



Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event

Addressing Racism as a Forefront Issue on the Global Agenda for Future

[September 20th, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm (EDT)
Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute
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New York, NY 10065]
hybrid event

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

Integrating the racial agenda into the Pact for the Future is essential to ensure that global development policies are truly inclusive and equitable. The longstanding invisibility of racial issues in global development discussions has perpetuated inequalities and marginalized communities that have historically faced discrimination. By incorporating the racial agenda into the Pact for the Future, one can meaningfully advance the commitments already established within the 2030 Agenda, as reaffirmed in the political declaration endorsed by Heads of State at the 2023 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), and strengthen the global pledge to leave no one behind.

This endeavor enhances social cohesion and also fosters more resilient, just, and sustainable societies, in alignment with the fundamental principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Pact for the Future.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- International cooperation in the fight against racism;
- Promote the anti-racist agenda at the global stage;
- Strengthen the initiative to create a stakeholder group of people of African descent at the United Nations to influence civil society participation mechanisms;
- Discuss the challenges faced by multilateralism to broaden the perspectives of the Global South:
- Promote strategic partnerships and cooperation between countries in the Global South, civil society, universities and UN agencies, ensuring a robust and fully integrated racial agenda in global discussions on sustainable development.

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- To build a future that leaves no one behind, we need more effective and strengthened measures agreed between all parties, towards combating racism on a global level;
- Carry out emergency actions to repair the harm caused by slavery, which must be included on the agenda of all member states of the United Nations;
- Address the roots of racism. This theme needs to be central in the UN agenda.

Webpage to find more information:

<https://www.geledes.org.br/evento-de-geledes-reune-autoridades-em-ny-para-discutir-a-genda-racial-na-cupula-do-futuro/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JzqZLfCMpo>