

Rwanda National Statement - Summit of the Future

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Your excellency Mr. President

On behalf of the Republic of Rwanda, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in this important Summit of the Future. Indeed, the Summit represents a landmark moment in our shared endeavor to shape a more equitable, sustainable, and peaceful world. For Rwanda, The Pact for the Future is a testament of our collective vision and commitment to addressing the most pressing challenges of our time.

I also wish to congratulate you on assuming the Presidency of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly. Rwanda is committed to working closely with you and you can count on our full support throughout your tenure as we advance shared goals for global peace, sustainable development, and multilateral cooperation.

Mr. President,

I want to express our sincere appreciation to the co-facilitators of the Pact for the Future, the facilitators of the Global Digital Compact, and the PD for the Future Generations. Your dedication towards shaping this comprehensive and forward-looking outcome is commendable, and we are grateful for your invaluable contributions.

As we welcome this historic Pact, we must reaffirm our resolve to the principles and actions that underpin each of its five chapters.

As Rwanda, we commit to aspirations contained in these outcomes. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that future generations inherit a world that is not

only sustainable but also equitable and just, for this generation and those to come. Rwanda understands too well the importance of unity and collective decision-making, and we look forward to contributing globally, recognizing that our decisions today will shape the world of tomorrow.

Mr. President,

It is crucial to recognize that this Summit is not an end but the beginning of transformative actions essential for the well-being of our global community. The challenges we face are profound, yet the opportunities before us are immense. Change is an inevitable part of our journey, and it is our responsibility to ensure that this change is purposeful and beneficial for future generations.

To effectively address the complex challenges we face, we must embrace a mindset that is both adaptive and forward-thinking and this requires us to:

1. **Reform Our Mindsets:** Shift from reactive to proactive approaches, embracing innovative solutions and collaborative strategies that address root causes rather than symptoms.
2. **Foster Resilience:** Build resilient systems and structures that are adaptable to evolving challenges and capable of supporting sustainable development.

Rwanda is prepared to collaborate with all member states and stakeholders to ensure that the principles of the Pact for the Future are realized through concrete and coordinated actions.

Together, let us embark on turning our aspirations in this pact into tangible results that will benefit all humanity.

Mr. President,

Finally, all chapters in the Pact of the Future emphasize the urgency of addressing climate change, strengthening global health systems, preparing for future pandemics, resolving the root causes of conflict for lasting peace, harnessing the transformative potential of technology and innovation, and reforming global governance to enhance multilateral cooperation for effective global challenge management.

The Summit of the Future thus presents a crucial opportunity to address these challenges collectively and strategically, setting the stage for a more sustainable, equitable, and peaceful world. After this summit we must keep the moment to drive reforms in global governance structures, enhancing multilateral cooperation and creating more effective frameworks to tackle global challenges. With this, let us reaffirm our resolve and dedication to the principles that underpin each of its five chapters.

We must shift from the old way of business as usual in maintenance of peace and security and foster dialogue and collaborative strategies to address the root causes of conflict and promote long-term peace and security. We must collaborate to harness technology for sustainable development while ensuring equitable access and ethical use.

I thank you for your kind attention.