

SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE TEMPLATE

Event title

The UN We Need - Regional Messages from the Global Futures Forum 2023

Background and Rationale

The Summit of the Future (SOTF, September 2024), is a critical milestone for renewing multilateralism and enabling the UN and its member states to deliver on the 2030 Agenda in times of multiple crises. The side event aims at bringing together UNECE Region stakeholders, including governments as well as think tanks, activist groups, youth associations and more, to reflect on the outcomes of the first civil society Global Futures Forum to have been held in New York a few days earlier (20-21 March 2023). Following presentation of the GFF outcomes by members of the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN), the discussion will focus on contributions from a regional perspective to the eventual "People's Pact for the Future" under preparation by C4UN, as global civil society's contribution to the SOTF outcome expected to be called "Pact for the Future". The side event will be focused on potential partnerships (SDG17) between governments, intergovernmental bodies and civil society to achieve the whole set of SDGs.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

The side event aims at informing UNECE Region governments and civil society stakeholders about key UN reform proposals emerging from the civil society consultations coordinated by the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN) and aiming at a "People's Pact for the Future", as a major global civil society input to the Summit of the Future (SOTF) outcome ("Pact for the Future") due in 2024. In the meantime, the side event hopes to inform the intergovernmental consultations at the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and to influence the negotiations on the outcomes of the SDG Summit and the SOTF Ministerial, in September 2023, before the actual SOTF in 2024.

Organizers

Lead organizers: Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS) on behalf of the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN)

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Agenda and Structure

- ♣ Welcoming remarks by the event Co-hosts
- ♣ Reporting back from the Global Futures Forum 2023 (20-21 March 2023)
- ♣ Structured discussion of emerging key proposals by civil society for the Summit of the Future – the UNECE Region perspective in the following areas:
 - o Global Economic & Financial Architecture*
 - o Human Rights & Participation*
 - o Development*
 - o Global Digital Compact*
 - o Environmental Governance*
 - o Peace & Security*
 - o UN & Global Governance Innovation*
- ♣ Wrap up by the event Co-hosts

List of Panellists

Co-hosts:

Alejandro Bonilla Garcia, President, Greycells

Nelya Rakhimova, Sustainable Development Specialist, ECE-RCEM (tbc)

Other speakers to be announced closer to the date of the event

Sign-up / Registration Link

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdOmrpzkrEtxtvSFyog5Kgraeg2wDe-NK>