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Press Release: Appointment of a UN Envoy on Future Generations

Hamburg, 9th October 2024 – The World Future Council (WFC) proudly announces a significant development in the global effort to safeguard the rights of future generations. During the recently concluded Hamburg Sustainability Conference, UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Guy Ryder, confirmed that the UN Secretary-General is advancing the appointment of a **UN Special Envoy on Future Generations**.

This landmark step follows years of dedicated advocacy by the WFC and its partners, calling for the realisation of the Declaration on Future Generations.

Recently, the WFC has been advocating for this in the context of the UN Summit of the Future in New York last month. The organisation cohosted several high-level dialogues including one titled ‘A Seat at the Table – Institutional Representation for Future Generations’, which featured some of the efforts of Councilors and Advisors of the World Future Council as well as other international renowned experts and organisations.

The roots of this achievement can be traced back to the pioneering work of the WFC's Future Justice Commission, launched in 2007. This advocacy led to key milestones, including the incorporation of the proposal in the Rio+20 outcome document in 2012, culminating in its inclusion in the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda in 2021. Visionary leadership from Dr. Maja Goepel, Maria Fernanda Espinosa, and other esteemed WFC Councilors laid the foundation for this ongoing effort.

The WFC remains committed to supporting the formalisation of this crucial role and continuing its work to promote intergenerational equity, human rights for future generations, and Earth Trusteeship principles at every level of governance.



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