

The Future We Want, The UN We Need: UN75 People's Forum - Concept Note

Coordinated by UN2020¹ and Together First², the UN75 People's Forum will bring together civil society and other stakeholders to adopt a declaration on the occasion of the UN's 75th anniversary. The declaration will reflect their commitment to the principles expressed in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to the objectives set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which draws on several seminal declarations, treaties and programmes of work adopted in previous years.

Ahead of the Forum, stakeholders will engage in an inclusive process to examine global risks and trends, develop a global plan of action to address them, and promote partnerships for climate action, peace and security, human rights, democracy, sustainable development and disarmament. The unifying theme will be advancing people-centered multilateralism, and the focus will be both on addressing global risks as well as revitalizing the United Nations. These discussions will be part of the UN75 global dialogues.

The output will be a People's Declaration to be presented to the President of the 74th UN General Assembly one day prior to the President's High Level Session on the International Day of Multilateralism with Member States in the United Nations on April 24, 2020. This would build on the precedent set by the previous PGA, who accepted the UN civil society conference document in 2019. It would also send a powerful message about stakeholder engagement and support the PGA's priorities on youth, women and inclusion.

Key information

- **Working title of event:** UN75 People's Forum
- **Outcome:** UN75 Forum Declaration & People's Plan for Global Action
- **Objectives:** (1) Promote UN values, norms and principles embodied in the UN Charter, UDHR, SDGs and Building Cultures of Peace through Global Citizenship Education. (2) Address global risks, develop global plan of action and promote partnerships for peace, sustainable development, human rights, democracy, climate action and disarmament. (3) Advance people-centered multilateralism by developing proposals to revitalize the United Nations on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary in 2020.
- **Venue:** Conference Room 1, 2, 3 or ECOSOC/Trusteeship Chamber - sponsored by Member State
- **Date:** 23 April 2020
- **Target Audiences:** NGOs, Civil Society, Schools & Universities, Private Sector
- **Potential Co-Sponsors:** Governments, UN Agencies, Civil Society, Corporates
- **Comms:** UN Web TV broadcast, UN2020 livestreaming & social media

Draft scenario

- **Opening:** Introduction by PGA (or Special Adviser on UN75 if PGA unavailable), and CSO, Youth and Business leaders
- **Morning Session 1:** Presentation of UN75 Forum Declaration & Global Plan of Action followed by panel discussion featuring outcomes of regional and national UN75 Dialogues with diverse constituencies from around the world.
- **Afternoon Session 2:** UN75 Civil Society Dialogue with Secretary-General or Special Adviser on UN75
- **Closing:** Handover of UN75 Forum Declaration and Plan for Global Action to the PGA by intergenerational civil society delegation - nb PGA's participation will be tailored to his availability
- **Evening Reception**

Following the event on 23 April, there would be a second day of activities where stakeholders discuss advocacy strategies to: promote UN75 Forum Declaration to ensure the adoption of a robust political declaration at UN75 Summit; promote synergies between ongoing national, regional and global dialogues, town halls, conferences and events to feed into key UN events and UN75 commemorations; and discuss promotion of UN75 declaration & global action plan and development of multi-stakeholder partnerships & reform proposals beyond 2020.

¹ The UN2020 initiative is dedicated to using the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020 as an opportunity to take stock and strengthen the UN system in partnership with civil society, governments, and the UN in support of a people-centered multilateralism. It is supported by over 250 civil society organisations and coalitions in all regions.

² Together First is committed to making the best ideas for global governance a reality. We believe that by making the conversation on global governance accessible and inclusive, we will help create a more democratic, transparent and accountable system - one that is, ultimately, more effective too. It is a growing moment of over 700 organisations, drawn from civil society, business and academia.