Overview on the UN Summit of the Future

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WHAT is the “Summit of the Future”

**Schedule:** 22-23 September, New York ([website](#))

**Objectives:**

a) accelerate efforts to **meet existing commitments** (e.g. SDGs, Paris Agreement)

b) “reinvigorate multilateralism”

**Expected outcome:** “Pact for the Future” on:

1) SDGs & financing;
2) peace & security;
3) digitalization;
4) future generations;
5) global governance.
Pact for the future = 3 documents!

PACT FOR THE FUTURE
(cofacs: Germany and Namibia)

Annex 1: Global Digital Compact (Sweden & Zambia)

Annex 2: Decl. on Future Generations (Netherlands & Jamaica)
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2024 Roadmap of SOTF negotiations

- **ZERO DRAFT** (January)
- **REVISED DRAFT** (mid May)

**CSO CONFERENCE**
(9-10 May, Nairobi)

**General Debate at HLPF** (July, New York)
Pros and cons of the Zero Draft

**PROS**

- Language on human rights and gender equality
- On peace commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons
- Language on new technologies as human-centred

**CONS**

- Many reaffirmations of existing agreements
- Need for more decent work agenda
- No reference to rights-based, democratic multilateralism
- Need for more ambition on reform of international financial architecture
Challenges and opportunities

**Challenges**
- Broad and controversial issues
- Several **negotiations in parallel**
- **Closed doors** negotiations
- Several **CSO platforms** involved

**Opportunities**
- Support of the **ILO**
- Alliances with **Major Groups** and **ECOSOC**
- Leverage SOTF as part of a broader process → **policy coherence vis-à-vis 2nd Summit on Social Development**
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Why this Summit is relevant for the ITUC

- Commitment to multilateralism + support of UN “as the peak multilateral body” (ITUC Congress Statement)
- increase accountability and effectiveness of the UN
- strengthen the centrality of Decent Work to achieve the SDGs

Summit is an opportunity to push for a rights-based and democratic multilateralism
(as part of our call for a New Social Contract)
ITUC priorities on Chapter 1 (SDGs and financing)

- Leverage effect of **decent work** to accelerate action on overall 2030 Agenda;

  - Priorities for **financing for development**:
    - increase development cooperation/ODA;
    - Reform of the global DEBT architecture;
    - Reform of the global TAX architecture;
    - BUSINESS ACCOUNTABILITY; alignment of all investments with SDGs.
ITUC priorities on Chapter 2 (international peace and security)

- Link between peace, labour rights and **social justice**
- Call for **concrete efforts to maintain international peace and security**
- Disarmament + **conversion of public investments in weapons into investments in social infrastructure**
- Support of the **role of trade unionists as peace builders**
ITUC priorities on Chapter 3 (digitalization)

- Regulation of technology, data and algorithms in line with labour rights and privacy (digital rights)
- Universal access to internet + fair digitalisation policies
- Potential of new technology to create decent jobs
- Invest in skills development and life-long learning
ITUC priorities on Chapter 4 (youth and future generations)

- Decent and climate-friendly **jobs** for youth
- Meaningful youth participation in **decision-making processes** on development policies;
- Trade unions’ support to the **mobilisation and organisation** of youth;
- Skills development and life-long learning for young workers
ITUC priorities on Chapter 5 (global governance)

Reform of the International Financial Architecture:

1) Democratize international financial institutions;
2) Permanent multilateral process on DEBT;
3) Call on Public Development Banks to better support national country needs and integrate employment objectives;
4) Special Drawing Rights reallocation based on need and vulnerabilities
5) Align investments with SDGs, ILO standards, responsible business-conduct;
6) Multilateral reform of the current tax architecture
Thank you!

(more info on the TUDCN webpage)