from Armenia-Azerbaijan, China-US, Ethiopia, Haiti, Myanmar, Israel-Palestine, Sudan, The Sahel, Russia-Ukraine, a potential wider Middle East war, and backsliding democracy in western countries, amongst others, underscore the pressing need for transformative action.

The session will cover the following main components:

- An overview of the current state of global peace and security, being undermined by increasing conflicts and war across regions;
- A brief review of the Pact of the Future's response to current peace and security crises across the globe by United Nations Member States, but also the contributions from civil society colleagues to address these challenges;
- Identify opportunities and strategy for collective advocacy and mobilization by providing successful cases for peacebuilding at the global, regional and country levels.

18.30

Solidarity Action

Tuesday 24 September



9.00 - 10.30

The Future of Multilateralism - Role of Youth & Intergenerational Engagement

Organisers

- Major Group for Children and Youth
- the Stakeholder Group on Ageing
- Foundation for Studies & Research on Women - FEIM
- The Millennials Movement
- Global Call to Action Against Poverty

Session description

The global crises of conflict, climate change, closing of civil society space and humanitarian catastrophe are reshaping the landscape of our political, social, and economic systems. In this context, young people, together with older generations, are uniquely positioned to question the status quo, innovate solutions, collaborate and drive transformative change. However, for these efforts to be effective, they must be supported by inclusive multilateralism that truly engages all ages and all generations.

Session Objectives:

- Highlight the critical role of children, adolescents, youth, adults and older persons in shaping the future of multilateralism, especially in ensuring that the global frameworks are age informed and age-inclusive
- Explore the benefits of intergenerational engagement in addressing global challenges and ageism, drawing on the unique strengths of each generation, and highlight success models of such engagement at national, regional and global level and inside the UN
- Facilitate ongoing dialogue between youth and older generations to identify strategies for fostering greater collaboration and innovation in lead-up to and within the various processes coming up in 2025, including the World Social Summit and the Beijing +30
- Develop actionable recommendations for enhancing youth and older person participation in multilateral institutions, ensuring that their contributions and perspectives are integrated into the implementation of the Pact for the Future and other upcoming processes in 2025

Session 9

Planning for the summits and conferences in 2025

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11.00 - 12.30

Planning for 2025

Organisers

- Heinrich Boell Foundation DC
- Forus
- Asia Development Alliance
- Global Call to Action Against Poverty
- Global Policy Forum
- Global Policy Watch
- Major Group for Children and Youth
- Pan African Climate Justice Coalition

Session description

This session will be available in English, French, and Spanish

Introduction of Advocacy and Mobilisation plans and proposals by the different organisations and networks with the focus on

- SOTF Follow up
- FFD4 Conference in Spain
- World Social Summit in Qatar
- COP29 and 30 in Azerbaijan and Brazil
- Beijing plus 30
- G20 in Brazil and South Africa

12.30 - 13.00

Lunch

Afternoon working sessions

All of these sessions will be available in English, French, and Spanish

Organisers

- Global Call to Action Against
- Action for Sustainable Development
- Forus
- Asia Development Alliance 2030
- Reacción Climática
- Global Call to Action Against Poverty

13.00 - 14.30

Mobilisation Plans

Presentation of mobilisation plans for 2025 and discussion of the political messages.

15.00 - 16.30

Work on Plans

Work on plans to mobilise strongly together for 2025 and beyond.

17.00 - 18.30

Proposals

Discussion of our upcoming processes and ways to engage.

18.30

Closing