



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

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Coordinated by UN2020¹ and Together First², the UN75 People's Forum for the UN We Need will bring together civil society and other stakeholders online 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.

Covid-19 is a stark reminder of the need for stronger cooperation across borders, sectors and generations. Ahead of the Forum, stakeholders will have engaged 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 and Plan for Global Action to be presented online to the President of the 74th UN General Assembly on May 14, 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.

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. UN2020 is supported by a coordination group of civil society representatives from The Stimson Center, The Workable World Trust, the World Federalist Movement - Canada, UNA-UK, CIVICUS, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (New York), Soroptimist International, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Baha'i International Community, and International Alliance of Women. 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.

Program Outline

- **Title of event:** UN75 People's Forum for the UN We Need
- **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.
- **Virtual Platform:** Zoom, interpretation & closed captioning available
- **Date:** 14 and 15 May 2020
- **Target Audiences:** NGOs, Civil Society, Schools & Universities, Private Sector, Member States
- **Comms:** UN2020 live-streaming & social media