

JOINT STATEMENT

THE WORLD SUMMIT OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE FUTURE 2022

The Committees of the Future have gathered to The World Summit of the Committees of the Future in Helsinki on 12 – 13 October 2022. The World Summit is the first time that parliamentary committees whose responsibilities relate to reviewing long-term future developments have convened globally.

In this context, the participants of the World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2022 state the following:

- Achieving peace and a balance between the wellbeing of the people and that of the planet require increased future-orientation in decision-making. Parliaments are the most appropriate institutions to support this.
- Committees of the Future are a tool for parliaments and their members to increase the future-orientation in decision-making. Committees of the Future review phenomena, developments and alternatives that could be relevant for the future and relate these to decision-making.
- Phenomena driving the future development of countries are often transnational. Inter-parliamentary and inter-cultural futures dialogue is therefore useful for recognising emerging challenges and common interests. It is also a means to learn about new ways to do futures-related work in different parliaments.
- The Committees of the Future continue to meet in World Summits of the Committees of the Future.
- Committees of the Future encourage the creation of new committees of the future as well as other mechanisms to support future-oriented decision-making in parliaments around the world.
- Any committee of the future can host a World Summit of the Committees of the Future. The World Summits will be arranged every October.
- The next host will be decided in each World Summit.
- The host of the next official World Summit of the Committees of the Future will be Uruguay 2023.
- The committee that hosts the World Summit can freely design the agenda of the meeting and to invite any committee of the future, including new entrants.
- We encourage the Committees of the Future to stay actively in touch with each other between the World Summits – the next possibilities being “The Future of the World Congress” in Vilnius, Lithuania 12 – 13 May 2023 and the “Congress of the Future 2023”, Santiago, Chile in 16 – 22 January 2023.

IN HELSINKI, 13TH OCTOBER 2022

Participants of the World Summit of the Committees of the Future 2022

- Committee of the Future, Parliament of Finland – Eduskunta
- Committee of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, Parliament of Austria
- The House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry and Technology, Parliament of Canada
- Committee of the Future, Science, Technology and Innovation, National Congress of Chile
- Economic Affairs Committee, Parliament of Estonia – Riigikogu
- The Future Committee, Parliament of Iceland – The Althing
- Committee for the Future, Parliament of Lithuania – Seimas
- ICT Committee and Future’s Committee, Congress of Paraguay – Congreso
- Committee of Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking, Congress of the Philippines
- Committee for Digitalisation, Innovation and Modern Technology, Parliament of Poland – Sejm
- Committee of Science, Technology, Research and Innovation, National Assembly of Thailand
- The Special Futures Committee, General Assembly of Uruguay
- Committee for Science, Technology and Environment, National Assembly of the Social Republic of Vietnam

