

# Youth Briefing on Our Common Agenda

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**United Nations**  
Office of the Secretary-General's  
Envoy on Youth

**OCA Recommendation:**  
**Transforming Education**

# Transforming Education

- The **Transforming Education Summit** has been among the first deliverables of the Secretary-General's report on Our Common Agenda.
- Given the relevance of this topic to ensuring that societies are better prepared to deal with future challenges, the Secretary-General has requested Special Adviser Leonardo Garnier to lead the preparation of a policy brief on transforming education, to be published around mid-2023.



# Transforming Education

- The Policy Brief will build off the work advanced through the Transforming Education Summit process, including through the six thematic action tracks.
- It will leverage the Secretary-General's Vision Statement on Transforming Education as well as the **Youth Declaration on Transforming Education**.
- The Policy may also include recommendations relating to the multilateral contribution to transforming education.

“We demand decision-makers engage with youth in all our diversity, including elected student representatives, in a meaningful, effective, diverse, & safe manner in the design, implementation, execution, monitoring, & evaluation of the process to transform education”



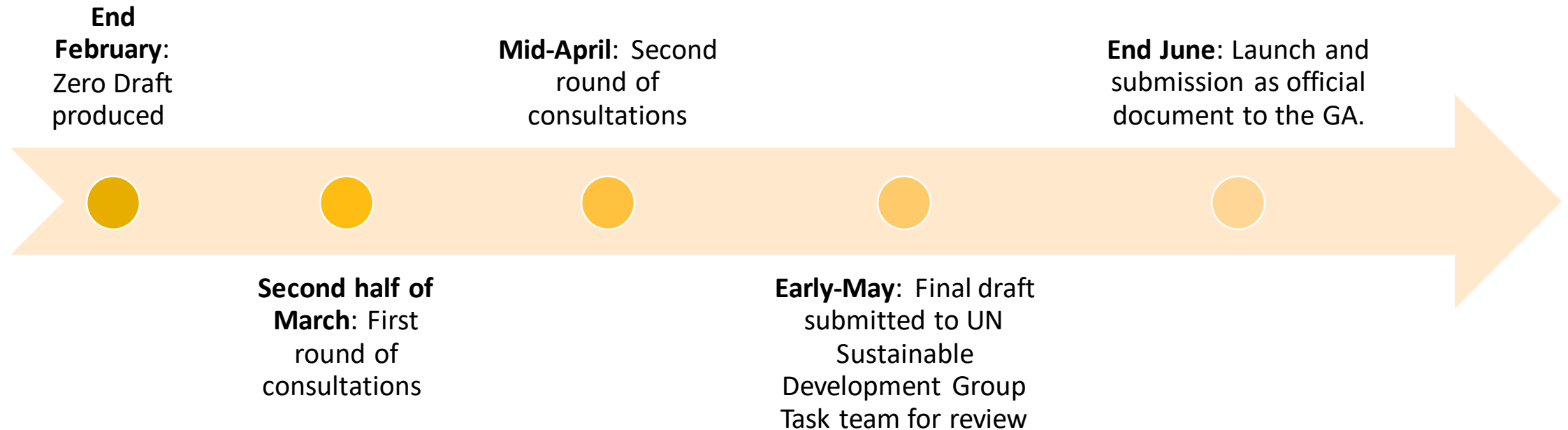
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YOUTH DECLARATION

# Opportunities for Youth to Engage



- Special Adviser Garnier will engage with Youth during the rounds of consultations detailed in the Policy Brief timeline.

# Timeline



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**OCA Recommendation:**  
**Global Digital Compact**



# Global Digital Compact

- The Common Agenda proposes a Global Digital Compact to be agreed at the Summit of the Future in September 2024 through a technology track involving all stakeholders, including youth.
- The Global Digital Compact is expected to “*outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all.*”



# Opportunities for Youth to Engage



- Co-facilitators hosted informal consultations with youth, academia, and CSOs on February 3, 2023: <https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact/intergovernmental-process>
- Follow and engage the deep-dive consultations hosted by co-facilitators (February – June 2023): <https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact/intergovernmental-process>
- Share written recommendations by March 31, 2023: <https://input.un.org/EFM/se/3995D1A472EC4637>
- Share your take on the future of digital technologies by sending “DIGITAL” to the U-Report poll (launched on February 7): <https://ureport.in/join/>

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**OCA Recommendation:**

**Peaceful, Secure, and Sustainable Use of Outer Space**

# Peaceful, Secure and Sustainable Use of Outer Space

- Outer Space is primarily addressed in Our Common Agenda as a means to deliver global public goods and to address major strategic risks.
- The Secretary-General proposed to convene a multistakeholder dialogue on outer space as part of the 2024 Summit of the Future.
- He also called for States to seek high-level political agreement on the peaceful, secure and sustainable use of outer space, including development of a global regime to coordinate space traffic and the elaboration of new instruments to prevent weaponization of outer space.



# Opportunities for Youth to Engage



- Participate in the activities of the [Youth4Disarmament Initiative](#)
- Participate in activities of the [Space4Youth Initiative](#)
- Attend the planned 24 March 2023 (tbc) [youth engagement event](#) on the security aspects of outer space
- Attend and contribute to the work of relevant intergovernmental bodies, where possible.
  - Attend the public meetings of the open-ended [working group](#) on reducing space threats (Geneva, 28 Aug 2023 to 1 Sep 2023)
  - Attend the meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna, 31 May 2023 – 09 June 2023)
- Participate in Youth Session at Graz Symposium on Space Systems & Technology for Climate Action incl. dedicated trainings and capacity building (12-14 Sep 2023)
- Participate and actively contribute to Youth Session on World Space Forum on OCA related topics (12-14 Dec 2023)
- Join [Space Generation Advisory Council](#)

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**OCA Recommendation:**

**The Youth Recovery Barometer**



# The Youth Recovery Barometer

- In support of State efforts and the existing global initiative on decent jobs for youth, the UN, together with international financial institutions, will launch a **recovery barometer** that will track career paths and labour market outcomes for youth between now and 2025 and beyond



# Youth Engagement



- A virtual event was organized on 18 April 2022, on the side-lines of the ECOSOC Youth Forum, to gather young people's perspectives about a barometer to measure progress in youth employment.
- The ILO, UNDESA and UNICEF actively engaged young people, requesting their recommendations on age-disaggregated indicators or data related efforts connected to career paths and labour market outcomes, any specific lessons learned from their experience with barometers, and the role young people can play in designing and implementing a barometer.

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**OCA Recommendation:**

**Code of Conduct for Information Integrity on Digital Platforms**

# Code of Conduct for Information Integrity on Digital Platforms

- Our Common Agenda report called for a global **Code of Conduct**.
- The Code for information integrity on digital platforms will provide a roadmap to make the digital space more humane.
- A key element will be to address the accountability of social media platforms for the dangerous side effects of their business models and put forward proposals to reduce harm while vigorously defending the right to freedom of expression
- The Code will complement the Global Digital Compact, part of the 2024 Summit of the Future.

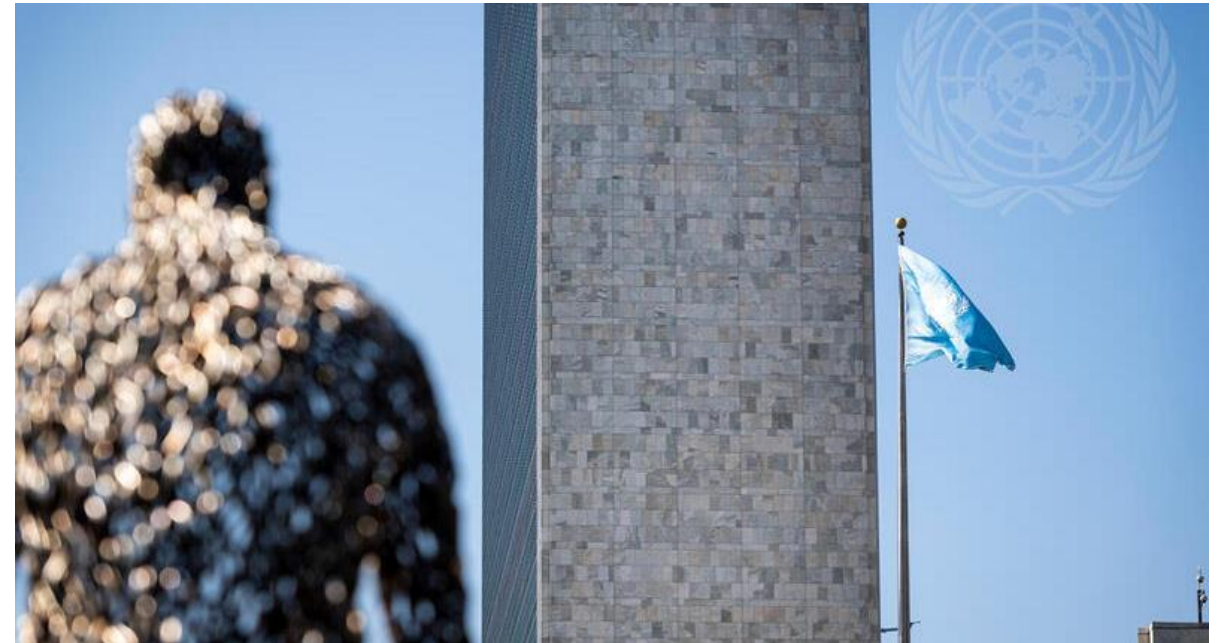


**OCA Recommendation:**

**UN 2.0**

# UN 2.0

- To make the UN more effective, the UN will **develop new skills & expertise for a “UN 2.0”** that can provide relevant solutions to the challenges of the 21st century
- The focus is to **build better skills** in:
  - **Data**
  - **Digital**
  - **Innovation**
  - **Strategic Foresight**
  - **Behavioural Science**



# Opportunities for Youth to Engage



- Scan the QR code or [follow the link](#) to take the survey now – we want to hear how we can develop our Organization that is a “UN 2.0”!
- Survey will also be circulated in **next Youth2030 Pulse Newsletter** for a **second chance** to submit your views!
- Include your email address and a quote for a chance to **feature on the new UN 2.0 website!**
- **Sign up** to the UN [Innovation Network](#) & [Behavioural Science Group!](#)



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**OCA Recommendation:**

**Meaningful Youth Engagement**

# Meaningful Youth Engagement

- Paragraph 47 of the Our Common Agenda report proposes that the *“Envoy on Youth will prepare recommendations for more meaningful, diverse and effective youth engagement in UN deliberative and decision-making processes for the consideration of the General Assembly, the Security Council and ECOSOC and their respective subsidiary bodies. This will be done in consultation with the world’s young people.”*



# How Youth Have Been Engaged



We have listened to youth:

- *UN75 Global Listening Exercise* in which **1.5 million** people from all countries participated in surveys and dialogues
- First *MY World* survey in which almost **10 million** people from 194 countries voted
- *MY World 2030* survey in which almost **600,000** people voted
- Series of discussions with **600** youth through the UN Foundation *Next Generation Fellows* and their outcome *Our Future Agenda* report

# Potential Areas for Proposed Action

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- **Making youth engagement meaningful in national and international decision-making:** strengthening adherence to core principles of meaningful youth participation at all levels.
- **Making no decision at the UN without youth:** ensuring systematic participation of youth in decision-making across all UN's various bodies.
- **Ensuring representative youth voice:** identifying arrangements to ensure youth at decision-making tables speak on behalf of broader constituencies of youth.
- **Resourcing youth participation:** ensuring structured and systematic financial resourcing of youth participation to boost quality and ensure no one is left behind.

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*Young people are invited to share written feedback by **24 February** on these proposed areas for action — and the specific ways they would like to see UN decision-making processes evolve when it comes to meaningful youth engagement — as a follow-up to this briefing:*

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccCm-BLNC5g1Jk5tUU1-zjc1UM0RHV01ZVEtBREgxMksxSFRDMTNTQ0Q0Qi4u>



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