



UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

CONCEPT PAPER

Intergenerational Summit to Incentivise Global Participation in the UN Summit of the Future

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What is an Intergenerational Global Summit? It is a meeting of people aged 18 to 80+ that is co-planned, co-moderated and co-created by old and young individuals. Each planning meeting involves an equal number of youth and elders; each panel has an equal number of youth and elder speakers; all press conferences and interviews are addressed by an equal number of youth elders and youth. Greycells, a group of former UN civil servants, launched their 1st [Intergenerational Dialogue](#) in 2018 to mark their 10th Anniversary. It was so successful, they have held one every year since with the support of the Kofi Annan Foundation. Peace Child International's mission is to empower young people. For 40+ years, its young people have made significant contributions to UN summits, starting at the International Year of Peace in 1986, when it brought the first Soviet youth and rock stars to the UN Headquarters in New York on a US-Soviet Youth Cultural exchange. It also created [Rescue Mission : Planet Earth](#) – the children's edition of Agenda 21 which sold over 500,000 copies in 23 languages. Led by these two organisations, this Intergenerational Summit will bring together a host of youth and mainstream organisations to deliver the powerful solutions that, in our experience, inevitably result when the wisdom and experience of elders is combined with the energy and innovation of youth.

What is the UN Summit of the Future? In [Resolution A/RES/76/307](#) adopted by the UN General Assembly on 8th September 2022, UN Member States agreed that the Summit of the Future will be held on 22 and 23 September 2024, in New York, preceded by a preparatory ministerial meeting to be held on 18 September 2023. Its theme will be: “*multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow.*” It will adopt a “***Pact for the Future***” that “reinvigorates multilateralism, boosts implementation of existing commitments, agrees concrete solutions to challenges and works to restore trust among UN Member States.”

Expected Outcomes: *By incentivising people and organisations of all ages, via universities, schools and community groups to invest time, thought and resources to developing recommendations to the UN Summit of the Future, we anticipate the following outcomes to be generated by this Global Summit in Geneva:*

- Increased awareness of the centrality of the UN in solving the global challenges faced by future generations;
- Greater media and public attention paid to the UN Summit of the Future;
- Greater attention paid by governments to ideas and resolutions presented by youth and Civil Society;
- A coherent Agenda for Action that individuals / civil society can follow whatever UN Member states decide;
- A variety of culturally-effective ways to infrastructuralise Intergenerational Dialogue throughout the world;

Expected Outputs: *The fact of holding the Summit will incentivise the following concrete outputs:*

- Thousands of individuals and communities aware of, and engaged in, the UN Summit of the Future;
- Ambitious yet practical recommendations proposed to the People's Pact for the Future.
- A global network of Summit Monitors and Media representatives committed to tracking the progress of the UN Summit of the Future, and communicating its outcomes to a wider public;
- A cohesive, connected and committed network of individuals, schools, universities, communities committed to the principles and practice of intergenerational dialogue as a way to solve local and global problems;

Rationale: Peace Child & Greycells' goal is to get tens of thousands of schools, universities and Communities around the world discussing and brainstorming ideas about the Future we all want, and what kind of UN we need to create it. Like the UN75 Global Conversation, it will generate debate and reflection, but this time, it will be bigger and more focused as we have the Summit of the Future to which to contribute. The Geneva Summit rationale is to be the peak of a Pyramid of activity that cascades down through Continental, National, provincial, town and village meetings in Town Halls, Schools & Universities. Each will inspire grassroots individuals and organisations to get engaged in discussions about the best, most viable, most ambitious policy ideas for the People's Pact for the Future. Those whose policies or action plans win popular local support will be funded to attend the next step up the Pyramid. The most popular will be supported to bring their ideas and present them to the top of the Pyramid: the Geneva Summit. In this way, the Geneva Summit will become the incentive for thousands – millions – of people, young and old, to contribute to the Summit of the Future.

The Summit of the Future: 3 x Main Components proposed for the Pact for the Future:

- [Declaration for Future Generations](#): "... not compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."
- [Digital Compact](#): delivering free digital connectivity protected by a global Code of Conduct that outlaws fake news;
- [New Agenda for Peace](#): proposing 6 x goals to deliver a UN that can save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

Geneva Summit Agenda: all sessions will feature equal numbers of youth & elder speakers & moderators

Day ONE:

- Morning – Welcome Plenary; Regional Round Tables
- Afternoon – Small Group Regional Discussions & Drafting sessions
- Evening – Performance / Entertainment (perhaps the Peace Child Forum Theatre musical)

Day TWO:

- Morning – Thematic Round Tables: agree priority recommendations;
- Afternoon – Small Group Thematic Discussions & Drafting sessions
- Evening – FREE – rehearsal / planning of talent show & party;

Day THREE:

- Morning – Closing Plenary: see where consensus lies on Priority Recommendations; Closing Speeches;
- Afternoon – FREE – Geneva sight-seeing and shopping;
- Evening – Final Night Party and Talent Show;

Schedule of Work:

2023:

- Quarter 1:– Get C4UN approval; Start Fund-raising; recruit partners; Launch Concept at GFF in March in NYC;
- Quarter 2:– Appoint GVA & Regional staff; start promotion of school, university & Community Meetings;
- Quarter 3:– Attend SoTF Ministerial & SDG Summit; revise Outreach materials in light of Ministerial decisions;
- Quarter 4:– Promote a global schedule of school, university & Community Meetings: all results captured on a central website;

2024:

- Quarter 1:– Finalise GVA Summit Schedule; present it at GFF2 in NYC; Final school, university & Community Meetings;
- Quarter 2:– Regional Meetings to make final selection of delegates to GVA Summit; get visas; HOLD SUMMIT;
- Quarter 3:– Follow-up lobbying of UN Member State Drafting Committee; multi-media promotion of results; public events;

Budget to implement the Schedule of Work:

	US-\$	€	CHF	£
Staff Costs:				
• GVA Coordination Office Staff Salaries x 7 @ Ave. \$10K a quarter –	490,000			
• Regional Coordination Offices x 6; 3 x Staff Salaries in each –	630,000			
• Staff Rent & Office expenses + Travel & Accom. expenses –	315,000			
Travel & Accommodation:				
• 250 x Delegate Travel Scholarships @ Ave. \$1000 each –	250,000			
• Hotel / Bed & Breakfast for 4 x nts x 500 x Delegates @\$100 a night –	200,000			
• Meals / Domestic transfers / special events & receptions –	150,000			
Professional & Facilities Costs:				
• Hire of Rooms for Meetings & special Summit Events – <i>allow</i> –	100,000			
• Professional Facilitator, Press / PR & Consultant Fees – <i>allow</i> –	150,000			
• Special Guests + entourage travel & accom. expenses – <i>allow</i> –	250,000			
Technical, Web & Video Recording:				
• Creation & Maintenance of Summit Website –	100,000			
• Video Recording & Streaming of Summit Events –	75,000			
TOTALS	2,710,000	2,498,620	2,488,626	2,189,990

Partners to be invited:

C4UN; Stimson Center; All the partners registered for the Global Futures Forum; World Future Council; FOGGS; Youth Fusion / Abolition 2000; PNND; CEEW; WorldSPEED; Client Earth; Solutions Network; Stakeholder Forum; Global Citizen; Green Cross; UNESCO – Associated Schools Network; Our Shared World + hundreds more;