

## Countdown to *Our Common Agenda*: Taking Forward the UN75 Declaration

*An informal, multi-stakeholder discussion on Tuesday, 10 August (9:00 am-12 noon EDT/New York), hosted virtually and at the Baha'i International Center (866 UN Plaza, Suite 120)*

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In September 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres will bring out his much anticipated *Our Common Agenda* report. To take forward the UN75 Declaration's twelve commitments and the Secretary-General's vision of a more inclusive and networked multilateralism, a dedicated intergovernmental process to strengthen and reform the institutional machinery of the UN system—as called for by [fifty former ministers of government and senior United Nations officials](#)—has become a practical imperative. Creatively mobilizing UN Member States and diverse non-governmental actors worldwide, the proposed intergovernmental process would seek to upgrade and equip the United Nations and broader global governance system to better address major issues confronting the international community, and to usher in a new compact with citizens to enhance and rebuild confidence in their multilateral institutions.

In this informal, multi-stakeholder discussion, participants from UN Missions, the Office of the UN General Assembly, and civil society organizations will:

- Discuss practical ways to promote consultations and innovative action campaigns related to the UN75 Declaration, as well as the Secretary-General's *Our Common Agenda* at the time of its release in September, including public statements of support by the delegation leads at this September's UNGA High-Level Week.
- Brainstorm the benefits of a potential new Group of Friends for taking forward the UN75 Declaration and *Our Common Agenda* recommendations.
- Consider possible modalities for initiating a follow-on, dedicated intergovernmental process to strengthen and reform the institutional machinery of the UN system and, by doing so, to fulfill the promise of the UN75 Declaration.

### Related Background Readings:

- [Fulfilling the UN75 Declaration's Promise: An Expert Series' Synthesis of Major Insights and Recommendations](#) (June 2021)
- [UN75 Leaders Network Joint Statement](#) (10 November 2020)
- [Call for Inclusive Global Governance](#) – We The Peoples Campaign
- [UN75 People's Declaration and Plan for Global Action](#) – UN2020 & Together First
- [Beyond UN75: A Roadmap for Inclusive, Networked & Effective Global Governance](#) (June 2021)
- [Building an Inclusive, Networked UN](#), Project Syndicate (23 June 2021)
- [Making the UN More Relevant is Within Our Reach](#), PassBlue (21 June 2021)