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# The United Nations at 75 Years Prospects and Potentials: The Future We Want

Thursday, 3 September, 2020

3:00-5:30 PM CEST (9:00-11:30 AM EDT)

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## *Prospects and Potentials: The Future We Want*

**Date:** *Thursday, 3 September 2020*, subsequent to UN Charter Day, 26 June 2020, and in advance of the UN General Assembly's 75<sup>th</sup> Session and high-level meeting of Monday, 21 September 2020 on the theme, 'The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism'.

**Location:** Global online event

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM CEST (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM EDT)

**Registration:** [Please register here to participate](#)

**Event Partners:** [UN2020](#); Faculty of Global Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA), Leiden University, The Hague; [Stimson Center](#); [Together First \(TF\)](#); Global Governance Forum (GGF); [Chinese Initiative on International Law](#); [Bahá'í International Community](#); United Nations Association of the Netherlands

**Concept:** In connection with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Charter, you are invited to a forward-looking global discussion on the future of the United Nations. Under the banner of “the future we want, the UN we need,” we reflect on the global institutional arrangements that we currently have—and that may be needed in the future—to respond to the complex and inter-related challenges facing our world, including global pandemics, economic shocks, inequality, climate instability, and threats to peace and security. How can we harness our collective strength among governments, global civil society, UN agencies, the business community, youth and the general public to design *The Future We Want, The UN We Need?*

*In an era of accelerated connectivity and advanced technology, how do we bring a fresh, modern perspective to the UN Charter's founding principles to update our vision and promote a truly “people-centered” architecture for global collective action?*

**3:00 - 3:15 PM CEST:** Welcome

- Opening Remarks: **Daniel Perell**, Representative to the UN, Bahá'í International Community
- Setting the Stage: The United Nations at 75
  - **Alanna O'Malley**, Chair of UN Studies in Peace and Justice, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs Leiden University
  - **Simone Filippini**, United Nations Association of The Netherlands (NVTN)

**3:15 - 4:15 PM CEST:** Current Prospects, Civil Society Engagement and Near- and Medium-term Reforms

- UN75 Political Declaration: The Good, The Bad, and the Not-So-Ugly Ways Forward
  - **Richard Ponzio**, Director, Just Security 2020 Program, The Stimson Center
- UN2020 and the *UN75 People's Declaration and Plan for Global Action*
  - **Denison Jayasooria**, Co-Chair, Malaysian CSO-SDG Alliance
  - **Jocelyn Jayasooria**, UN2020 Communications Associate



- Together First (TF): *Stepping Stones for a Better Future: A Global To Do List*
  - **Enyseh Teimory**, Communications Officer, UNA-UK
- [UN75 Global Governance Forum](#) & its Innovation Track for Revitalizing Global Institutions
  - **Cristina Petcu**, Research Associate, Just Security 2020 Program, The Stimson Center

**4:15 - 5:05 PM CEST: Longer-term UN Reforms**

- [Global Governance and the Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#)
  - **Augusto Lopez-Claros**, Chair, Global Governance Form (GGF), former Director, Global Indicators Group at the World Bank Group
  - **Maja Groff**, International Lawyer, Visiting Professor on the topic of global challenges at Leiden University College (LUC), Faculty of Global Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA)
  - **Arthur Dahl**, President International Environment Forum, former Deputy Assistant Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**5:05 - 5:25 PM CEST: UN75 Process of the UN Secretariat**

- **Natalie Samarasinghe**, Chief of Strategy, United Nations' UN75 Office

**5:25 PM CEST: Closing**