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**High-level panel 3: Priorities of young people
regarding the Summit of the Future and the reinforcement
of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063**

Information and guidelines for high-level panel 3

I. Date, time and venue

1. The high-level panel on the priorities of young people regarding the Summit of the Future and the reinforcement of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 will be held on Tuesday, 23 April 2024, from 4.30 to 6 p.m., in the Banquet Hall of the United Nations Conference Centre.

II. Background and introduction

2. This high-level panel is focused on youth and future generations, a topic chosen in the light of the importance that will be attached to it in the outcome document of the Summit for the Future, to be entitled “A Pact for the Future”.¹ The panel will provide an opportunity to mobilize the participation of African young people in the Summit, while at the same time seeking their views and delving into their priorities for what should be considered at the Summit.

III. Objectives

3. The objectives of this panel are:

(a) To advocate and mobilize wider and effective engagement in the Summit of the Future by African young people;

(b) To solicit the views of African young people with a view to assisting them in setting priorities for deliberations during the lead-up to and at the Summit, and for the outcome document “A Pact for the Future”.

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¹ See A/77/49 (Vol. III), decision 77/568.



IV. Guidelines

4. The Chair will outline the aforementioned objectives of the panel and introduce the moderator and panel members listed in section V.
5. The Chair will then yield to the moderator, who will guide the discussion among the panellists and other participants.
6. The moderator will:
 - (a) Invite the panellists, in groups of two or three as indicated in paragraph 8, to speak for no longer than three minutes each in response either to one or more of the questions listed in paragraph 7 or to questions from the floor;
 - (b) Following the statements from each group of panellists, foster a dialogue with members of the audience by inviting questions and comments from the floor on the topics that were raised;
 - (c) At the end of the dialogue, invite the Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Guy Ryder, to share reflections on the main messages arising from the dialogue on the priorities of young people regarding the Summit of the Future and the reinforcement of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.
 - (d) Yield to the Chair, who will conclude the discussion.
7. During the discussion, the moderator will invite the panellists to address one or more of the following questions:
 - (a) How can African young people engage with and take advantage of the Summit of the Future to invigorate efforts at all levels to address current and future crises, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and advance sustainable development beyond 2030?
 - (b) What are some of the current issues and challenges in ensuring intergenerational equity and global governance?
 - (c) What are the specific issues of concern to African young people with regard to sustainable development and youth engagement, financing development, and advancing inclusive digital transformation?
 - (d) What are the most salient international peace and security issues and how can we ensure shared and sustainable peace and security in Africa and globally?
 - (e) What should participants in the Summit of the Future highlight as priorities for African young people with regard to the five elements of “A Pact for the Future”,² namely:
 - (i) Sustainable development and financing for development;
 - (ii) International peace and security;
 - (iii) Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation;
 - (iv) Youth and future generations;
 - (v) Transforming global governance.

V. Chair, moderator and panellists

8. The Chair, moderator and panellists will be as follows:
Chair: Chair of the Bureau

² Ibid.

Moderator: Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, Felipe Paullier

Panellists:

Dialogue group 1:

- Former President of Malawi, and member of the Advisory Committee for the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Joyce Banda
- African Union Youth Envoy, Chido Cleopatra Mpemba

Dialogue group 2:

- Administrator, Science and Technology Incubation Hub, Elevate Trust, and Founder, Mentor Me Please, Ropafadzo Sandra Shoko
- Vice-President, Pan African Youth Union, Mutesi Oliver

Dialogue group 3:

- Chief Executive Officer, Wootlab Foundation, Chioma Okoro
- President, National Youth Council, Democratic Republic of the Congo, William Mukambila
- Director, YouLead Africa, Sodfa Daaji

Reflection on main messages:

- Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Guy Ryder
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