



## Partnership for Future Generations in Africa

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### Chapeau

As we head towards negotiating the Pact for the Future, we, on behalf of ourselves and coming generations, would like the Pact to herald a new era in global governance where prosperity and poverty are not contingent upon where one lives. As you all know, Africa has been wronged in various ways while the Global North immensely benefited from its own wrongs for centuries. The Pact for the Future provides an opportunity to course correct by putting the well-being of the people in the Global South at the heart of global policy agenda. This is the only way the Pact can have a meaningful impact in future majority countries. Otherwise, the Summit of the Future would have been a wasted opportunity by giving future generations a Pact for Despondency.

### Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Twice in our lifetime, the UN has come up with both the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. However, these noble goals did not materialize into concrete progress, especially in Africa. We therefore call for a region by region approach to development, with targeted goals peculiar to the contexts and challenges of each region of the globe. As such, we recommend the UN partner and work in collaboration with the African Union to achieve the goals of Agenda 2063. Also, since the African Free Continental Trade Area provides an opportunity to increase intra-African trade, to boost local production and to eradicate poverty on the continent, we recommend that any global sustainable development and financing mechanism align with these core development agendas on the continent. It is our belief that Africa has a development deficit, and galvanizing action to fix this would be a win for all future holders. Africa does not need aid, we need working institutional and regulatory frameworks, in addition to sincere partnership, for an harmonious, human and nature-centric development to take place on the continent, resulting in sustainable ripple effect across the globe. Sustainable development and financing for development, this time, must create beneficial path-dependencies for the current and future generations, animals and other species, and the environment.

### Chapter II. International peace and security



the tokenistic existence of various youth councils or institutions housed in governments across the globe, we call for, this time, the actual existence of Youth and Future Generations Councils to work in collaboration of the UN Special Envoy for Future Generations to promote long-term policies in the best interests of youth and future generations at both national, regional and international level. Since countries in low and middle income countries are host to future people by the year 2100, we call for targeted policy interventions in future majority countries in order to safeguard their stake in the future. This involves robust investment in education, foresight and future studies, health and care societies, youth leadership and long-term governance.

#### Chapter V. Transforming global governance

Transforming global governance entails addressing the followings: entrenched spheres of influence, minting debts for private gains, widening gap between the rich and the poor, overexploitation of nature, global warming, growing distrust between UN agencies and national governments, institutional calcification, intragenerational injustice and intergenerational buck-passing, and risks from emerging technologies. A revamped global governance system requires the dissolution of the UN Security Council while r