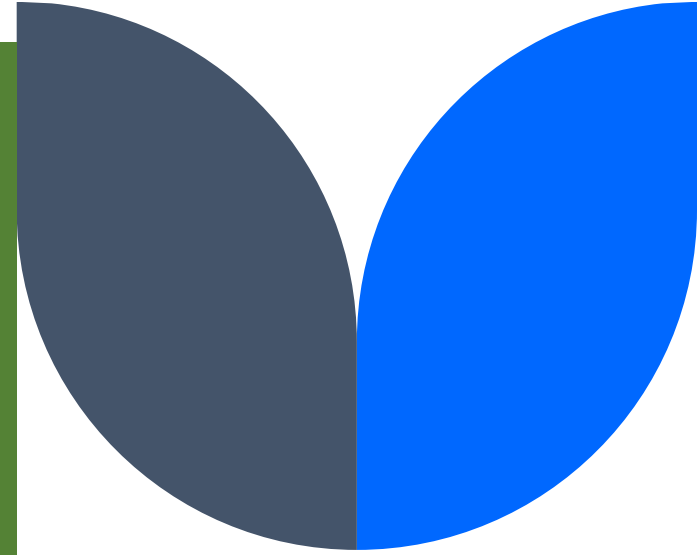




UN Pact for Future:

Dangers and Perils of Global Governance



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Introduction

Concept of Global Governance

UN Pact for Future

Analysis and Conclusion



Comment on Global Governance

“a time of great hope and great hopelessness, a time when ideological fault lines have disappeared, while the global rifts of wealth and power have widened.”

Governance

Governance encompasses the activities of governments, but it also includes the many other channels through which “commands” flow in the form of goals framed, directives issued, and policies pursued

Democracy and Governance

How can problems such as the spread of AIDS/ epidemics, the debt burden of many countries in the “developing world,” the flow of financial resources that escape national jurisdiction, the drugs trade, Amazon deforestation and international crime be satisfactorily brought within the sphere of democracy?

What kind of accountability and control can citizens of a single nation-state have over international actors, e.g., multinational corporations (MNCs), and over international organizations, e.g., the World Bank?

Global Governance

Concept of global governance and its place within international relations

- analysis of the UN and other IOs as organizations themselves, set with broader international relations contexts
- significant focus on security, from peacekeeping to key issues of international security
- Human rights
- Environment
- key issues surrounding economics, development, and business.

Address issues that cross national boundaries

Cooperation as the best way to address global

World-wide Governance Indicators

The WGI feature six aggregate governance indicators for over 200 countries and territories over the period 1996–2022:

- **Voice and Accountability**
- **Political Stability and Absence of Violence/Terrorism**
- **Government Effectiveness**
- **Regulatory Quality**
- **Rule of Law**
- **Control of Corruption**

Society and leadership



UN Pact for the Future

**being hailed as a Landmark
Agreement for Global
Cooperation**



UN Pact for Future

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted the “Pact for the Future” on September 22, 2024

aimed at revitalizing multilateralism and addressing the world’s most pressing challenges

The pact is a 42-page document - two annexes documents,
Global Digital Impact

Declaration on Future Generations

Outlines 56 broad actions that countries pledged to achieve



Themes

Peace and Security: Strengthening the UN's role in preventing conflicts, promoting peacekeeping, and addressing disarmament and non-proliferation.

Global Governance: Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusivity of the UN system, including reforms to the Security Council and Economic and Social Council.

Sustainable Development: Accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including climate action, sustainable energy, and sustainable development financing.



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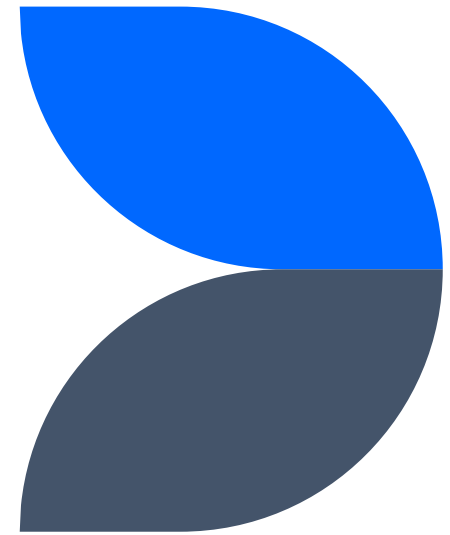
Digital Cooperation: Promoting responsible and sustainable digital development, including regulation of artificial intelligence and data governance.

Human Rights: Strengthening the UN's human rights mechanisms and promoting gender equality, youth empowerment, and protection of future generations.



Content Analysis

Plethora of multilateral systems



Proliferation of Treaties

- ❖ There are an 250,000 international treaties
- ❖ 560 Multi-lateral treaties with UN Secretary General
- ❖ The United States enters into more than 200 treaties and other international agreements each year, as per US government
- ❖ Treaties and other international agreements are written agreements between sovereign states (or between states and international organizations) governed by international law.
- ❖ The subjects of treaties span the whole spectrum of international relations: peace, trade, defense, territorial boundaries, human rights, law enforcement, environmental matters, climate change, health, and many others.

These treaties are eating into the power of the nation/states to manage their own affairs and are correspondingly enhancing the power of the market and multi-national corporations.

Digital Compact

- ❖ A text of 16.5 pages
- ❖ 5 Objectives
- ❖ No meaningful proposal on
 - ❖ risks, including those related to trust, fairness, privacy, safety and accountability
 - ❖ Digital divide
 - ❖ data privacy and safety
 - ❖ Climate impacts of digital economy
 - ❖ Regulating digital technology companies
- ❖ Proposes
 - ❖ a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on AI
 - ❖ Initiate Global Dialogue on AI Governance

Declaration on Future Generations

- ❖ A text of 4.5 pages
- ❖ 22 Commitments and 8 Actions
- ❖ No meaningful proposal on
 - ❖ Freeing science, data, statistics from business
 - ❖ Governing global commons – germplasm and genetic resources, oceans, air space, stratosphere, Arctic and Antarctica
 - ❖ Human health, interlinked with biodiversity
 - ❖ Sustainability and climate action
- ❖ **Proposes**
 - ❖ Appoint Special Envoy
 - ❖ High-level Plenary meeting of UNGA



Sticking Points

- Vaccines
- Information manipulation, misinformation
- Invitation for financial pledges to private sector and philanthropic actors
- Layered Representation

Sticking Points

- Whole-of-government
- Whole-of-society
- Equipping the multilateral system, including the United Nations

Representation impact

Representation at international level is tricky

It is multi-layered

Democracy on the front – representation at the back

Asymmetry

Finance

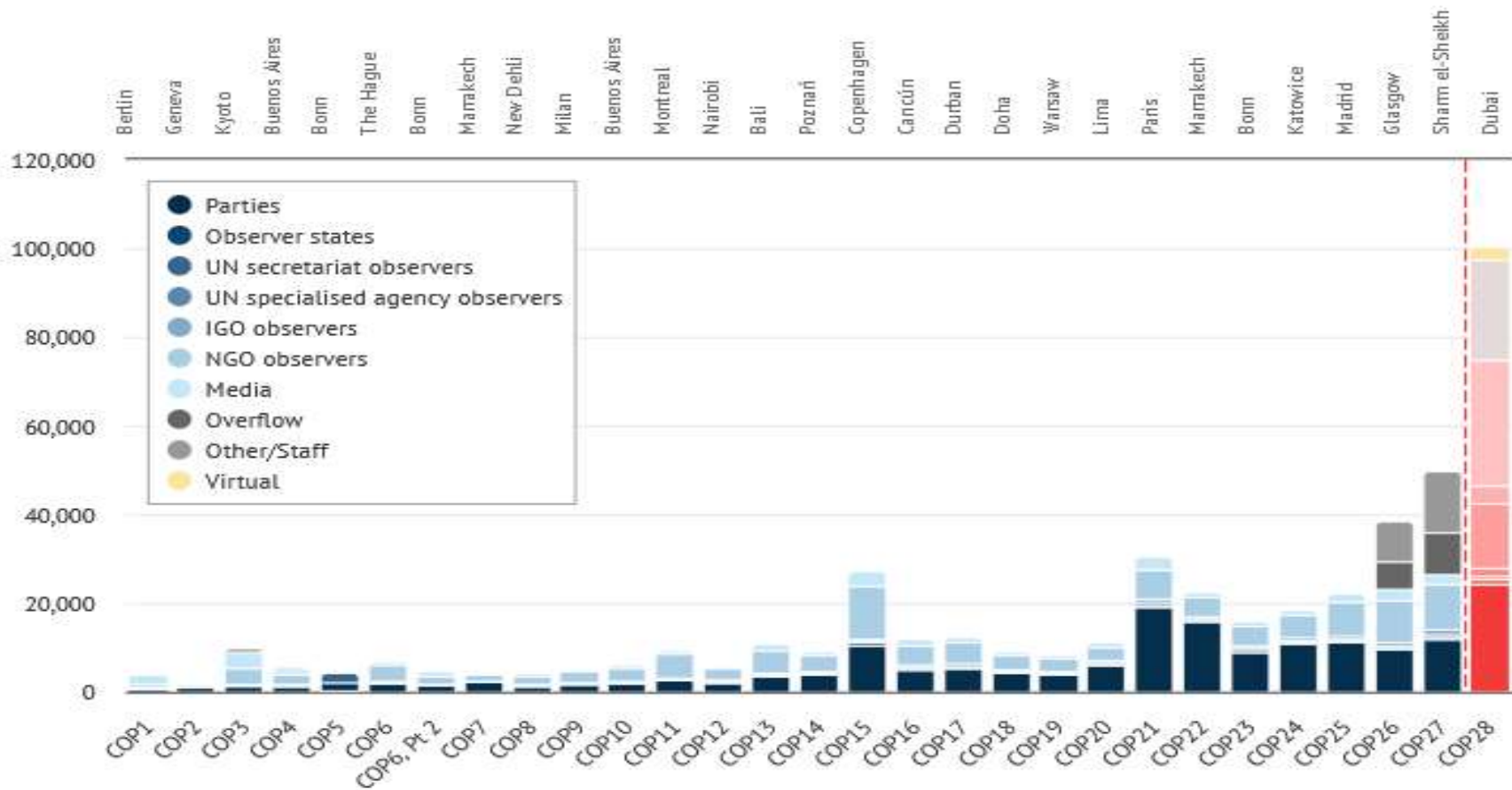
Communication

Knowledge and Information

Numbers



Total attendance at COPs through the years



Source: UNFCCC and Carbon Brief analysis.

Delegations



- Total COP28 Delegates are 24,488
- India is represented by 948 (party 725, overflow 223)
- smallest delegations have been registered by North Korea (2), Nicaragua (6), Eritrea (7) and Liechtenstein and Moldova (both 8).
- UAE 4,409, Brazil 3,081
- China and Nigeria who have both registered 1,411 people, followed by Indonesia with 1,229, Japan 1,067 and Turkey with 1,045.
- Afghanistan and Myanmar have zero (3rd time)
- media delegates 3,972
- observers from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) 14,338 delegates
- “observer organisations” – such as those participants representing UN bodies, intergovernmental organisations, other agencies and business representatives. These are total 3,623 registered delegates – or 4,754 when overflow badges are included.

Conclusion

- Its another pact
- Does not integrate with other treaties
- Lacks roots in the countries
- Lacks mechanism of action – lofty goals
- Does not have ideas to strengthen existing mechanisms
- Endorses current undemocratic treaties



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