



Global Pact Coalition

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As we reached the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Global Pact Coalition believes that the Summit and Pact cannot talk about the future without acknowledging that a healthy environment, including a stable climate, is foundational to human well-being and sustainable development for present and future generations.

The Global Pact Coalition's priority for the Pact for the Future is the inclusion of a specific reference to the need to respect, protect and realize the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as recognized by the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council in 2021 and the UN General Assembly in resolution 76/300 of July 2022.

The interconnectedness of social justice, climate justice, and environmental justice is unmistakable. Fundamental human rights, such as the right to health, are intricately intertwined with the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. The compounding challenges presented by the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution significantly amplify existing inequalities. This cannot be resolved without engaging the agency of civil society, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth and making sure that their needs are at the center of policies, laws, and decision-making.

Chapeau

Global Pact Coalition's suggestions for concrete, and action-oriented language for the Chapeau:

1. "We commit to substantially increase efforts to effectively address the adverse impacts of the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution."
2. "We commit to protect the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as recognized by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/300."
3. "We commit to transition to just and sustainable patterns of production and consumption and sustainable food systems that meet people's needs while remaining within planetary boundaries."

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

Global Pact Coalition's suggestions for concrete, and action-oriented language for Chapter IV:

1. "We emphasize that children and youth are not only a major focus of the Pact, but also are afforded meaningful engagement and access to decision-making processes."
2. "We commit to think and act in the interests of Future Generations, including through the elaboration of a Declaration on Future Generations and the installation of a Special Envoy for Future Generations."
3. "We reaffirm that children have a right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as found by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in the General Comment No. 26 on Children's rights and the environment with special focus on climate change."
4. "We recognize that the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is one held by present and future generations."

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

Global Pact Coalition's suggestions for concrete, and action-oriented language for Chapter V:

1. "We reaffirm our commitment to effectively address the triple planetary crises of biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution."
2. "We commit to promote, protect and fulfill the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as recognized by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/300".