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A defining moment

Human rights are the foundation for dignity, stability and fair progress. They hold societies together: protecting people from abuse, ensuring inclusion, and giving meaning to justice and equality in everyday life.

Today, that foundation is under unprecedented strain, as violations continue with impunity, violence is becoming normalized, and civic space is shrinking. Some States are retreating from multilateral cooperation and human rights standards, while corporations increasingly shape lives globally, often without adequate human rights safeguards. Severe underfunding is threatening the very survival of the human rights ecosystem.

At the same time, many States are stepping up, implementing their commitments and engaging with human rights mechanisms. Many other actors, including communities and individuals, cities and local authorities, civil society and human rights defenders, young people, cultural and sports figures, scientists and businesses are also carrying forward the human rights flame. **Across the world, millions are united by a simple question:**

> What can we do together for the future of our shared humanity?

Why an Alliance?

The Global Alliance for Human Rights is a call to bring human rights to the centre of leadership, public debate, and people's lives - inclusively, creatively and with determination.

Throughout history, alliances have combined strengths, knowledge and resources in pursuit of a common purpose. The scale, speed and interconnected nature of today's challenges go beyond the capacity of any single actor, sector or institution.

A unified effort is needed to ensure human rights remain our collective compass. What is required is a shared framework for action - to mobilize leadership, align investments, and rebuild trust in human rights as a practical force that improves people's daily lives, sustains peace and drives sustainable development.

Anchored in the timeless aspiration of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights and building towards its 80th anniversary in 2028**, the Global Alliance will connect actors, inspire hope, and pool engagement and resources across regions, sectors and generations.

Our Vision



- **To publicly champion and advance human rights across regions, sectors and generations.**
- **To strengthen institutions and mechanisms that protect and advance human rights.**

The Global Alliance will work toward a future where governments are accountable, societies are inclusive, economies are fair, innovation puts people first, and respect shapes relationships between people and institutions, and between people and the planet.

The Global Alliance will connect existing initiatives and create new ones, multiplying impact and reach, to transform how human rights are communicated, acted upon and lived worldwide. It will open new spaces for dialogue and collaboration on human rights at the local, regional and global levels.

Our pathways for change

The Global Alliance for Human Rights will invite **pledges** and generate **catalytic and collaborative initiatives** implemented under **four strategic pathways for change.**

These pathways reflect a simple premise: human rights must be lived locally, defended in moments of risk, understood and trusted by people, embedded in future-facing solutions, and supported by resilient institutions and sustainable resources.

Human Rights at Home

Making human rights real in people's daily lives through local action and implementation.

Human Rights in Action

Standing with victims and defenders, advancing equality, accountability and justice.

Human Rights for the Future

Harnessing innovation, technology and youth engagement to address global challenges with human rights at the centre.

Human Rights in Mind

Reimagining how human rights are communicated, learned and understood.

Guiding Principles

The Global Alliance for Human Rights is anchored in the following core principles:

- **Purpose-driven and long-term:** A sustained global endeavour, not a one-off campaign, with a three-year milestone at the 80th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December 2028).
- **Inclusive and multi-stakeholder:** Active across regions and sectors, engaging governments and non-state actors alike, with a firm commitment to gender equality, and the full participation of people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities.
- **Action-oriented and impactful:** Delivering measurable change through out-of-the-box collaborative activities.
- **Ecosystem-building:** Strengthening and connecting human rights mechanisms, institutions and networks.
- **Narrative-shifting and future-looking:** Using relatable language, connecting with new audiences, and embracing innovative approaches and partnerships.

Catalytic initiatives

Under each pathway, the Alliance will advance **catalytic initiatives** to make human rights real and actionable. They will be co-de signed through a cross-sectoral and cross-regional approach, including an age, gender and diversity lens.

Initiatives to be launched in June 2026:

Human Rights at Home

Human Rights Cities Movement: amplifying the Human Rights Cities movement and sharing practical approaches to rights-based public services and participatory governance.

Human Rights in Action

Global Helpdesk on Business and Human Rights: expanding practical advisory support for companies and stakeholders to accelerate implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Human Rights in Mind

Research for Rights: connecting academic and research institutions to advance multidisciplinary human rights research and share it more widely.

ReachOut: generating narrative research, audience insight, and outreach strategies to make human rights more personal, relevant, and grounded in lived experience.

21st Century Philosophers' Circle: bringing together thought leaders to deepen public discussion on values, human dignity, and the social foundations of human rights.

Human Rights for the Future

RightsX Summit: bringing together developers, defenders, innovators, States and the private sector to co-create and advance digital innovations that respect human rights.

Sumaúma Pledging Tree: providing a platform for pledges and knowledge-sharing to integrate human rights in environmental and climate action.

Rights in Every Classroom: accelerating the inclusion of human rights education in primary, secondary, and tertiary learning so future generations know, understand, and defend human rights.

The Global Alliance will also set in motion:

- **Youth for Rights activation** – bringing youth voices and inter-generational dialogue across initiatives, through a Youth4Rights Advisory Group and a Global Youth Network for Human Rights.
- **Sports for Rights activation** - mobilizing sports leaders and key sports events to advance the human rights message.
- **Faith for Rights activation** - engaging faith leaders in support of human rights.

Imagine. Dialogue. Act.

The Global Alliance for Human Rights is built on commitments. Participating in the Alliance is to engage in a process of shared vision, dialogue and action, oriented toward mobilization and impact. **Imagine. Dialogue. Act.** will form the common framework for participation and a common language for engagement.

Imagine.

Alliance participants are invited to articulate the human rights future they seek to build.
This may include, for instance, imagining a world free from torture and ill-treatment; where human rights education is a must for all; where discrimination no longer shapes life chances and gender equality is achieved; where economies respect dignity and equality; where technologies serve people and the planet.

Dialogue

Alliance participants commit to engage in open, respectful and sustained dialogue.
This includes listening to lived experience, particularly the voices of victims and survivors, young people, and communities at risk or in the margins. Through dialogue, Alliance participants will bridge global and local, policy and practice, as well as different sectors and regions, rebuilding trust in a time of polarization and fragmentation.

Act

Alliance participants commit to act, each according to their role, capacity and responsibility, to advance human rights in practice.
Action can include making specific and time-bound pledges; implementing commitments, and co-creating or joining catalytic initiatives, or contributing resources or expertise.

Participation & Implementation

The Global Alliance for Human Rights will be innovative, inclusive and multi-stakeholder.

Supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Global Alliance will grow through catalytic initiatives and the delivery of pledges.

Each year on 10 December, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will convene a **Global Alliance Human Rights Forum** to create a space for dialogue on human rights issues, share progress across initiatives, and set priorities for the year ahead.

Those participating in the Alliance will **pledge concrete actions** and base their engagement on a Statement of Commitment.

A **lean support hub** hosted by OHCHR will coordinate participation in the Global Alliance, support collaboration, and help keep initiatives aligned.