

FOGGS Response to Rev.1 of the Pact for the Future – Intended for delivery at the online consultations convened by the SOTF Co-facilitators, 30 May 2024

- Thank you, Ambassadors, for this opportunity to take the floor on behalf of FOGGS – the Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability.
- We were glad to see in the new draft references to “transforming global governance,” and to seeking “ambitious outcomes.” The identification of 52 Actions and structuring the Pact around them is certainly promising.
- We would like to ask you, though, which of these broadly outlined actions will have a concrete, ambitious and transformative outcome for global governance, as sought by you and as required by our times?
- For the Millennium Summit the innovative outcome was the MDGs, for the 2005 World Summit the Human Rights Council and the Peacebuilding Commission; and so on and so forth. For the Summit of the Future what?
- I am afraid this is still missing. And allow me to add it hereby.
- There is a clear need for an intergovernmental body capable of providing a coordinated and strong international response to “complex global shocks”, as per the heading of Action 49.
- Ad hoc emergency platforms with opaque membership, governance and funding is not the way to deal with systemic, multidimensional and interconnected challenges, like climate change, pandemics, food and water insecurity. The failed COVAX Facility showed this beyond doubt in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The new body that we are advocating can be a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly, like the Human Rights Council is. It can be as focused and operational in terms of defending human security / non-military threats, like the UN Security Council is, without vetoes and geostrategic vendettas. Such a Global Resilience Council, or Systemic Crises Response Council – call it as you wish – would be able to address the root causes as well as the effects of complex global shocks, and coordinate the implementation of decisions reached by other UN bodies specializing in the respective challenges, such as UNFCCC for climate change or WHO for pandemics, involving the entire UN system, and other state and non-state actors in a transparent way.
- We urge you to make the Summit of the Future meaningful by having at least one concrete outcome in the form of a Global Resilience Council / Systemic Crises Response Council.
- Thank you.

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