

UN 2020

Preparing the UN 2020 Summit



The year 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. It will also be the occasion for several multi-year reviews of major treaties and processes, and a time to take stock of the UN's role in the world. Support is growing for using the occasion of the UN's 75th anniversary to develop potential synergies among these high-level reviews, and to develop progressive improvements to global institutions and policy.

There is a need to establish an effective United Nations preparatory process leading to renewal of the United Nations system in 2020.

Beyond an examination of what has worked well (or less so) in the past, the UN2020 Initiative aims to:

1. Allow key governments, UN officials and civil society representatives to come together and signal that a well-organized anniversary and re-dedication is desirable;
2. Generate discussion of the political and organizational requirements for a 2020 preparatory process, including the development and engagement of key stakeholder networks; communications and outreach; and elements of a General Assembly decision to frame and launch a formal intergovernmental process.

The UN2020 Project is initiated by a coordinating group of civil society representatives including CIVICUS, The Stimson Center, The Workable World Trust, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (New York) and the World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy. The group is consulting actively with government representatives, UN officials and other stakeholders.



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The UN2020 Initiative is canvassing the views of various stakeholders, regarding (a) the desirable structure and scope of an inclusive and effective 2020 preparatory process; and (b) how such a process can be formally initiated, while also reinforcing ongoing agendas, including the Secretary-General's reforms.

A draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (AHWG) includes a preambular paragraph *that notes* “**the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 2020, and recognizing therein the opportunity to strengthen the Organization and improve its work,**” as well as an operative paragraph that “*calls for timely preparations for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.*”

An inclusive preparatory process for the proposed Summit is essential. A civil society Call to Action aims to demonstrate that the 2020 process carries the support of civil society.

The key statement that an organization supports when signing on to the **Global Call to Action** is as follows:

We therefore call for effective and inclusive preparatory processes for a UN2020 summit that will be a catalyst for the renewal and strengthening of the United Nations. We call for national, regional and global processes across all sectors, involving all stakeholders and relevant international organizations, leading to a United Nations system that will be capable of addressing the global challenges of the 21st Century.

Please consider how your organization can support the Call to Action, and contribute over the months ahead to the essential discussions regarding the shape and content of a renewed United Nations system, in the run-up to a 2020 Summit.

*To endorse this Call to Action on behalf of your organization,
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