

STATEMENT

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

We convene today at this Summit for the Future, not merely as representatives of individual nations, but as custodians of humanity's collective destiny.

We find ourselves in an era of unprecedented potential, where human ingenuity offers lots of promises.

Yet, paradoxically, countries are grappling with challenges that threaten to unravel the very fabric of our society.

Climate induced calamities, conflicts, the scourge of poverty and hunger, and the presence of epidemics – these are not isolated occurrences. Rather, they form threads in the complex weave of our global agenda.

It is this interconnectedness that brings us together under the theme 'Multilateral Solutions for a Better

Tomorrow' – this should also serve as the clarion call for action.

The Pact for the Future is a covenant with posterity, a solemn promise to generations yet unborn that we, the stewards of today, will not falter in our duty to safeguard their inheritance.

This Pact must serve as the cornerstone upon which we build a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient world.

It must breathe life into our collective aspirations.

It is in this spirit that Mauritius joins the international community in reaffirming our shared commitment to the principles enshrined in our Pact. Mauritius has always prioritised inclusiveness and built a strong social protection system to create equal opportunities for each and every citizen.

This commitment extends to our collective pursuit of equitable development, where we acknowledge the paramount importance of ensuring equal access to economic opportunities and resources for all.

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Small Island Developing States stand as sentinels of climate change. Our challenges are a microcosm of the global struggle against climate emergency and economic fragility.

As the tides rise along our shores, so too must our collective resolve to address these existential threats.

Similarly, while the international community strives towards these goals, we must commit to supporting initiatives that foster scientific and technological progress

- wherein the inherent vulnerabilities and specific needs of developing countries are taken into account.

While we embrace the dawn of the digital age with open arms, we should do so tempered by wisdom.

The governance of artificial intelligence and data
- must be a shared responsibility, guided by ethical
considerations for the greater good of humanity.

This is why our **Pact for the Future** along with **the Global Digital Compact** and **the Declaration for Future Generations**, are all crucial parts of our forward-looking strategy.

They all provide a roadmap for revitalising our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, and shall stand as a testament to what can be achieved when we unite in purpose and action.

Mauritius reaffirms its utmost conviction to the principles of multilateralism and for the realisation of this Pact.

Before concluding, I wish to join previous speakers in thanking the co-chairs for their steadfast leadership throughout this process.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Together, we can and must craft a future that:

- -honours the dignity of every individual,
- -harnesses the true potential of every nation, and
- -preserves what remains from our planet's natural ecosystems.

To the generations that will inherit the world we shape today,

let our legacy be one of courage, foresight, and unwavering commitment.

Let it be said that when faced with unprecedented tribulations,

we responded with unprecedented solidarity.

I thank you.