



Future Generations Global Ambassadors

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In partnership with [Foundations for Tomorrow](#), in 2022, the [Future Generations Commissioner for Wales](#) convened a [group of individuals, identified as Future Generations Ambassadors](#), to represent the aspirations, concerns, and creative solutions of their generation in support of an ambitious [Summit of the Future](#).

This collaborative endeavour acknowledges the reality that the decisions and policies of today are shaping the world of tomorrow, and hence, while young people and future generations are distinct groups, young people offer the closest proxy to the voice of future generations due to their overlapping interests in the future.

Given the Ambassadors' emphasis on promoting the needs of future generations, this submission is dedicated to informing the chapter on youth and future generations.

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The future is unpredictable and will look distinctly different for each individual, country, and generation. Not only this, but future peoples' intentions, aspirations, hopes and fears are similarly beyond our grasp. Herein lies the complexity of designing for our future, a reality that, requires the United Nations system to embrace approaches that foster anticipation, adaptation and sustainability, including by investing in participatory foresight and future-focused planning that allow for flexibility and adaptability.

There is a long history at the United Nations of acknowledging the importance of future generations, which dates back to the Charter of the United Nations and has a unique history and a mandate to promote global, long-term governance, and this focus can help to anchor long-term thinking as a guiding principle for policy choices, programming and at all United Nations system entities so they can move forward in a context of multiple crises and heightened risks.

We encourage the use of the following as key resources:

- The Publication of the [Policy Brief](#) on Future Generations by the UN Secretary-General as a useful output in communicating the need and solutions for protecting the interests of those not yet born.
- The work done by the UN High-Level Committee on Programmes which recently published the [UN Common Principles for Future Generations](#). This is a useful resource for Member States in identifying the practical steps they can take. They also offer useful insight into the framing of the Declaration for Future Generations.

Actions required:



Suggested Text: Member States commit to establishing and promoting meaningful intergenerational dialogues by including young people in their national delegations through the expansion of the UN Youth Delegates programme and appointing a youth representative to the UN Security Council, as well as to UN processes beyond New York.

Suggested Text: Member States commit to establishing an Intergenerational Commission to identify steps to strengthen input received from civil society, academia, private sector, indigenous communities, people with disabilities, women, youth and children into the multilateral system.

3. Publish a Future Trends Report: Looking to Member States for global examples, Wales pub (es)--2 (l)-2restL3.1999 D(e)4 (xpa)e6 (n)-TT1le 999 9TT1ar-TT1-11 .



negotiations, to be completed as soon as possible during the seventy ninth session, with the aim of establishing the mandate, modalities, functions, size, composition, membership, working methods and procedures of the proposed body.

Suggested Text: Pursuant to the commitment of Member States to future generations and further strengthen the United Nations work on strategic foresight, Member States resolve to create an intergovernmental body on Future Generations.

The proposed body will be responsible for ensuring and monitoring the use of strategic foresight across the United Nations system, reviewing and appraising progress achieved.



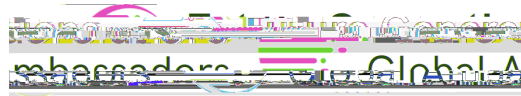
5. Encourage relevant stakeholders to support the realization and full enjoyment by all young people of all human rights including through the identification and sharing of challenges, best practices and lessons learned;
6. Support the EOSG, especially the Deputy Secretary-General's efforts in UN system support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Reduction, with special focus on future generations issues.
7. Support the United Nations Secretary-General in mobilizing the commitments to advance UN system initiatives for future generations, such as the implementation of the UN Declaration for Future Generations and the outcomes of the Summit for the Future.
8. Support Member States to take greater account of the long-term impact of the things that it does, and support increasing foresight and futures capacity.
9. Report on findings, assessments and progress to the General Assembly
10. Convene and resource the UN Future Generations Intergovernmental Forum.
11. To produce a UN Future Generations Report every 5 years.
12. Drive the rising of standards on reporting on SDG progress.

It is imperative that there is close collaboration between the United Nations Youth Office and the proposed UN Special Envoy for Future Generations.

9. The Future Pack: Every UN Summit and High-Level meeting should be accompanied by a **FP** - a resource that will enable a richer discussion on policy themes, produced by the UN. This will enable discussions to be framed with long-term thinking and future generations in mind.

Suggested Text: Member States request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to produce a **FP**, to accompany decision-making documents across the work of the UN General Assembly, Security Council, and Economic and Social Council, as well as their subsidiary bodies, to include key future trends, data, science and stories.

10. Institutionalize intergenerational fairness across the multilateral system and within Member States: These could include a) producing a global future generations progress matrix allowing Member States to track their progress implementation of future generations mechanisms. See Wales' Maturity Matrix, [here](#). b) producing Integrated Impact Assessments alongside UN Resolutions on how decisions will meet current and future generation's needs. Further inspiration can be found [here](#).



Suggested Text: Member States commit to present their national plans to institutionalize intergenerational fairness, drawing on established good practice, at the UN General Assembly.

Thank you for your consideration