



# We the Peoples' Digital Consultation

## Information sheet



### What

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### When

The digital consultation will take place from 23 April to 21 May 2021



### Where

Participants can access the digital consultation at [un75.online/take-action](https://un75.online/take-action)



### Why

Last year, UN Member States marked the Organization's 75th anniversary by adopting the [UN75 Declaration](#), which calls for action across 12 areas that are crucial for humanity's collective future. Member States also asked the UN Secretary-General to report back by September 2021 with further ideas and recommendations "to advance our common agenda and to respond to current and future challenges". In response, the Secretary-General launched [Our Common Agenda](#), a process of consultation and reflection to generate ideas to inform his September 2021 report.

This process is being led by the Secretary-General's Executive Office with support from a network of global partners, including the United Nations Foundation, Igarapé Institute, Accord, Southern Voice, and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore. The 'We the Peoples' digital consultation is part of this effort.



### Who

Participants in the digital consultation should have expertise and experience in the themes identified in the [UN75 Declaration](#). The consultation is seeking diverse and representative participation.



### How

Participants log onto the consultation portal [un75.online/take-action](https://un75.online/take-action), where they can view and submit proposals to address current and future global challenges. Content is available in the UN's six official languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish - via automated translation software. Participants are expected to adhere to the guidelines for responsible participation set out in the FAQs.

Proposals should be bold, helping to spark discussion and invigorate fruitful debates. They should be concrete, with adequate practical details to make them actionable. Proposals should address the thematic priorities that are set out in the platform. They should avoid focusing narrowly on a specific country or community.



### What next?

Participants can log on at any time to view feedback on the challenges and proposals. They will also be sent regular updates from the Igarapé Institute.

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## FAQs and Guidelines



### What is the 'We The Peoples' digital consultation?

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### What is the purpose of this digital consultation?

The digital consultation invites participants to submit practical recommendations on how to accelerate delivery of the commitments made in the [UN75 Declaration](#) adopted by the General Assembly in 2020, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement. It also seeks action-oriented proposals on how our global system can be made more effective in responding to new and emerging challenges.



### How is the digital consultation connected to the UN?

To mark its 75th anniversary last year, the UN launched a [global conversation](#) to gather the views of "We the Peoples". Over 1.5 million people and 60,000 organizations took part, sharing their hopes, fears and priorities for the future through surveys and dialogues. The results are available at: <https://un75.online/data/>.

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The "We the Peoples" digital consultation is part of this effort. It seeks to build on the UN75 global conversation - a large-scale listening exercise that generated broad feedback - by engaging stakeholders from different sectors who have expertise and experience in addressing the 12 areas outlined in the UN75 Declaration to deepen and develop concrete, actionable recommendations.



## How does the consultation work?

First, participants log onto the consultation portal via [un75.online/take-action](https://un75.online/take-action). The portal is organised into four thematic areas: Our Future, Our World, Our Society, and Our United Nations. Each area features “challenges” drawn from the results of the UN75 global conversation, to guide the submission of proposals.

Second, participants can submit their own proposals and engage with proposals submitted by others. Proposals should be bold, helping to spark discussion and disrupt stale debates. They should be concrete, with adequate practical details to make them actionable. Proposals should address the thematic issues set out in the challenges. They should **not** focus narrowly on a specific country or community. Some sample proposals generated by the UN75 conversation are included to get debate going.

Third, participants can log on at any time to view, add or provide feedback on proposals submitted by other participants. By harnessing the wisdom of the crowd, proposals can be honed and improved over the duration of the digital consultation. Moreover, the platform includes an automated system to help users improve the appeal of their proposals, should they wish to use it.



## Who can take part?

This digital consultation seeks input from expert stakeholders across different sectors and regions. Special attention is being paid to ensure diversity, including in relation to geography, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socio-economic background. The digital consultation is available in all six official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Participants are expected to adhere to basic **guidelines for responsible participation**. The consultations are expected to be carried out in a responsible, respectful and civil manner. Violations of basic standards of conduct will not be tolerated.

### Responsible participation involves:

- ✓ Upholding the values of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#);
- ✓ Using thoughtful language, being mindful of words and tone;
- ✓ Understood by participants from different backgrounds;
- ✓ Being respectful of other participants’ opinions; and
- ✓ Cultivating positivity in interactions with other participants

### Responsible participation does NOT involve posting:

- ✗ Content or using language that may be offensive to others;
- ✗ Content that is not relevant to the topics or that focusses narrowly on country-specific situations;
- ✗ Material that is illegal or which is not owned by you;
- ✗ Personal information (e.g. phone numbers, addresses, bank details); and
- ✗ Repetitive messages and/or links, or advertising of any sort

Content that violates these guidelines will be flagged and removed from public view. Participants who repeatedly violate these guidelines will be removed from the platform and digital consultation entirely.



## What software is being used?

The digital consultation is managed on a platform developed by Swae, an award-winning platform for crowdsourcing ideas and inclusive decision-making. Proposals will be reviewed by Swae's technology which (i) proofreads text, (ii) offers automated summaries; and (iii) suggests improvements in grammar, tone and readability. Think of it as a 'digital writing assistant'.

To include stakeholders across different regions, translation software is incorporated into the platform so that all content is available in the UN's six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Participants should be aware that this is an automated software and, as such, certain inaccuracies are inevitable.

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## How will my data and privacy be protected?

The digital consultations will respect privacy and data protection. To access the digital consultation, users are asked to provide an email address. Participants will be provided with a password. Information entered during the course of the digital consultation will not be used for commercial purposes or for any reason other than informing the UN Secretary-General's report. Please click [here](#) for Swae's data protection policy.

In order to ensure that the digital consultation process is diverse and inclusive, participants are asked to supply minimum basic demographic data. This information will not be matched to specific users and will only be used to allow analysis of the distribution of participants overall. At the end of the consultation, the Igarapé Institute will send an email to all participants providing them with the option to unsubscribe from any further communications regarding the consultation.

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## Any further questions?

Please send any questions or concerns to [wethepeoples@igarape.org.br](mailto:wethepeoples@igarape.org.br)