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Presents:

## Roundtable I: The Future of Multilateralism Reform Proposals for Troubled Times

### Presentation and Debate

- United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism
- SNS Democracy Council 2023



7 June, 15:00-17:00 + reception  
Schouwburgstraat 2, 2511 VA, Den Haag  
Room A0.06

Ecological changes, health pandemics, digital transformations, financial crises, military conflicts, trade disputes, migration flows, human rights violations. These and more transboundary problems underline needs for international cooperation. Yet at this very moment of growing urgency for global governance, multilateral institutions struggle to maintain, let alone increase, their power, effectiveness, and legitimacy.

How can multilateralism (that is, formally institutionalized intergovernmental collaboration) be reinvigorated to meet the acute global challenges of our day? This spring sees the release of two major reports with key workable recommendations to this end. The United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism assembles leading experienced policy practitioners from around the world. Its report has been released as *A Breakthrough for People and Planet: Effective and Inclusive Global Governance for Today and the Future*. In parallel, the SNS Democracy Council 2023 involves leading researchers in a comprehensive assessment of available knowledge on present and future multilateralism. Its report has been published as *Global Governance: Fit for Purpose?*

This event presents feasible reform proposals from these complementary reports to academic and policy communities in The Hague, the International City of Peace and Justice. High levels of interest and informed debate will spotlight and propel forward important recommendations for a revitalized multilateralism.



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## Reform Proposals for Troubled Times

### Panellists



#### **BERT KOENDERS - Moderator**

- Professor of Peace, Justice and Security at Leiden University
- Chair, Netherlands Advisory Council on International Affairs
- Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs (2014-2017)
- Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (2011-2014)
- Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation (2007-2010)



#### **AZZA KARAM – United Nations High-Level Advisory Board**

- Secretary-General, Religions for Peace
- Professor of Religion and Development at the Free University Amsterdam
- Served nearly two decades in the United Nations (UNDP and UNFPA)
- Previously worked for International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IIDEA), the OECD and the EU
- Published widely on democratization, human rights, peace and security, gender, religious engagement, and sustainable development



#### **THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM – United Nations High-Level Advisory Board**

- Senior Minister, Government of Singapore, previously Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister
- Co-Chair, Global Commission on the Economics of Water
- Former chair, IMF International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)
- Chair of the Board, Group of Thirty



#### **JONAS TALLBERG – SNS Democracy Council 2023**

- Professor of Political Science at Stockholm University
- Research on power, effectiveness, legitimacy, and democracy in global and regional governance
- Book publications: *Legitimacy Politics: Elite Communication and Public Opinion in Global Governance* and *Citizens, Elites, and the Legitimacy of Global Governance* and *Leadership and Negotiation in the European Union* and many more



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