



# Report



# UN Summer Academy

THE UN AT 75: THE FUTURE WE WANT

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# Introduction

2020 marked 75 years since the formation of the United Nations. For its 75th anniversary, the United Nations launched the biggest ever global conversation on the role of global cooperation in building the future we want.

Amidst the disruption and uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 global health crisis, global dialogue and action is more critical than ever. In the wake of the crisis, tackling issues such as the climate crisis, inequality, new patterns of violence, and the major changes we are seeing in population and technology in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals—our shared vision for the future—will require cooperation across borders, sectors and generations.

But just when we need collective action more than ever, support for global cooperation is flagging. In many countries, public trust in traditional institutions is in decline and relations between countries are under strain. Dialogue and action on global issues could not be more urgent.

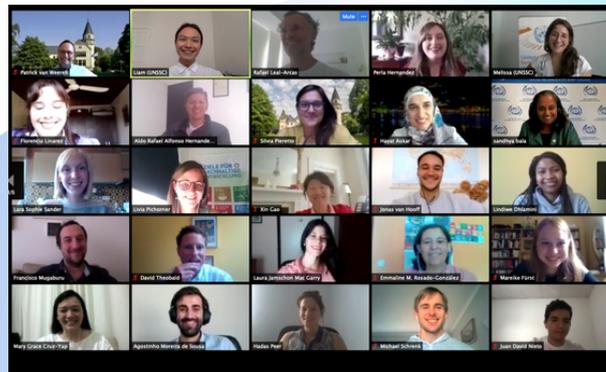
It was against this backdrop that the first ever virtual edition of the UN Summer Academy took place. Linking into the global UN initiative, the UN Summer Academy was themed around the vision of the future we want. It aimed to spotlight cutting-edge approaches to solve global issues through a renewed commitment to multilateralism, looking to the future with optimism in humankind's ability to create a world for all to thrive.

The immersive five-day programme took place online from 24 to 28 August 2020. It brought together government and civil society representatives, thought leaders, academia, and youth to discuss the threats that face our world, and the opportunities to better understand and meet the needs of the present and the future.

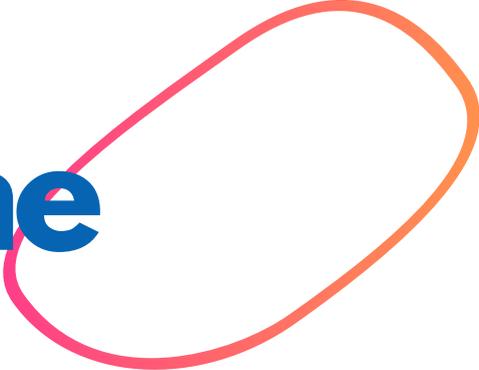
This ninth UN Summer Academy built on the rich legacy of eight presence-based editions, held in New York, Turin, and Bonn. As the flagship sustainable development programme of the UN System Staff College (UNSSC), the annual programme emphasizes the holistic approach of the universal 2030 Agenda. The

UN Summer Academy is integral to promoting participatory dialogue that articulates and builds innovative approaches to enable the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

While participants could not physically come to Bonn in 2020, the virtual Academy retained its linkages to the City of Bonn, which has hosted the UN Summer Academy since 2016. The sustainability hub is home to more than 20 different UN entities and programmes, as well as more than 150 international organizations working on sustainable development. Whether it was through expert inputs from Bonn-based UN entities, or an online performance by the World BEAThoven project, participants still had the opportunity to connect virtually with the city.



# Programme Highlights



The five-day programme comprised three key blocks:

1. Daily **plenaries** which brought all participants together for expert inputs
2. Interactive **side events** which offered a variety of expert perspectives and social activities
3. **Working group sessions** in which small groups of participants collaborated on a group project and engaged in collective reflection and knowledge-exchange

The following sections provide a glimpse into each of the blocks. A complete agenda for the event is attached as an annexure.

# Plenaries

Plenaries brought all participants together for expert inputs. In each plenary, participants engaged with speakers through lively question-and-answer sessions.

## Day 1: Opening of the 2020 UN Summer Academy

**Patrick van Weerelt**, Head of Office at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, and **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**, Learning Portfolio Manager at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development and UN Summer Academy lead, opened the UN Summer Academy with warm words of welcome to participants. Patrick and Sandhya set the scene for the week with a few words on the UN Summer Academy's focus on sustainable development and an introduction to the 2020 theme of the UN75 and "future we want", emphasizing that this was a very special and diverse group of participants brought together online.

*Patrick van Weerelt introduces participants to his Rubik's cube metaphor for an integrated approach to sustainable development.*

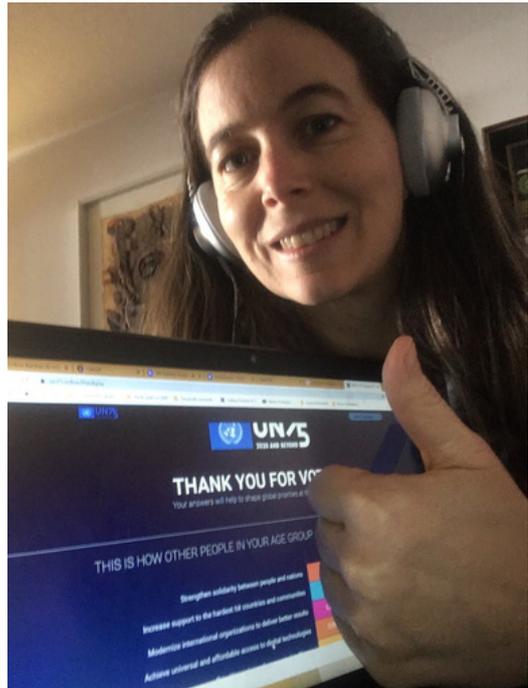


Participants also heard from UN Under-Secretary-General **Fabrizio Hochschild**, Special Adviser on Preparations for the Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the birth of the United Nations, who addressed them in a video message.

*“What the world needs most is bridge-builders, to overcome growing divisions and to work together for the future we want. I trust that you are among the world's bridge-builders and that the skills you'll be learning through this academy will make you even more effective agents of positive change.”*  
- Fabrizio Hochschild



Participants then completed the one-minute UN75 survey, designed as a stock take of concerns and views from across the world on what sort of global cooperation is required.



The opening keynote was delivered by **Natalie Samarasinghe**, Chief of Strategy to the Special Adviser on the UN75 Anniversary. Natalie called on participants to reflect on the future they want, joining the dialogue and the call for global cooperation.

*“If we are able to take on the call of people to take action, 2020 could be finally the year where we are able to change course.”*

- Natalie Samarasinghe



## Day 2: The 2030 Agenda and Systems Thinking

The second plenary was conducted in a “flipped classroom” format, in which participants completed a preparatory module on the 2030 Agenda and systems thinking ahead of time and then delved deeper into the topic during the live session. **Mhabeni Bona**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, opened the second plenary with a recap of key messages from the preparatory module on the 2030 Agenda.

## KEY MESSAGES ON THE 2030 AGENDA

- The 1987 Brundtland Commission Report defines sustainable development as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to satisfy their own needs”.
- The 17 SDGs do not represent the Agenda in its entirety. They are a results framework to measure the progress of the 2030 Agenda. To understand the Agenda in its entirety, we also need to look at its preamble and declaration, which lay out its vision.
- The five P’s of the 2030 Agenda - People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership - provide a lens through which we can see the interlinkages and integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

**Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam** then led participants into a deep dive on systems thinking, calling for a systems thinking approach to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda. Citing Donella Meadows’ metaphor of “dancing with systems”, she noted that the point is not to break down a complex problem in a linear and reductionist way, but rather to understand it deeply and work with it in an organic and symbiotic manner.

Professor **Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue**, member of the independent group of scientists nominated by the UN Secretary-General to write the 2019 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), presented the GSDR as a useful framework for a systems thinking approach. He emphasized the key role that science should play in informing policy- and decision-makers on how to realize transformative sustainable development change.

“Not all transformation is good. How do you take advantage of moments of crises and moments of reckoning to steer the ship to the right direction?”

- *Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue*



## Day 3: Building Back Better in a Post-Covid World

In plenary three, participants heard a series of multi-sectoral perspectives on post-Covid-19 implications. As the speakers presented, **Desiree Llanos Dee** and **Nityalila Saulo**, Tofu Creatives, live-scribed their key points. The summary visual is shown below.



The first speaker, **Imme Scholz**, Deputy Director at the German Development Institute, laid out the challenges facing multilateralism in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that these were prevalent even before the health crisis emerged. Highlighting the need for structural transformation in an increasingly multi-polar world, she underscored the need to understand the linkages between improvements at home and the global common good.

*“The main breakthrough in understanding we need to achieve is that of the linkages between improvements at home and the global common good.”*

*- Imme Scholz*



Next, **Vanessa Nakate**, Ugandan Youth Climate Activist, invited participants to imagine a future that is resilient to the consequences of the pandemic and climate change. She highlighted that we cannot stop at studying topics of sustainable development in the context of formal education and encouraged everyone to take action on the ground, using their voice and platform to drive change.

*“You want to see poverty reduction, gender equality, life in water and above earth? You have to ask for climate justice!”*

*- Vanessa Nakate*



The third speaker, **Prerana Issar**, Chief People officer at NHS UK, noted that Covid-19 has shone a light on the dual challenges of unequal access to healthcare and mental health. She advocated a shift towards human-centred treatment, asking participants to reimagine healthcare as a model where more time is spent on patient-facing activities.

*"Our society is only as healthy and protected as the least protected among us."*

- Prerana Issar



Next, **Paul Ladd**, Director of UNRISD, presented findings from a 2020 UNRISD survey which looked at how policies and interventions can be better designed to address the needs of vulnerable individuals, groups and communities. He underlined the importance of social protection policies and assistance for basic services, alongside inclusive and responsive institutions and bottom-up approaches, in shaping a better future.

*"The socio-economic impacts and implications [of Covid-19] don't sit in their own box on their own.*

*They're connected to politics, to governance...and to nature and environment."*

- Paul Ladd



The final speaker, **Radha Gopalan**, Visiting Faculty at Azim Premji University, emphasized the importance of resilience – the capacity of a system to bounce back – in efforts to build back better. She called for social safety nets and knowledge sharing in social systems, and underlined the importance of biodiversity and environmental protection to guarantee adaptive capacity in ecosystems.

*"When we talk about environmental perspectives it is imperative that we talk about them as a socio-ecological system."*

- Radha Gopalan



## Day 4: Inclusive Action for Sustainable Development

The fourth plenary opened with a fireside chat between **Irene Guijt**, Head of Research and Publishing at Oxfam Great Britain, and **Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**, on the imperative to “Leave no one behind”. They unpacked the oft-cited concept by exploring questions such as “who are the left behind?”; “how can we make the 2030 Agenda truly inclusive and not thrust upon the marginalized from an outsider’s perspective?”; and “has the Covid crisis deepened our understanding of forms of marginalization or has it broken down the barriers between the core and the periphery?”

"Voice is very critical....It's often in very small but significant acts that you can 'hand over the mike'."  
-Irene Guijt



**Simona Costanzo Sow**, Learning Portfolio Manager at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, then led a panel discussion on action for sustainable development. The panel underlined the importance of local action, elaborated on the role different stakeholders play to foster it, and distilled a few lessons that could help and inspire others. Panelists **Livia Pichorner**, representing Municipalities for Global Sustainability at Engagement Global, and **Yunus Arikan**, Director of Global Advocacy at ICLEI, presented their insights on facilitating local action. Panelists **Nadine Burbar**, Deputy Chief Resilience Officer at Ramallah Municipality, and **Stefan Wagner**, Head of International Affairs and Global Sustainability at the City of Bonn, then shared their experiences of catalyzing local action in their own municipalities and beyond.

"The SDGs cannot be implemented without the knowledge and action of citizens....this needs to be facilitated and the lessons from this collaboration need to be brought back to the national and the global level."  
- Simona Costanzo Sow



## Day 5: UN Summer Academy Closing

The fifth and final plenary was a moment of celebration. **Sara Cortes**, Learning Portfolio Manager at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, opened the session with a recap of the UN75 video competition which participants had worked on throughout the week (see page 18 for more details on the working group sessions). She introduced the panel of judges: **Arne Molfenter**, Head of Liaison at UNRIC, **Papa Mamadou Camara**, Digital Communications Specialist at UNCCD, **Arianna Flores-Corral**, Communications Fellow at UNU-ViE, and **Simona Costanzo Sow**.

Following a screening of all videos, the judges presented the much-awaited results, presented below.

### VIDEO COMPETITION RESULTS

#### **Winner: content of message**

*Video on women and girls by Suwan Long, Gboyega Olorunfemi, Jennifer Bosen, Mariela Silva, Vivienne Caballero, Suriya Mues*

#### **Winner: link to SDGs**

*Video on climate crisis by Hayat Askar, Aminu Bonifacio, Florencia Linarez, Justine Elorm Peace, David Rangdrol, Alisa Shushkovska, Jarno Tuominen*

#### **Winner: innovative solution**

*Video on digital technologies by Elsamarie Dsilva, Nadine Burbar, Perla Hernandez, Rafael Leal-Arcas, Virinchi Porandla, Supriya Dharkar*

#### **Special mention: call to action**

*Video on climate crisis by Andrew Schilling, Tara Sheshangosht, Astrid Bernal, Adjoa Oduro-Afryie, Nyasha Musikambesa, Daniel Galvan Perez*

At the closing of the 2020 UN Summer Academy, participants were encouraged to reflect on the learning journey of the week and make personal commitments on how they would like to apply these commitments in their daily roles.

# Side Events

Between the plenaries and the working group sessions, participants also had the option of attending a variety of interactive side events. The following pages provide a few impressions, presenting an actionable takeaway or a follow up resource from each session.

## Designing the Future - the UN at 75 and Beyond

**Agnes Cserhati**, a leadership coach with a focus on innovation and strategy, invited participants to consider the power of perspective when working on complex issues. She emphasized the importance of remaining flexible and open to understand the problem and empathise with relevant stakeholders before framing solutions.

**One takeaway from this session:** *The Hasso-Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford has developed a design thinking framework comprising five steps; discovery (empathize), interpretation (define), ideation, experimentation (prototype), and evolution (test).*



## Communicating Effectively with a Visual Message

**Justin Davey** and **Sara Cortes**, experts in communications and sustainability, presented strategies to bring across a message with an impact in a short video and walked participants through the technical aspects of visual communication.

**One takeaway from this session:** Effective messaging is short and simple. One way to check for a memorable message is to ask yourself: “Does it fit on a T-Shirt?”



## No Environmental Action without Social Protection

**Isabell Kempf**, Senior Research Coordinator at UNRISD, facilitated a conversation on the importance of effective social protection policies to ensure impactful environmental action, using country examples.

**One resource from this session:** Access a qualitative mapping of Just Transition, its history, and different approaches, [here](#).



## Test Your Knowledge, SD Geek

**Samant Veer Kakkar**, Associate Fellow at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, hosted an "SD Geek" quiz on facts relating to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

**One resource from this session:** SD Geek questions and answers are available [here](#).



## Strengthening Local Capacity for Climate Action in a Post-Covid World

**Alejandro Kilpatrick** and **Sousan Torabiparizi** from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate shared experiences and tools to support capacity building efforts at national level to address climate change and sustainable development in the context of the Covid-19 crisis. The event provided a space for insights on how to engage local stakeholders in the design and delivery of capacity-building activities, and how to leverage a global network of actors engaged in the field

**One resource from this session:** Learn more about the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Network [here](#).



## Act Local: Getting involved in the food system

**Julian Bermudez**, an agri-food systems researcher and advocate for slow food, led a session on sustainable gastronomy and innovative plant-based cooking. In a talk-show format, as his colleagues prepared vegan chorizo in the background, Julian shared his knowledge about the dynamics of food production and consumption, including aspects like health, inequality and waste-management.

**One takeaway from this session:** For the food system to be healthier, it needs to be regenerative and circular. Try to shop at farmers' markets, where food is seasonal, and remember to compost food waste.



## Ink'credible Tools: Visual Storytelling for Development

**Desiree Llanos Dee** and **Nityalila Saulo**, co-founders of Tofu Creatives, talked about visual storytelling as a powerful tool for communicating complex development topics. Through a guided workshop, participants used design and doodling to storify the future they want to create.

**One takeaway from this session:** *As Desiree said to participants at the end of the session, pause, take a minute to look around you, and recognize that everything you can see started as a drawing that someone imagined. Similarly, "Political movements, personal movements, all begin with people imagining another way of existing." (Neil Gaiman)*



## City of Bonn - World BEATHoven Project

Participants watched a bespoke concert by **Darius Darek**, Cultural manager of the World BEATHOVEN Project, featuring melodies from Beethoven's works which were recorded on non-European musical instruments by musicians based in the Cologne-Bonn region and then remixed by music producers around the world.

One resource from this session: The World BEATHoven Album can be downloaded for free [here](#).



## #ForPeopleForPlanet the SDG Action Campaign

**Laura Hildebrandt**, Head of Global Outreach and Engagement at the SDG Action Campaign, led an information session on the Global Week of Action, which ran alongside the UN General Assembly in September 2020 and represented the most global and massive mobilisation for voice equality and climate and environmental justice.

**One resource from this session:** Find more information about the Global Week of Action [here](#).



# Working Group Sessions

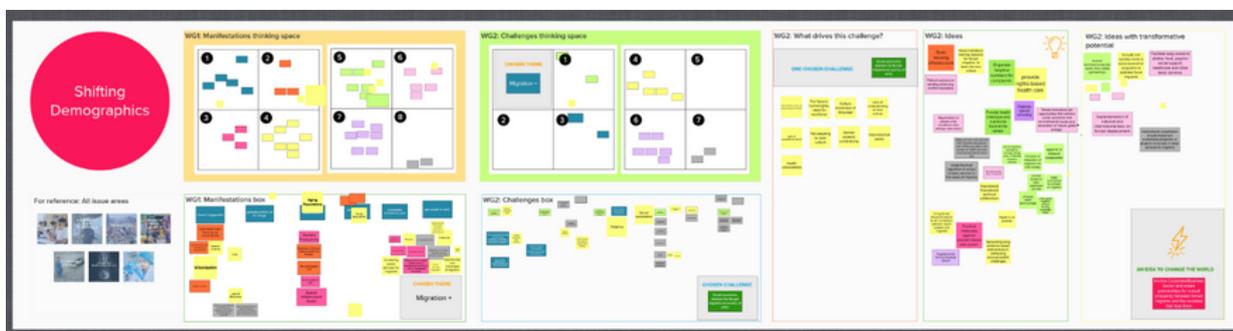
In addition to the daily plenaries and optional side-events, participants attended four daily working group sessions. The first three working group sessions were centred on a video group project, in which small groups of participants were tasked with co-producing a video statement on an assigned UN75 issue area.



Each working group had six to seven participants representing diverse sectors, meaning that the randomly assigned issue areas did not necessarily correspond with participants' areas of expertise. The rationale was that if all issue areas are interlinked and we need multi-sectoral perspectives, then what better way to find transformative solutions than to have a multi-sectoral group ideating together? Within the space of six hours (distributed over three days), each group was challenged to:

1. Discuss challenges within their issue area, zoom in on one, and ideate on ways to address it;
2. Identify a transformative idea to tackle their chosen challenge; and
3. Co-write and produce a one-minute video statement presenting their transformative idea to world leaders.

With the guidance of a dedicated group facilitator, each group of participants went through a series of rapid ideation exercises. The process was highly visual, as can be seen in the example of one group's collaborative output below.



Remarkably, each group – which met for the first time at the start of the first working group session – managed to produce a video statement within the space of three days! As detailed on page 13, all videos were reviewed by a panel of judges from UN Bonn. Winning submissions, along with a few other videos which judges particularly recommended, were submitted to the UN75 campaign ahead of the General Assembly in September 2020. The submitted video is accessible [here](#).

The fourth working group session offered participants a chance to sit back, reflect on their takeaways, and share experiences. In groups, participants discussed their “aha moments” from the past few days, and exchanged sustainable development good practice from their own contexts.

## AHA MOMENTS

*"It's important to connect the different levels and actors: it's not just about the governments, it's also the people and the private sector."*

*"We are the privileged here – and we need to something for the others."*

*"Teamwork and inspiration from my peers; single-handedly we can only do so much but with a team, we can do so much if we just trust the team's diversity."*

*"Once we can imagine the future we want, we can create it".*

# Looking Ahead

The UN Summer Academy was evaluated very favorably by participants, who rated their overall satisfaction with the quality of the UN Summer Academy at **5.4 out of 6**. On average, participants rated the relevance and applicability of learning to their own work, as well as all of the plenary and working group sessions, **higher than 5 out of 6**.

The real measure of success, however, lies in the actions taken by participants as a result of their learning. It was in this spirit that participants were invited to make personal commitments at the end of the Summer Academy. Below are some of their (anonymized) commitments.

## PARTICIPANT COMMITMENTS

"In many cultures and societies, speaking the truth can disrupt the harmony and that person thus can be condemned as 'bad'. But a transformative change cannot happen if everyone remains consistent with the norms. Be the bad guy."

"Nothing about us without us. Always consult the stakeholders!"

"Leave my silo much more often."

"Talk about 'stupid ideas' - they could inspire and contribute to find a good solution!"

"Always ask myself if I'm only thinking in my own bubble! Reach out to people, attend more learning opportunities to make sure I am not only listening to what I want to hear."

"Pass on the microphone to hear other voices."

"Doodle more and be less perfectionist when doing so."

Beyond individual learning, commitments, and follow up action, the UN Summer Academy also aims to spark continued exchange and collaboration between participants.

One such initiative already took shape in the weeks following the UN Summer Academy, when some participants decided to continue the collaboration they had begun in their working group. They did so by organizing a "tweet chat" (a public conversation which takes place on Twitter) around their video topic. In the space of an hour, they invited diverse people to respond to four-five questions on the topic of digital divide and have a conversation among them.

**TWEETCHAT ON: Bridging the Digital Divide**

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We would also like to thank our host city, the City of Bonn, Ms. Susanne Nolden and Mr. Darius Darek for access to the BEATHoven project. The recording of the BEATHoven project, fittingly shot at the Beethoven Haus in Bonn, and introduced by a warm message from Lord Mayor Ashok Sridharan was an excellent addition to the varied programme of the UN Summer Academy, and presented the City of Bonn's commitment to sustainability in a very innovative way.

We would like to convey our thanks to the office of Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond (Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Commemoration of the UN's 75th Anniversary) for his gracious message to the participants of the UN Summer Academy 2020. We were honoured to welcome Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe (Chief of Strategy to the Special Adviser on the UN75 Anniversary) as our keynote speaker for the opening of the academy.

Our large panel of expert speakers (see Annex 3) gave generously of their time and expertise to provide substantive inputs, varied perspectives and thought-provoking challenges to enrich the programme of the Summer Academy and inspire our participants, and we cannot thank them enough.

We are also very grateful to our panel of judges (see Annex 3) for the video competition, chosen from among our colleagues at UN Bonn who brought their communications and sustainable development expertise to the process.

We would also like to thank our partners – the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Diplomatic Academy of the German Federal Foreign Office, and Engagement Global, who send us cohorts of participants who contribute to the rich and varied peer learning environment of the academy.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. It certainly took the whole office to conceptualize and deliver the UN Summer Academy. We would like to acknowledge the advice, help, substantive inputs and moral support from the entire team at the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development. We would also like to thank the UNSSC communications team, especially Greta Lusoli, for creating the UN Summer Academy branding and communication.

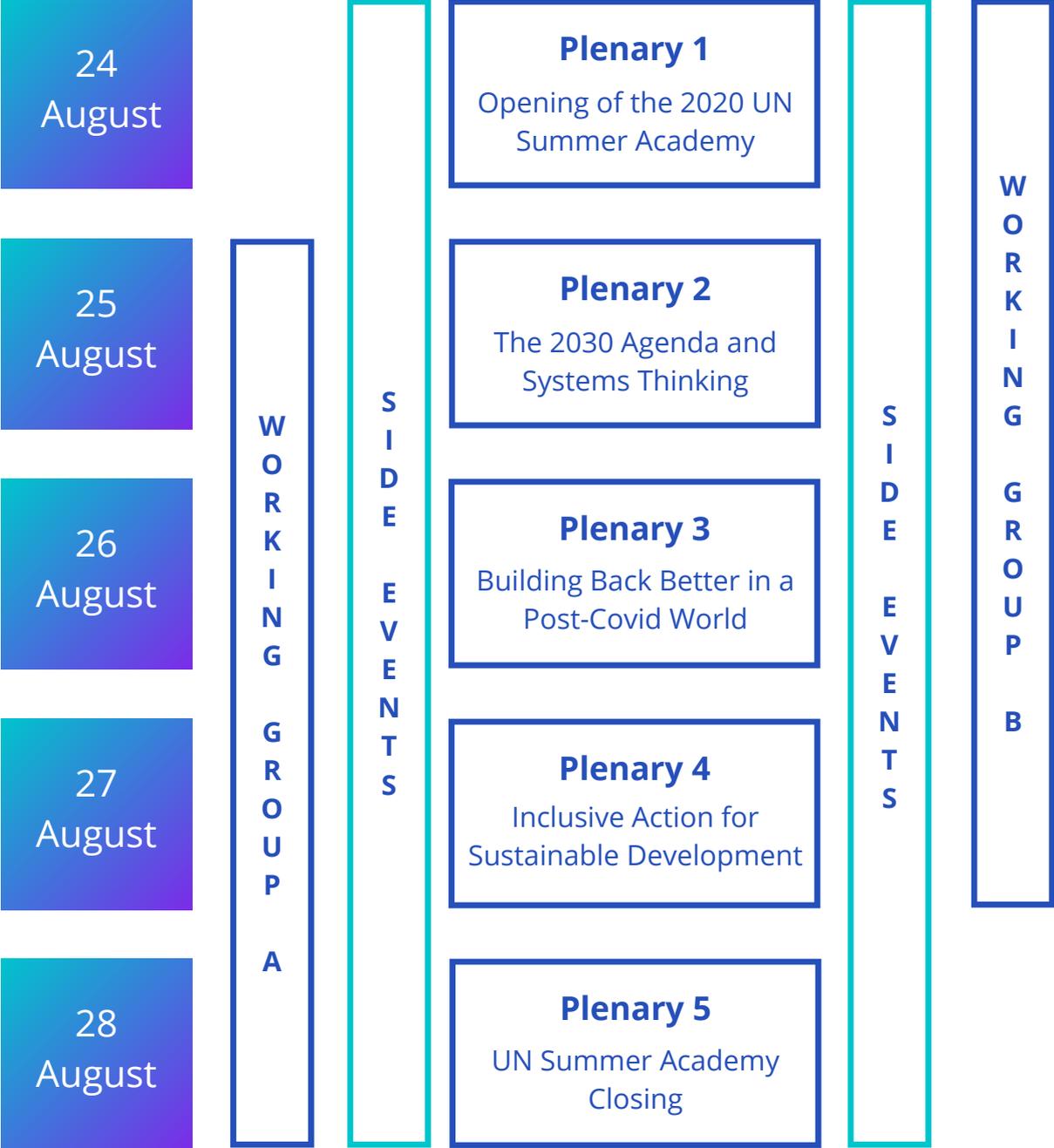
Our final and perhaps most important vote of thanks goes to the fantastic cohort of enthusiastic, engaged and inspiring participants, each a sustainable development activist in their own right. They are the lifeblood of the UN Summer Academy and give us hope for our continued efforts for sustainable development for all.

**Sandhya Balasubrahmanyam**  
**Learning Portfolio Manager, UNSSC**



# Annex 1: Agenda

There were daily plenary sessions with all participants from 24 to 28 August. Working group sessions took place in two parallel blocks – Group A participants met after plenaries one to four, while Group B participants met before plenaries two to five. Optional side events took place between the working group and plenary sessions.

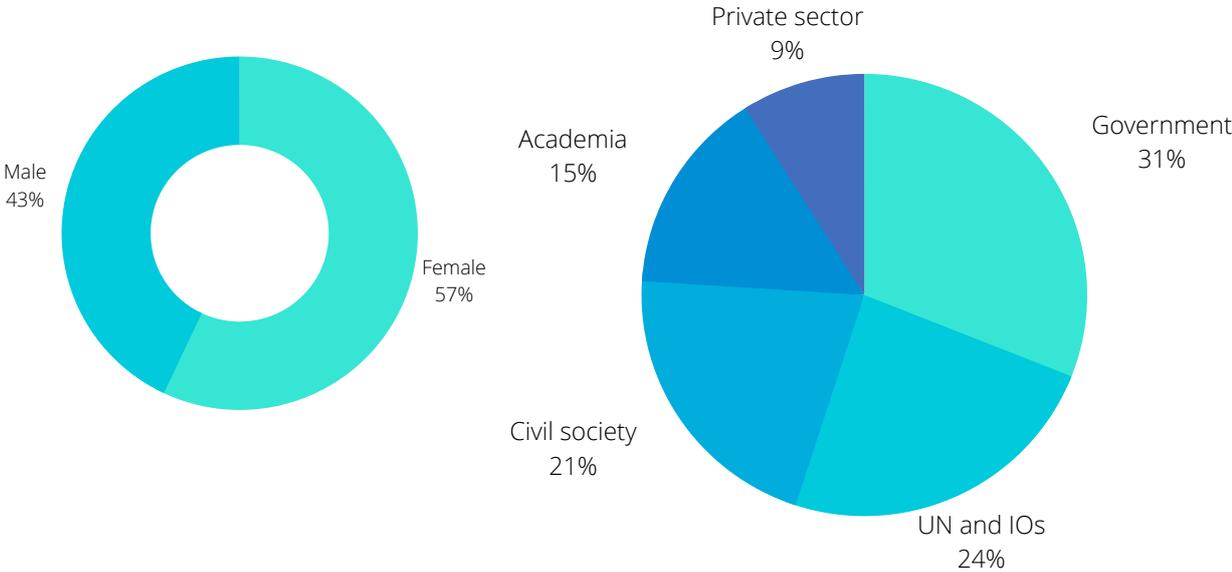


# Annex 2: Participants

117 participants, based in 52 countries, attended the UN Summer Academy.



Participants are listed on the following pages. The figures below show the cohort's gender and sector breakdown.



Name	Organization	Country
Abdul-Basit Abdul-Samed Gunu	Evergreen Terra Foundation	Ghana
Abisha Mapendembe	UNEP-WCMC	United Kingdom
Adjoa Oduro-Afriyie	Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Solutions (ISEES)	Ghana
Agnes Namyalo	UNEP - UNFCCC	Uganda
Agostinho Moreira De Sousa	Portuguese Northern Region Health Administration - ACES Alto Tâmega and	Portugal
Aldo Hernández Ruiz	State Congress of Guanajato	Mexico
Alejandro Ramos Cardoso	Embassy of Mexico in New Zealand	New Zealand
Alisa Shushkovska	International Foundation of Electoral Systems (IFES)	Ukraine
Amany Abdelsadeq	Architectural Engineering Consulting Bureau	Egypt
Aminu Bonifacio	Massive Vision Enterprise	Ghana
Amira Ali	World Green Economy Organization	United Arab Emirates
Ana Cabana	Portuguese Ministry for Environment and Climate Action	Portugal
Andrew Schilling	Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce	United States
Andrey Ageev	Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Russia	Russian Federation
Aneesah Abdullah	Sustainable Development Goals Unit (Office of the Prime Minister - The Baha-	Bahamas
Annika Glatz	German-Chilean Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Chile
Appala Yendreddi	India Youth For Society	India
Astrid Bernal	GFLAC and Barranquilla+20	Colombia
Björn Fondén	UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre Bangkok	Thailand
Camila Sagarra De Barros	Telus International Ireland	Ireland
Carlos Alberto Ruiz Garvia	UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America	Panama
Carmen Arias	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Peru
Christina Huang	Columbia Business School	United States
Daniel Galvan Perez	UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America	Panama
David Cromwell	Creative Youth Community Development Initiative	Nigeria
David Rangdrol	Québec government	Canada
David Theobald	Stadt Saalfeld/Saale	Germany
Derval Usher	UNICEF	China

Name	Organization	Country
Dulguun Batmunkh	German Embassy Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia
Dwiki Danang Kuncoro	Center for Environment and Sustainability Science Padjadjaran University	Indonesia
Ehsan Bakhshandeh	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran	Greece
Elanur Alsaç	Training for International Diplomats of the German Federal Foreign Office	Germany
Elsamarie Dsilva	Red Dot Foundation	India
Emmaline M. Rosado González	UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development & Healthy Life-styles	Portugal
Emmanuel Ikpe Quacou	Cape Coast Metropolitan Assembly	Ghana
Fatima Daggash	Department of Public Health	Nigeria
Florencia Linarez	Fundación TierraVida	Argentina
Francisco Mugubaru	Government of the City of Buenos Aires	Argentina
Gboyega Olorunfemi	Enviromax Global Resources Limited	Nigeria
Hadas Pe'Er	P-eser	Israel
Halyna Tsymbal	NGO Agape Ukraine	Ukraine
Hannah-Sophie Wahle	IOM - UN Migration	Germany
Haoma Worgwu	Envisage Foundation	Nigeria
Hayat Askar	Royal Hashemite Court	Jordan
Hayden Redhead	WINDREF - MRV Hub	Grenada
Hirohito Toda	United Nations ESCAP	Thailand
Homsuk Emmanuel Swomen	UNFPA	Nigeria
Humaira Nazari	UNV - UNAMA	Afghanistan
Ilma Jabeen	TU Delft	Netherlands
Isabelle Cabos	European Investment Bank (EIB)	Luxembourg
Jacy Thoman	Clayton Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	United States
Jarno Tuominen	University of Helsinki; Aatos Cooperative; Finnish Red Cross	Finland
Jean Poll Alva Araujo	National Agrarian University La Molina	Peru
Jennifer Bosen	RWTH Aachen University	Germany
Jinah Park	UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center Saint George's	Grenada
Joseph Bobson Koroma	University of Bonn	Germany

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Josephine Akosua Adoro	Africa Action	Ghana
Juan David Nieto Robayo	Peking University	China
Julián Bermúdez Zapata	Self-employed	Spain
Justine Elorm Peace	West African Development Bank (BOAD) / RCC	Togo
Karen Van Rompaey	Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation	Uruguay
Lara Sophie Sander	Philips-Universität Marburg	Germany
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