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# Frequently Discussed Queries Summit of the Future

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## About this resource

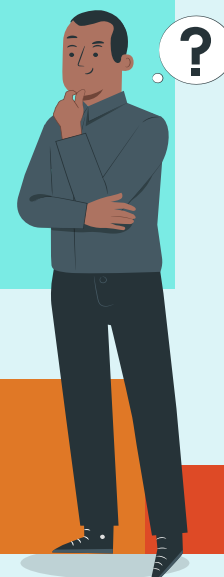
This resource responds to queries from Caribbean youth civil society organizations and networks about United Nations (UN) multilateral processes, in particular, the Summit of the Future.

Supports substantive preparations and informed participation by Caribbean youth civil society organizations and networks in the [Summit of the Future](#) and other UN multilateral processes.

Is a living resource that will be updated by the UNIC to reflect ongoing discussions within Caribbean youth civil society in response to the Summit, its outcomes and commitments.



Summit of the Future Website



# Understanding the Summit

“ Why a  
summit?  
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A Summit can provide a multilateral space for global leaders from all sectors to exchange ideas, find consensus and commit to the achievement of common ambitions.

The Summit of the Future will affirm the commitment of the United Nations and the global community it serves to a strengthened multilateralism that is more participatory and networked, and therefore more effective in confronting international challenges and delivering on development ambitions. [The Road to the Summit](#) builds on this mandate and the Pact for the Future - the Summit's primary outcome document - codifies this commitment of Member States to the process of international cooperation in service of building a sustainable future.

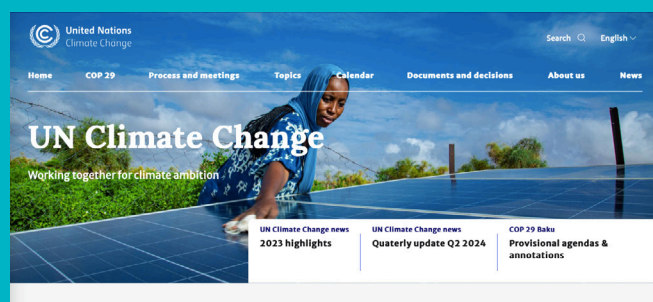
The Caribbean's development priorities cannot be adequately addressed unless related international agreements and commitments are fulfilled. Through the Summit of the Future process, the global community can be mobilized to better support the region's efforts at crafting a more resilient, fulfilling future.





## How is it happening?

UN-led processes such as the International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change offer multi-stakeholder spaces (governments, donors, civil society, youth, private sector and other development partners) for dialogue and action to address complex development issues. Likewise, Summit of the Future preparations have mobilized input from civil society and other stakeholders at all stages to complement intergovernmental consultations and meet the UN's commitment to a more networked, inclusive multilateralism.

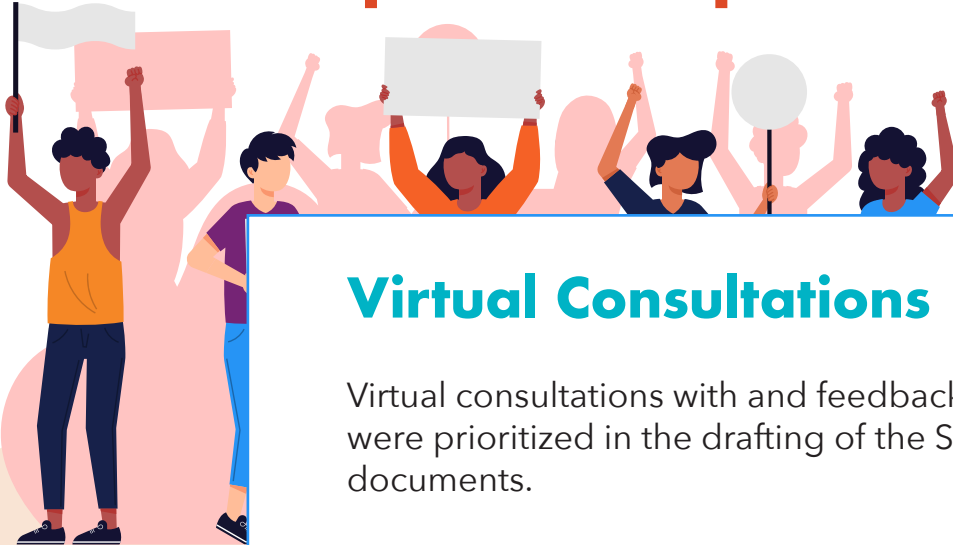


Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

# Civil Society's participation

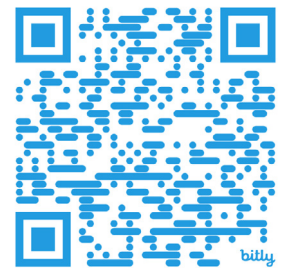


## Virtual Consultations

Virtual consultations with and feedback from civil society were prioritized in the drafting of the Summit outcome documents.

The annual UN Civil Society Conference was convened in Nairobi in support of the Summit of the Future, providing participants with a dedicated space for civil society-led dialogue and innovation ahead of the Summit. There were two key Summit-related outcomes from this Conference: -The ImPact for the Future Outcome Package which contains civil society insights and recommendations on the five chapters of the Pact for the Future, the Declaration on Future Generations, and the Global Digital Compact.

Civil society organizations at the Conference formed ImPACT Coalitions: collaborative networks organized and convened by civil-society that coalesced around specific issues and goals in support of the Pact for the Future. The Coalitions offer platforms for civil society, other stakeholders, the UN and Member States to meaningfully cooperate and champion common issues within the multilateral process. Check out the Conference Outcome Package document for more information on ImPACT Coalitions and their work plans [here](#).



ImPACT Coalitions Website

## “ How is it happening ”

### Youth

The 2024 edition of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum provided attendees with the opportunity to contribute recommendations and ideas to the Summit of the Future, which are outlined in the section “Youth and the Summit of the Future” within the Informal Summary of the ECOSOC Youth Forum document [here](#).

United Nations Caribbean Country Teams led by their respective Resident Coordinators hosted Youth Dialogues on the Summit of the Future:



#### United Nations Guyana

Discussion with Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Guyana’s Permanent Representative to the UN about national priorities that form the basis for Guyana’s Summit of the Future preparations



#### United Nations Jamaica

National Youth Dialogue on the Summit of the Future



#### United Nations Belize

National Youth Dialogue on the Summit of the Future  
Belizean youth look towards the Summit of the Future | United Nations in Belize



The outcomes of this consultative process informed the drafting of the inter-governmentally negotiated, action-oriented Summit outcome documents:

- [Pact for the Future](#)
- [Declaration on Future Generations](#)
- [Global Digital Compact](#)

These outcome documents represent and codify the inclusive vision expressed through the preparatory process and will be adopted on the first day of the Summit of the Future.





# Summit of the Future

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What happens next?

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## Action Days

The Summit event will take place over four days (20 to 23 September 2024) at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Action Days on 20 and 21 September - immediately preceding the Summit meeting - will include a programme of events to amplify youth voices on Summit priority themes and processes. More information about the Action Days can be found [here](#).



Action day information





## Meeting

- An Opening segment on 22 September featuring statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, and youth representatives
- Plenary meetings on 22 September and 23 September
- Four interactive dialogues that will take place in parallel to the plenary meetings. The interactive dialogues will focus on:
  - Transforming global governance and turbocharging the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development (22 September 10am - 1pm)
  - Enhancing multilateralism for international peace and security (22 September 3pm - 6pm)
  - Towards a Common Digital Future: strengthening inclusive innovation and cooperation to bridge the digital divides (23 September 10am - 1pm)
  - The Future Starts Now: enhancing the global system for current and future generations (23 September 3pm - 6pm)
- A closing segment featuring a statement by the President of the General Assembly. The Summit of the Future programme can be found [here](#).

### Outcome Documents



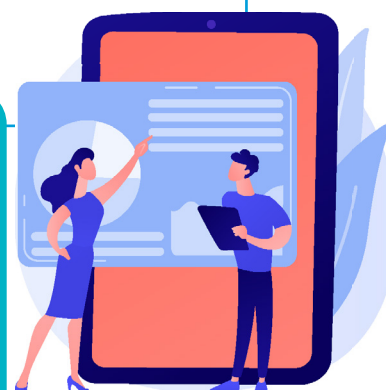
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# What's next for the Caribbean?



## The pact for the future

The adoption of the Pact for the Future and its annexes is an endorsement by Member States of the participatory, effective multilateralism that can meet contemporary global challenges and deliver on development commitments. This affirmation by the global community is imperative for forging a path towards Caribbean development aspirations. As stakeholders and implementation partners in the regional development process, Caribbean civil society and youth are invited to consider:

- How should this renewed commitment by the international community be activated?
- How can the outcomes of the Summit support Caribbean development work?

## UNIC Caribbean

### 13 September

Launch of Frequently Discussed Queries information resource to support civil society and youth research and advocacy about the Summit

### 24 October

Post-Summit webinar for Caribbean civil society to register their reactions to the Summit outcomes and discuss the role of civil society and youth in the implementation. The webinar will engage both civil society representatives and UN officials to consider the following:

- What UN mechanisms are available to support civil society and youth's participation in the implementation of the Pact for the Future?
- How can the Five Priority Areas support/connect to civil society work programmes?
- What are the UN's strategies to include the Caribbean civil society and youth "voice" in the processes it leads?

Email [unic-caribbean.org](mailto:unic-caribbean.org) to register by 30 September 2024

## United Nations in the Caribbean

UN Resident Coordinators Offices for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and for Jamaica have established Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) that facilitate sustained, intentional youth involvement and contribution to the UN's development initiatives in the region.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has institutionalized the participation and contribution of civil society in Latin America and the Caribbean through the establishment of a Civil Society Participation Mechanism. <https://www.cepal.org/en/speeches/key-achieving-sdgs-rights-holders-meaningful-engagement-and-strengthening-regional>



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