



AEF at UNGA79 and the UN Summit of the Future

21-25 September 2024, New York

The 2024 [UN Summit of the Future](#) will take place on 22-23 September in New York during the 79th session of the UN General Assembly. The Summit aims to “harness the power of multilateralism to turbocharge the 2030 agenda” and forge a global consensus on “what our future should look like, and what we can do today to secure it.”

AEF’s engagement will be anchored by its work at the nexus of climate-health and critical financing, as well as supported by a workstream on strategic foresight within Africa-Europe relations.

Programme

Future, Now!

21 September, 10:30am-12:00pm EST, UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, New York City

As part of the Africa-Europe Foundation’s Partners Initiative Awards Scheme, Alefa Diaspora is hosting a side event to the UN Summit of the Future Action Days between youth and political leaders of OACPS countries on expectations for the UN Summit and the resulting Pact for the Future.

More info available soon on their [social channels](#).

UN Summit of the Future

22-23 September, All Day, United Nations Headquarters

The Africa-Europe Foundation is an accredited observer to the UN Summit of the Future and will be intervening in specific discussions linked with AEF priorities. As a member of the advisory committee of the UN Science Summit, AEF will also take part in dedicated sessions related to financing for development, AI governance and youth.

Africa-Europe Women Leaders Network

23 September, 7:30-9:00am EST, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN (*hybrid, invite-only*)

Co-chaired by Presidents Mary Robinson and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the meeting will set the tone for next steps following the UN Summit of the Future, and the critical role of multilateral trust and finance to reach global goals. Members will discuss actionable recommendations for advancing a holistic approach to climate and health at the UN Climate Change Conference 2024 (COP29) in November and look ahead to key milestones in the 2025 multilateral agenda, from the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development to COP30.

The opening panel will be live-streamed on AEF social channels ([X](#) and [LinkedIn](#)).

Advancing Political Commitments on Climate and Health Financing

24 September, 17:00 – 18:30 EST, Cure (*in-person*)

In partnership with Amref Health Africa and the Pan Africa Climate Justice Alliance, the convening will forge an Africa-Europe political and financial climate-health roadmap, presenting barriers and their concrete solutions, including to the delivery of a robust New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance whereby health is fully integrated, and facilitating preliminary discourse and alignments ahead of COP29, while looking ahead at COP30.

Register for in-person participation [here](#). Event will be followed by a Networking Cocktail.

From Risk to Resilience: Unlocking Climate Financing for Local Health Adaptation

25 September, 11:30am – 12:30pm EST, Studio Gather Rockefeller Center (*hybrid*)

This strategic dialogue, done in partnership with Foundation S and Foreign Policy, aims to address the impact climate change has on global health and to unlock the financing to better address local health adaptation efforts. The event will also welcome the launch of the Collective Minds Climate x Health Council’s Action Report as a call to action to empower local communities in their adaptation efforts.

Register for in-person participation or watch online [here](#).



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Annex 1: Future, Now!

Date: Saturday, 21 September

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm ET

Location: UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, New York City

Format: In person, high-level dialogue

Recognising that a better present and a preserved future cannot be achieved by a system created in the last century, considering the current diplomatic environment and the disparities in the objectives of different countries, the United Nations will have member states adopt the Pact for the Future during the Summit of the Future in New York on 22-23 September 2024. The document will consolidate the necessary actions to overcome the obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. It will include a chapter on Future Generations, focusing on actions conducive to a more sustainable and inclusive future by integrating young people into decision-making processes.

Alefa Diaspora and its partners, the Organisation of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS) and the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF), are organising a side event to the UN Summit Action Days dedicated to elevating the youth voice. The main objective of Future, Now! is to make the voices of young people heard and to identify the steps needed to achieve their priorities and commitments for the future, both in terms of sustainable development and climate change. Furthermore, given the role of diaspora communities in bridging divides and creating transnational communities, the session will also explore how the diaspora can support global youth in their endeavours.

Confirmed speakers:

- **H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti**, Secretary General, OACPS
- **Rafaelle Busson**, Youth Delegate, Alefa Diaspora
- **Igor Ichikowitz**, Founder, Ichikowitz Family Foundation
- **Reanne Olivier**, Co-founder and CEO, Africa Matters
- **Ciara Judge**, PhD candidate in infectious disease modeling, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; winner of the Google Global Science Fair
- **Meschack Otieno**, Founder, Awake Youth Initiative
- **Holy Ranaivozanany**, Deputy Executive Director, Africa Europe Foundation (*Moderator*)



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Annex 2: Africa-Europe Women Leaders Network

Date: Monday, 23 September

Time: 7:30am – 9:00am ET (doors open 7:00am)

Location: Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, 885 Second Avenue, New York City

Format: Hybrid

A strategic objective of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) is to contribute to ‘reframing and reinforcing the Africa-Europe partnership on the multilateral stage’.

Throughout 2024 AEF has partnered on the preparation of the UN Summit of the Future, in cooperation with co-facilitators Namibia and Germany. Our focus has been on building strategic foresight in international cooperation, more specifically through the production of a series of sectoral papers that look at the future of the cross-continental partnership, from agri-food systems and energy cooperation to digitalisation and health workforces, done in cooperation with our strategy group members and multi-stakeholder community. This process enables us to not only identify emerging issues and trends but also to explore the impact of potential future developments on present day decision-making, contributing to a shared vision for the Africa-Europe Partnership.

The meeting of AEF’s Women Leaders Network, timed to take place on 23 September 2024 in association with UNGA79 and the UN Summit of the Future, provides a platform to focus on how the Africa-Europe Partnership can drive the implementation of the ‘Pact for the Future’ and the preparation of 2025’s UN Financing for Development Conference. The meeting of the AEF Women Leaders will also act as a bridge to AEF’s #Future Africa-Europe Summit (Brussels, 5-6 November) and the UN Climate Conference, COP29 (Baku, 11-22 November).

Confirmed Participants *(by alphabetical order)*

Co-Chairs:

- **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, Honorary President of the Africa-Europe Foundation, former President of the Republic of Liberia and Nobel Laureate
- **Mary Robinson**, Honorary President of the Africa-Europe Foundation, Chair of the Elders and former President of Ireland

AEF Women Leaders:

- **Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Agnes Binagwaho**, Vice Chancellor and Co-Founder of the University of Global Health Equity
- **Agnes Kalibata**, Special Envoy for 2021 Food Systems Summit and President of Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- **Bineta Diop**, Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the AUC on Women, Peace and Security
- **Bitania Lulu**, Director of Youth in Action for Amref Health Africa
- **Dymphna van der Lans**, CEO of the Clean Cooking Alliance
- **Gunhild A. Stordalen**, Founder and Executive Chair of the Eat Forum
- **Hanan Morsy**, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund



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- **Leah Seligmann**, Interim CEO and Chief Change Catalyst for The B Team
- **Leela Hazzah**, Co-founder and Executive Director of Lions Guardians and WE Africa
- **Lillian Kidane**, Partner and Regional Director for Africa, Dalberg Advisors
- **Musimbi Kanyoro**, Senior Adviser “Together Gender Equality” UN Global Compact and former President and CEO of Global Fund for Women
- **Nathalie Delapalme**, Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), former Chair of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), Nigeria’s former Minister of Finance
- **Pat Mitchell**, Editorial director of TEDWomen
- **Rachel Kyte**, Professor of Practice in Climate Policy at Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
- **Sabine Mauderer**, Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank
- **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder & President of Women Political Leaders
- **Sinead Walsh**, Climate Director and Deputy Director General for Irish Aid and Africa
- **Tariye Gbadegesin**, CEO of Climate Investment Funds
- **Trish Malloch-Brown**, Chair of Bioversity International UK and USA and Co-founder of the Washington Circle
- **Vera Songwe**, Chair of the board of the Liquidity and Sustainability Facility and former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- **Wanjira Mathai**, Vice President and Regional Director for Africa at the World Resource Institute
- **Yvonne Aki-Sawyer**, Mayor of Freetown
- **Zeinab Badawi**, President of SOAS London University, International Broadcaster (BBC)

Guests:

- **Anna Sophie Herken**, Managing Director of GIZ
- **Binaifer Nowrojee**, President of Open Society Foundations
- **Isabelle Durant**, former Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD and former vice PM of Belgium
- **Laurence Breton**, Managing Director of the European Climate Foundation (substituting WLN member, Laurence Tubiana)
- **Micheál Martin**, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland
- **Nadia Calviño**, President of the European Investment Bank
- **Teresa Hutson**, Corporate Vice President, Tech for Fundamental Rights, Microsoft
- **Vanina Laurent-Ledru**, Director General of Foundation S

Annex 3: Advancing political commitments on climate and health financing: Where is the Global South Voice?

Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm ET, followed by Networking Cocktail (doors open at 4:30pm EST)

Location: Cure, 345 Park Ave S, New York, NY 10010

Format: In person



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Mid-way through a global ‘super-year’ of elections and in the context of new institutional and programming cycles for the EU and AU, the United Nations is set to host the Summit of the Future in New York in September 2024. Co-led by Namibia and Germany, the Summit is outlined as “a moment to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation can effectively tackle current challenges...” At the heart of these challenges lies the climate-health nexus, elevated at COP28 and most recently at the 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva, where member states adopted a resolution acknowledging insufficient financing as a significant barrier to developing resilient and sustainable health systems.

With countries expected to enhance their next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) in 2025, covering the period from 2025-2035, it’s crucial that a ONE health approach is adopted and for countries to secure the technical capacities and financial resources to deliver on commitments. Accessibility, quality, and predictability of climate finance, as well as honouring climate finance commitments, together with innovative finance, will play a critical role in operationalising revised NDCs. It will also contribute to future-proofing, climate-proofing and integrating the development and health agendas.

To this end, and in the lead-up to COP29, going through all the way to Financing for Development Conference in Spain, to the World Social Summit in Qatar till COP30 in Belem, Brazil, the climate-health community calls for an effective, needs-based, accountable, and predictable New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on Climate Finance, whereby health is fully integrated and recognised as a transversal theme that cuts across climate action and sustainable development at large. As we forge ahead amongst several competing global priorities in need of financing, climate-resilient health systems must be considered a mandatory and foundational element to build upon for a prosperous society.

In this context, we are convening a High-level roundtable on Climate and Health to reflect on financing gaps and opportunities, as well as innovative instruments to better track climate finance and bridge the disconnect between money pledged and accounted for, and finance received on the ground.

Objectives:

- Lay the groundwork for COP29 and look ahead to COP30, with the aim of uniting a global health voice to place "health" at the core of negotiations including the global goal on adaptation, new climate finance targets and the loss and damage fund.
- Support the bridging and operationalization of agendas such as the Guiding Principles for Financing Climate and Health Solutions and the Joint Roadmap for Climate-Health Finance by International Financing Institutions.
- Engage high-level political leaders to commit to the necessary financing quantum, instruments, and timeframe for delivering climate finance within the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), which supports all required climate actions, including those in the health sector.
- Elevate innovative financing models that are just, equitable and non-debt burdening, while strengthening the accountability of allocations to ensure effectiveness of investments, reaching communities.

To achieve the set objectives and foster bold political commitments in the lead-up to COP29, the convening will focus on engaging key policymakers, experts, and diverse health and climate funders. They will strive to lay a foundation for a joint Africa-Europe Climate-Health Roadmap, emphasizing the need for grant-based and blended climate and health financing models that are



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just, equitable and don't add to existing debt burdens, especially for Africa where the impacts of climate on health are largely felt.

Confirmed Contributors:

- **Dr Muhammad Ali Pate**, Minister of Health, Nigeria
- **Ali Mohamed**, Chair, African Group of Negotiators
- **Richard Muyungi**, Head of Delegation to UNFCCC, Tanzania
- **Mattias Frumerie**, Climate Ambassador and Head of Delegation to UNFCCC, Sweden
- **Jorge Moreira da Silva**, Executive Director, UNOPS
- **Bience Gawanas**, Vice-Chair of the Board, Global Fund
- **Harsen Nyambe**, Director for Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission
- **Dumisani Mthembu**, Senior Specialist, Multilateral Environment Agreements, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- **Vanina Laurent-Ledru**, Director General, Foundation S
- **Gregory Kuzmac**, Director of Health, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Annika Green**, Climate and Health Lead, World Economic Forum
- **Geoffery So**, Climate Change and Health Task Force Co-lead, WHO Foundation
- **Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio**, Senior Advisor, Adaptation and Resilience, UN Foundation
- **Omnia El Omrani**, first youth special envoy for COP27

In partnership with the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF), Amref Health Africa and the Pan Africa Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)

Annex 2: From Risk to Resilience: Unlocking Climate Financing for Local Health Adaptation

Date: 25 September 2024

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm EST (doors open at 11:00am EST)

Location: 45 Rockefeller Plaza, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10111

Format: In person and livestreamed on the Foreign Policy website

The impacts of climate change on global health are intensifying, with over 3.5 billion people living in highly vulnerable areas. By 2050, climate change could cause up to 14.5 million additional deaths and \$12.5 trillion in economic losses globally. As the world approaches the critical 1.5°C threshold, urgent adaptation strategies are needed.

Despite commitments exceeding US \$1 billion for climate and health at COP28 and a resolution on climate change and health by WHO member states, a substantial funding gap persists. Vulnerable countries require hundreds of billions annually for adaptation, but current funding levels are insufficient, with minimal access to funds for local stakeholders and only a fraction of global climate finance reaching communities directly.

The Collective MindS Climate x Health Council, the think tank of Foundation S, has developed an actionable framework to promote flexible and accessible financing for locally led adaptations that protect health. To mark the publication of this action report, *Foreign Policy*, Foundation S, and the Africa-Europe Foundation will host a high-level event at UNGA, bringing together academics, policymakers, and advocates. This event will spotlight how those working at the intersection of climate and health can unlock the potential of locally led adaptations, propose solutions to increase



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health care systems resilience, and address barriers to climate and health financing to ensure that funding reaches those most in need.

Confirmed Speakers:

- **H.E. Julius Maada Bio**, President, Sierra Leone
- **Andrew Sollinger**, CEO & Publisher, Foreign Policy
- **Vanina Laurent-Ledru**, Director General, Foundation S
- **Chelsea Clinton**, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation
- **Audrey Duval**, President, Sanofi France
- **Pascal Lamy**, Former Director General, World Trade Organization
- **Marina Romanello**, Executive Director at Lancet Countdown
- **Juan Pablo Uribe**, Global Director for Health Nutrition and Population, World Bank
- **Anil Soni**, CEO, WHO Foundation
- **Hindou Omarou Ibrahim**, Coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad, AFPAT
- **Peter Sands**, Executive Director, Global Fund
- **Holy Ranaivozanany**, Deputy Executive Director, Africa-Europe Foundation

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