



Informal Ambassadorial Level Roundtable on a Pact Innovation Forum

*An interactive discussion at the German UN Mission,
convening UN Member States, UN Secretariat & civil society
representatives on 10 July 2025*

SYNTHESIS REPORT

Rationale and Background

With the Pact for the Future now in place, attention has shifted to implementation and monitoring. The Pact's 291 sub-actions for Member States and 70 stakeholder commitments provide a comprehensive framework but also myriad practical challenges. Many countries and their partners face resource constraints, fragmented engagement spaces, and overlapping mandates across the Pact, Global Digital Compact, and Declaration on Future Generations.

In response, the [Global Governance Innovation Network](#) (GIN), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of India and Germany to the United Nations, convened a high-level luncheon roundtable on 10 July 2025. The gathering brought together over 35 UN Missions, UN Secretariat officials, and civil society leaders, including 17 UN Mission co-sponsors, to explore a new multistakeholder platform: the [Pact Innovation Forum](#) (PIF).

Building on insights from an earlier 27 February expert roundtable, a six-week global e-consultation, and the [Global Governance Innovation Report 2025](#), the dialogue introduced two flagship initiatives: the [Pact Innovation Plan](#) and the [Pact Monitoring Toolkit](#). These tools are designed to help Pact champions, both within and beyond governments, translate the Pact's commitments into visible, credible, and sustainable results. The Pact Innovation Plan serves as a flexible roadmap that identifies milestone moments, links formal and informal processes, and presents curated research and visual content to support day-to-day implementation. The Pact Monitoring Toolkit pulls together existing, as well as proposes new, indicators to complement official efforts to gauge Pact progress.

Participants emphasized the importance of reducing duplication, elevating national and regional leadership, and making Pact-related content accessible to all stakeholders. The roundtable affirmed a strong interest in the idea of a Pact Innovation Forum as a voluntary, service-oriented tool that can help to build coherence across fragmented reform tracks and sustain progress toward the official September 2028 high-level review of the Pact for the Future.

Key Takeaways

Participants were invited to reflect on the following guiding questions during the July 10 roundtable discussion:

- 1. Learning from the past nine months since the Summit of the Future, where do you see further key milestones and opportunities with the potential for significant Pact for the Future follow-through over the coming 12–18 months?**
 - UNGA High-Level Week 2025 (21-27 September) was identified as a key political milestone this year to spotlight progress and align implementation efforts. Several missions noted the importance of showcasing examples of Pact-driven action ahead of UNGA HLW.
 - Participants also emphasized the value of planning backward from the 2028 Pact high-level review, using key periodic opportunities as a checkup to build political will, highlight best practices, and promote continuity across multiple tracks supporting Pact implementation.
 - There was strong interest too in developing a shared global milestone calendar to help track formal and informal windows of opportunity. This tool was put forward to reduce duplication, align initiatives across various tracks, and strengthen stakeholder coordination.
- 2. How are you thinking about Pact follow-up in terms of prioritization, coordination, implementation, and monitoring and evaluating progress, and how could the carefully considered components of a proposed Pact Monitoring Toolkit be designed to showcase successful examples of implementation, identify gaps, and support stakeholders in driving positive change?**
 - There was widespread support for a light-touch monitoring approach that highlights progress without creating new burdens. Participants emphasized that the proposed toolkit should promote peer-to-peer learning rather than seeking to enforce compliance.
 - Several speakers suggested that the idea of a monitoring toolkit could help to connect the dots between the Pact for the Future, Global Digital Compact, and Declaration on Future Generations by providing accessible summaries, templates, and visual dashboards.
 - UN Mission representatives underlined the importance of spotlighting local implementation success stories, with one noting that showcasing “what success looks like in different contexts” could help to energize follow-through globally.
- 3. In what format could the proposed Pact Innovation Plan be presented to be of practical benefit to day-to-day users—from within governments, the United Nations, and civil society—seeking to champion individual or multiple actions across the Pact for the Future, and which kinds of carefully tailored research products would be of greatest benefit to Pact champions?**
 - Many participants favored modular and visual formats, such as roadmaps, milestone timelines, or short “issue briefs,” that make the Pact more navigable for day-to-day users.
 - There was strong encouragement to center the Plan around end users’ needs, with options to tailor it by region, theme, or stakeholder group, respectively. Several participants noted that this would help to bridge formal UN tracks with informal, locally driven efforts.

- One participant proposed embedding the Pact Innovation Plan within a living digital platform, updated periodically and curated with case studies, learning products, and guidance on fully engaging and leveraging upcoming Pact-related opportunities.

The following themes reflect recurring points of interest and encouragement by roundtable participants:

- **Practicality and Accessibility:** Stakeholders stressed that Pact for the Future implementation support and monitoring tools should be concise, practical, and grounded in on-the-ground realities, with visuals, timelines, and both regional and national relevance seen as especially helpful.
- **Avoiding Duplication and Fragmentation:** Many participants emphasized the need to complement, rather than duplicate, existing mechanisms. The proposed Pact Innovation Forum should clarify links across the Pact, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations, serving as a practical guide rather than adding complexity or additional bureaucracy.
- **Flexibility Across Contexts:** Participants stressed the need for Pact support tools that encourage national and regional adaptation. A “one-size-fits-all model” was seen as less effective than a more flexible approach that centers users’ needs and elevates good practices from diverse settings.
- **Linking Formal and Informal Spaces:** The proposed Pact Innovation Forum was seen as a bridge between formal UN processes and informal multistakeholder efforts, with peer-to-peer learning, e-dialogues, and Track 1.5 (multistakeholder) exchanges noted as valuable complements.
- **Voluntary and Light-Touch by Design:** There was broad agreement that the ideas of a Pact Innovation Forum should remain voluntary, non-prescriptive, and values-driven—empowering Pact champions without recommending excessive procedural or process-oriented burdens.

Next Steps

- **Pact Innovation Plan (PIP):** Further develop the Plan as a living, demand-driven set of resources, integrating feedback to strengthen milestone mapping, visual design, and practical guidance.
- **Pact Monitoring Toolkit (PMT):** Advance the toolkit’s development, with a focus on leveraging both existing and new indicators / monitoring frameworks that support learning and coherence across stakeholder efforts. Develop a user-friendly interactive online portal tool to host Pact-related monitoring tools, timelines, and other practical materials for Pact champions.
- **Deepen Multistakeholder Engagement:** Conduct targeted follow-up with UN Missions, relevant Secretariat entities (e.g., Pact Working Groups), and civil society-led ImPact Coalitions.
- **Strengthen Political and Technical Collaboration:** Continue working with Member States, Secretariat, and civil society other partners to co-design the Pact Innovation Forum’s set-up and priorities, with a view toward supporting Pact implementation and monitoring through 2028.

ANNEX 1: PROGRAM

Roundtable Participants Arrive (01:00-01:15 pm)

Welcome & Meeting Overview

H.E. Mr. Harish Parvathaneni, Permanent Representative, Mission of India to the UN

H.E. Mr. Thomas Zahneisen, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Germany to the UN

Pact Innovation Forum Presentation

Dr. Richard Ponzio, Co-Director, Global Governance Innovation Network

Nudhara Yusuf, Executive-Coordinator, Global Governance Innovation Network

Remarks from Respondents

H.E. Guy Ryder, UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy

Blanca Montejo, Deputy Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the General Assembly

Sofia Borges, incoming Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the General Assembly

Moderated Dialogue with Guiding Questions

Moderated by H.E. Mr. Harish Parvathaneni

Event Conclusion

Brief reflections by H.E. Mr. Harish Parvathaneni, Dr. Richard Ponzio, and Nudhara Yusuf

Closing Reflections and Vote of Thanks from H.E. Mr. Thomas Zahneisen

ANNEX 2: PARTICIPANTS

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Nycolas Candido, Plataforma CIPÓ

Caroline Dunton, UN University Centre for Policy Research

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