



80th UNGA High-Level Side Event on Social Business, Youth and Technology

Time: 6:15PM - 7:30PM, September 22, 2025 | **Location:** CR12, UNHQ

BACKGROUND

- In September 2025, as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, world leaders will convene to reaffirm our commitment to collective action and international cooperation. The upcoming United Nations General Assembly will serve as a pivotal moment for addressing the pressing challenges facing humanity today. This year, we will build upon the foundations laid at the Future Summit, where the Compact for the Future was established as an action-oriented framework. Our goal is to strengthen the global response to current and emerging challenges, ensuring that we leave a resilient and sustainable world for future generations. Together, we will embrace new partnerships and innovative solutions, fostering an inclusive international system that prioritizes the well-being of all people and the planet. As we mark this significant milestone, let us unite our efforts to create a future that is equitable, sustainable, and secure for everyone.

International Cooperation Is Key to Overcoming Global Challenges

- The complex challenges facing humanity—climate change, armed conflict, poverty, and inequality—are beyond the capacity of any single nation to resolve alone. The United Nations continues to play a pivotal role in coordinating global efforts to address these interconnected crises, with a focus on multilateral cooperation and global solidarity. The UN's 80th anniversary serves as a reminder of the importance of collective action, mutual respect, and global partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build a more just, peaceful, and inclusive world. The 2025 Forum will provide a space for leaders, innovators, and youth to come together and form actionable partnerships that will tackle the world's most pressing problems, ensuring no one is left behind.
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Social Business as a Key Approach to Achieving the SDGs in the Next Five Years

- Social business, a concept introduced by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, represents a sustainable business model designed to address social challenges while ensuring economic viability. It plays a pivotal role in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The recently concluded Social Business Day 2025, themed "Social Business is the Most Effective Way to Ensure Healthcare for All," showcased innovative solutions in healthcare and facilitated collaboration among global stakeholders. This event underscored the significant contributions of social businesses to economic development, social impact, and partnerships, reinforcing their critical role in tackling global challenges and promoting sustainable development in the coming years.

Global Security and Geopolitical Conflicts Threaten Stability and Peace

- The world is witnessing ongoing armed conflicts and political tensions that undermine peace and stability on a global scale. The Russia-Ukraine war remains one of the most critical international crises, not only claiming lives and destabilizing economies but also straining diplomatic relations globally. The conflict has caused severe disruptions to energy supplies, increased food insecurity, and aggravated the refugee crisis.
- The situation in the Middle East, including tensions between Israel and Palestine, as well as the growing concerns surrounding Iran, continues to pose significant risks to regional and global security. These conflicts underscore the importance of multilateral diplomacy and the need for the international community to come together to foster peaceful resolutions and prevent further escalation of violence.

Technological Innovation Offers Opportunities and Ethical Dilemmas

- The world is entering a new technological era where artificial intelligence (AI), big data, renewable energy, and other innovations have the potential to dramatically reshape industries and societies. AI and digital technologies promise groundbreaking solutions to global challenges such as healthcare, climate change, and poverty reduction. However, these technologies also raise significant ethical concerns, including privacy violations, algorithmic biases, job displacement, and social inequality. The United Nations' 80th anniversary in 2025 marks a moment to reflect on the intersection of technology and human rights, as well as the importance of creating governance systems that ensure these advancements serve the greater good of humanity while safeguarding individual freedoms and equity.



3ZERO Club: Youth-Led Movements Are Central to the Future of Global Change

- The 3ZERO movement, inspired by Nobel Peace Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus, has become a global youth-led initiative advocating for zero carbon emissions, zero unemployment, and zero wealth concentration. As youth-led social entrepreneurship accelerates, young people are at the forefront of tackling the world's most pressing issues. The momentum behind the 3ZERO Clubs, which now include more than 4,000 chapters worldwide, reflects the growing recognition that the next generation of leaders is crucial to driving the social and environmental transformation needed for a more equitable and sustainable future. This year's United Nations General Assembly has placed particular emphasis on youth empowerment, calling on governments and institutions to amplify the voices of young leaders and provide them with the resources to innovate and create lasting change.



PARTICIPANTS

- Heads of States and Ministers
- UN Agencies and UN SDG Advocates
- International Organizations and NGOs
- Academic Leaders from Universities and Think Tanks
- Business, Social Business and Civil Society Leaders
- Young Leaders, Innovators and SDG Corps from more than 110+ countries



PROGRAM AGENDA

High-Level Opening Remarks [30 mins]

Heads of States and Ministers from Co-sponsor Member States

- **Hon. Professor Muhammad Yunus**, Chief Adviser, The Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Nobel Peace Laureate, UN SDG Advocate Emeritus
 - **Hon. Ulisses Correia e Silva**, Prime Minister, The Government of Cape Verde (TBC)
 - **Hon. Shehbaz Sharif**, Prime Minister, The Government of Pakistan (TBC)
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Our Solidarity for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Building a World of Three Zeros [30 mins]

Partners will launch their innovations and make their commitments on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and building a World of Three Zeros. Each speaker will have 3 mins to make their statements and share their action plan. Partners will learn from each other and then create joint action plans to work together and stronger.

- **Lamiya Morshed**, Principal Coordinator for SDGs Affairs, Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh
- **Shihab Quader**, Director-General (SDGs), Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh
- United Nations World Food Programme
- **James Chau**, President, China-United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF), World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador
- **Harold Tavares**, Executive Director at The World Bank Group
- **Engr. Abisoye Coker-Odusote**, CEO of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Nigeria
- **Monica Yunus**, Co-founder, Sing for Hope
- **Camille Zamora**, Co-founder, Sing for Hope
- **Darius Maleki**, Vice-Chairman, INGLOSUS Foundation
- **Christian Vanizette**, Co-founder MakeSense and Chili
- **Tazin Shadid**, Chairman, YY Ventures (3ZERO Global Centre)