



## Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event

### *Bridging Generations: Ethical Co-Creation for a Sustainable Future*

**Friday, 20 September, 16:00-17:30, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations**

Organized by: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Co-Creation Lab, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark - Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in New York, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility Republic of Ecuador

#### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

The United Co-Creation Lab ([www.unitedcclab.org](http://www.unitedcclab.org)) launch event introduced a unique evidence-based approach where youth and global leaders collaboratively develop sustainable solutions. This initiative demonstrated the power of intergenerational co-creation in fostering innovation, democratic engagement, and future leadership. The event aimed to deepen participants' understanding of ethical co-creation's potential in addressing global challenges and inspiring positive change.

#### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

- **Fostering Democratic Engagement:** This approach encourages active participation in addressing global challenges. It nurtures children's and youth's 'kindness to the world,' promoting a culture of responsibility and action.
- **Importance of Intergenerational Co-Creation in aiding Youth Empowerment:** Intergenerational collaboration was recognized as crucial for developing innovative, sustainable solutions to pressing global issues impacting children and youth. This approach ensures that wisdom and experience from older generations complement the creativity and energy of youth.

- **Ethical & Inclusive Co-Creation:** Co-creation was linked to systemic change, with the need for transformative approaches that include design thinking, radical innovation theories, and multidisciplinary processes such as philosophy, anthropology, and playful learning.
- **Multidisciplinary Approaches for Innovation:** The process of co-creation was acknowledged as drawing from a wide array of disciplines, including art, cross-cultural dialogue, and radical innovation, ensuring holistic, sustainable solutions.

#### **Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

- **Strengthen Collaboration with Global Leaders:** The United Co-Creation Lab, in partnership with UNITAR, should continue to serve as a platform for fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration between young people and world leaders.
- **Develop Cross Culture Research-Based Co-Creation Methods with youth and children:** Create evidence-based processes for ethical co-creation between young people and decision-makers, addressing themes such as education, sustainability, equality, and democracy.
- **Implement Ethical Co-Creation Training:** Establish training programs for facilitators and educators to strengthen skills in democratic, collaborative, and intergenerational problem-solving.
- **Create an Open-Source Toolbox:** Design an accessible toolbox to share co-creation methods, inspiration, and research globally.
- **Integrate Ethical Co-Creation into Learning and Decision-Making:** Incorporate ethical co-creation methods into both formal and informal learning environments, fostering collaborative problem-solving in educational and decision-making processes at local, national, and global levels. KPIs will be determined in later stages.
- **Scale Ethical Co-Creation Methods:** Focus on scaling ethical co-creation methods, adapting them to diverse cultural and political contexts, while documenting successful case studies for research and communication purposes.

#### **Webpage to find more information:**

[www.unitedcclab.org](http://www.unitedcclab.org)