

COMMUNITY INFORMATION BRIEF

The 2024 UN Civil Society Conference:

“Shaping a Future of Global and Sustainable Progress”

09-10 May 2024 - Nairobi, Kenya



Why and How Should I Engage?

The 2024 United Nations (UN) Civil Society Conference (09-10 of May 2024 – Nairobi, Kenya) is a premier event on the civil society calendar at the UN, ahead of the September 2024 Summit of the Future.

To learn more about the Summit of the Future, download the [ITPC Community Info brief](#).

The conference will result in an **IMPACT for the Future Outcome Package** that will articulate the three objectives of a conference that wants to be inclusive, impactful and innovative.

For more information, visit the [2024 UN Civil Society Conference website](#).

1. What is the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference and How Does it Support of the Summit of the Future?

The Conference offers civil society organizations an opportunity to put a global perspective on specific issues. It brings together UN System officials, NGOs, academia, think tanks, Member States, media, private sector, change makers and leaders from diverse groups to discuss issues of global concern. It is framed as a civil-society convened, multistakeholder conference, that is expected to host 1500 to 3000 participants who will increase awareness, ambition and accountability for the Summit of the Future, build multi-stakeholder ImpACT Coalitions to champion, act on and push forward big-ticket reforms proposed in consensus language of the Pact for the Future, and to innovate the way civil society and other stakeholders interact with intergovernmental processes. This international forum will provide preliminary discussions and data ahead of the Summit of the Future in September 2024 at the UN Headquarters in New York. [Read more...](#)

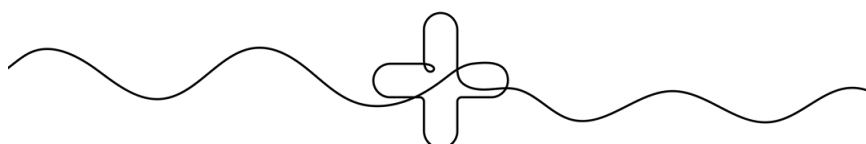
2. How will these “ImpACT Coalitions” be formed and what will they do?

One key outcome of the Civil Society Conference will be the **formation of a number of new (and existing) groups** which can take various global governance reform proposals forward. The ImpACT Coalitions can either be coalitions that already exist and would like to use the UN Civil Society Conference as an opportunity to expand their reach, or the conference itself (and the lead-up to it) may be the catalyst for the co-creation of the Coalition. Additionally, the **UN Civil Society Conference will bring together many organizations with shared aspirations who can co-create new coalitions**. Regardless of how the ImpACT coalitions are formed, they will all need to meet the same [criteria](#) to be considered an ImpACT Coalition. The co-creation of ImpACT Coalitions can take place before, at and/or after the Conference.

For more information, click [here](#).

What You Can Do:

- Have a look at the [Impact Coalition Program](#) during the UN Civil society Conference
- Join existing coalitions, or decide de create a new one if there is a key gap important to fill ([here](#))
- After the conference: continue to work across the ImpACT coalitions to raise the ambition and accountability of the Pact for the Future; inform the Pact negotiations with inclusive perspectives; feed into what the UN's Summit of the Future moment beyond just its negotiated outcome; and follow through the commitments of the ImpACT coalitions to implement reforms



If you are interested in joining a new ImPACT Coalition on Inclusive Global Health, initiated by StopAIDs, Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN), Global Network of people Living with HIV, GNP+ , Frontline AIDS, WACI Health, Kelin, and ITPC please send a message to: Courtenay Howe at courtenay@stopaids.org.uk and Nadia Rafif at nrafif@itpcglobal.org

3. What are Some Expected Conference Learning Opportunities and Action Planning Ideas?

Conference participants will gain insight from expert speakers, networking opportunities, thematic workshops, and exhibits relevant to their work and expected contribution to global frameworks, solutions, and summits. In addition, participants will benefit from learning opportunities focusing on sharing position papers, action planning techniques, and policy recommendations that feed into specific projects and initiatives relevant to the Summit of the Future.

The plenary sessions of the conference will be conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation into the French language. Every morning will be organized “stakeholders caucus”: open space to convene members states and UN entities and others to discuss (free space, with room available to book). During the Interactive Dialogue, there is an opportunity to make short interventions (3 minutes) from the floor.

If you want to know more:

- [The Participant's Handbook](#) - A comprehensive guide to attending the conference.
- [Two-Day Draft Programme](#) - The schedule of events
- [Civil Society Workshops](#) - Workshops organized by civil society organizations on day 1 (virtual links included)
- [Exhibits](#) - List of 49 civil society and UN exhibits
- [Impact Coalitions Programme](#) - Day 2 draft programme for two sessions (virtual links included)

What You Can Do:

- Listen to the final [2024 UN CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE TOWN HALL](#) which gives updates on the planning and preparation process.
- Register to the Conference newsletter to receive daily updates, subscribe to receive [DGC digital Newsletters](#).
- Have a look at the UN Civil Society Conference Programme and [daily schedule...](#) and see what you can attend (in person and virtually).
- Map out the sessions that you want to attend (in-person and virtually). Be sure to pre-register for each event, if needed.
- Watch it Live! The United Nations has a dedicated streaming channel ([UN Web TV](#)).
- Prepare in advance key points for a short intervention for the afternoon Interactive session.
- Narrow in on 3-5 key objectives that you personally want to accomplish while at the UN conference. This will allow you to be more focused regardless of packed UN agendas and congested hallways.
- Plan your “socials” in advance. Similar to the tip above, have a clear outline of the key messages you really want to push!
- Communicate around your key points and tag your allies, as well as the UNDGC social accounts: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)
- Follow up right after the Conference with your in-country partners, Country missions in NYC and members States who will negotiate the Pact of the Future in NYC in September. Find out who the focal point is and request meetings to help inform their internal preparations leading into each intergovernmental negotiation session before the SOTF.
- Ensure that your recommendations are included in the Conference ImPACT for the Future Outcome Package (see below)
- Give public comments on the second draft of the Pact, scheduled to be released Mid-May.





If you were unable to attend the virtual workshop organized by the Inclusive Global Health Institutions Project (co-hosted by [WACI Health](#), [Global Fund Advocates Network \(GFAN\)](#), [Global Network of People Living with HIV \(GNP+\)](#), and [STOPAIDS](#)), [Global Public Investment Network](#), [ITPC](#), [KELIN](#) & [Restless Development](#) that took place on Tuesday 7 May, ahead of the [UN CSO Conference](#) in Nairobi titled “**Transforming global governance: Where is civil society?**” follow [@itpcglobal](#) and [@STOPAIDS](#) on social media for updates.

4. How will the Conference ImPACT for the Future Outcome Package be Disseminated and Feed into the September 2024 Summit of the Future (SOTF)?

The key outcome of the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference will be called “ImPACT for the Future.” The following will be produced:

- a. A hub for “ImPACT Coalitions,” which will be civil society-generated, diverse stakeholder-constituted coalitions which agree to work towards advancing certain key reform initiatives leading up to and beyond the Summit of the Future.
- b. A Co-Chair’s Summary as a record and summary of the Conference itself.

The Conference ImPACT for the Future Outcome Package will serve as a conduit for disseminating the insights and initiatives of civil society. The Conference Outcome Package should reach key stakeholders, including the Summit of the Future Co-Facilitators, the UN Office of the President of the General Assembly, and UN member states. *Find out more:* <https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/our-common-agenda-summit-of-the-future-what-would-it-deliver.pdf>

ITPC has just release a White Paper titled:

From the Ground Up: How Community Action Redefines Global Crisis Management - Key considerations ahead of the 2024 UN Summit of the Future - ITPC May 2024.

Download it [here](#)

The paper argues that the package of community leadership, community data, equal and meaningful community engagement, and community-led action are sophisticated, cost-effective instruments that drive transformative change, better system outcomes, greater efficiencies, social accountability, and ultimately, more prepared, just and resilient societies.



List of Helpful Socials, Hashtags and Websites

Communicating via social media has become one of the most powerful ways to influence public opinion, raise public awareness, and to engage your political leaders who have the power to increase funding and resources for community-driven priorities. **Use your power and make your voice heard during this UN Civil Society Conference, and until the Summit of the Future.**

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Example Hashtags:

#SummitOfTheFuture
#ourcommunfuture
#UNGA
#SDGs
#LeadTheChange
#HealthForAll
#UniversalHealthCoverage
#UN
#GlobalGoals
#UNDGC
#United Nations DESA Division for
Inclusive Social Development



Social Media Assets:

Here you will find written responses to the initial Zero Draft from partners and allies:

[The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria](#)

[STOPAIDS](#)

[Global Policy Forum](#)

[Civicus](#)

[Human Rights Watch](#)

[NCD Alliance](#)

[Climate Governance Commission](#)

[UHC2030](#)

You are encouraged to follow key partners social media accounts:

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[Global Public Investment Network](#)

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[Restless Development](#)

[Frontlines AIDS](#)

[UHC2030](#)

[Global Fund](#) and many others.

Tag UNDGC social accounts

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