

## UNESCO Chairs Seminars Towards a Pact for the Future Transforming Global Governance

**Date and time:** Wednesday 17 July 2024, 14:00 to 15:30 (Paris time)  
**Languages:** English and French  
**Format:** Zoom – [Please click here to register](#)

Our multilateral system is under unprecedented strain and there is a pressing need to enhance international cooperation and address governance gaps. The [Pact for the Future](#), to be adopted at the [Summit of the Future](#), intends to renew people’s trust in global institutions by making them more representative of today’s world. Addressing today’s complex and multi-dimensional crises requires collective and coordinated approaches and more effective, equitable, and inclusive global governance.

Chapter 5 of the draft *Pact for the Future* includes a commitment to reinvigorate, reform and strengthen the UN development system and multilateral financial institutions. The draft Pact includes a renewed commitment to strengthen the UN human rights pillar and the international financial architecture to better respond to the negative impact poverty and inequality, climate change and environmental degradation, and threats to international peace and security. The Pact also aims to build resilience to complex global shocks, requiring multidimensional and multistakeholder responses. Transforming global governance will require engagement and partnerships between international institutions and other relevant actors – including academia – that are inclusive and diverse in nature, and can deliver on existing commitments, whilst addressing new and emerging challenges.

This UNESCO Chairs Seminar will bring together UNESCO Chairs, UNITWIN Networks and other partners to discuss key themes and actions on global governance, international cooperation, international mobility, and all human rights, including the right to development, with a futures lens. Participants will consider the role of academics and researchers as bridge-builders between government, civil society and academia, and how to promote the inclusion of diverse voices in global governance, including youth and women, as well as fostering locally led action. It will also reflect on the discussions in previous UNESCO Chairs Seminars in this series on financing for sustainable development; international peace and security; science, technology and innovation; and youth and future generations, and their implications for multilateralism.

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## Provisional Agenda

<b>Transforming Global Governance</b> <b>Wednesday 17 July 2024, 14:00 – 15:30 (Paris time)</b>	
14:00-14:10	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Keith Holmes</b> Research Coordinator, UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, Future of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO</p>
14:10-14:40	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rika Preiser</b> UNESCO Chair on Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures, Stellenbosch University, South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Osman Gültekin</b> UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education, Istanbul Aydin University, Türkiye</li> <li>• <b>Méké Méité</b> Chaire UNESCO pour la culture de la paix, Université Félix Houphouët Boigny, Côte d'Ivoire</li> </ul>
14:40-15:20	<p><b>Open discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Keith Holmes</b> Research Coordinator, UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, Future of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO</p>
15:20-15:30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>

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