



# **The Summit of the Future: Its Importance to Zonta and Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals**

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# UN Commission on the Status of Women

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The main UN policy-making body dedicated to gender equality and women's rights.

Held in March every year.





# NGO/CSW Parallel Events

The NGO CSW Forum is organized by and for global civil society, non-governmental organizations, and feminists to connect them with the official UN CSW process.

With over 750 events, the NGO CSW Forum informs, engages, and inspires grassroots efforts and gender equality advocacy around the world.



# Women's Rights are Human Rights.

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## Beijing Platform for Action

- Global agenda for achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls.
- 12 critical areas of concern.





# Sustainable Development Goals

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- A universal call to action adopted in 2015.
- There are 17 SDGs addressing a wide range of global challenges, including poverty, hunger, inequality, climate change, and peace and justice.
- To be achieved by 2030.



# Summit of the Future



- Only 16% of the SDGs are globally on track to be achieved by 2030.
- Summit of the Future held in September 2024.
- Key objectives:
  - Accelerate progress toward achieving SDGs.
  - Tackle emerging global challenges.
  - Reaffirm foundational principles of UN Charter.

# Action Days

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- Open to everyone.
- Youth lead event.
- Three themes:
  - Digital and technology.
  - Peace and security.
  - Sustainable development and financing.



# Outcome of the Summit



- *Pact for the Future.*
  - Core agreement pledging concrete actions.
  - Encompasses SDG themes.
- *Global Digital Compact.*
  - Calls for digital environment that promotes human rights.
  - Addresses digital divide.
  - Ensures responsible development and use of digital technologies.
- *Declaration on Future Generations.*
  - Recognizes importance of protecting future generations.
  - Drafted with input from youth representatives.



# How to be More Effective

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- Identify specific actions.
- Focus on measurable outcomes and accountability.
- Engage in targeted advocacy.
  - Identify who you want to influence.
  - Know your audience.

- Advocate for specific commitments.
- Partner with others – partnership is power.
- Emphasize youth and future generations.





# Creating our Pact for the Future

- Credible and visible voice.
- Ending gender-based violence.
- Climate justice.
- Engagement of audiences and allies.

