



International Cooperation FUTURES FORUM 2024

Exploring New Possibilities in International Cooperation



The Forum at A Glance

Participant Overview

The 2024 [International Cooperation Futures](#) forum brought together **400+ participants**, from civil society, academia, government and international organizations, to explore ways to address global challenges and create positive change. Held from October 8-10, 2024 at Ottawa’s National Arts Centre, located on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation, the forum catalyzed innovative ideas, strategic discussions and collaborations across sectors and regions.

120 influential speakers contributed insights, joined **by 51 partnering organizations**.

The forum focused on the key issues, opportunities and challenges facing our current and future context - both in Canada and globally:

Bold Canadian action on humanitarian response, development and peace, financing for development and G7 leadership.

Shifting power in international cooperation through localization, feminist leadership, anti-racism and reconciliation.

Unapologetic commitment to civic space, rights and democracy through resilient civil society, responsible technology advancement and media engagement.

Bolstering organizational resilience through connection to new partners, creative ways of working and support for emerging leaders.

Multimedia



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Sessions Snapshot



3 plenaries



20 impactful sessions



4 workshops



2 evening events



And more!

96%

LEVEL OF SATISFACTION

+43,000

IMPRESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



It was a great conference and such a pleasure to see so many colleagues and have in-depth discussions.

Engagement

Memorable Sessions and Milestones

20 Impactful Sessions

- **The Future is Digital** where we leveraged digital transformation for a brighter future with **Allison Cohen, Jahanzeb Hussain Syed, Natalie Ponce, Sathy Rajasekharan** and **Clarice Tavares**
- **The Future is Adaptive** where we responded to opportunities and risks shaping our collective future with **Kate Huibers, Sumair Mirza, Laurel Sallie, Deb Rasmussen** and **Claire Woodside**
- **The Future is Equitable** where we learned from equity-deserving groups for sustainable progress with **Michael Arnaud, Katelynne Herchak, Leila Moumouni-Tchouassi, Barbara Nzigiye, Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah** and **Mathieu Seppey**
- **The Future is Feminist** where we followed lessons from feminist trailblazers from around the world with **Eileen Alma, Smita Bhatnagar, Lucia di Poi, Tsigie Haile, Juliate Keya Malakar** and **Lilian Liundi**
- **The Future is Humanitarian** where we examined crisis contexts now and into the future with **Miriam Castaneda, Jama Hanshi, Kelsey Lemon, Leslie Norton, Mohammed Qazilbash** and **Rosayla**
- **The Future is Triple Nexus** where we integrated humanitarian, development and peace approaches for enhanced development impact with **Rano Mansurova, Katherine Meighan, Garrett Pratt, Demelash Teferedegn** and **Ben Thompson**
- **The Future is Finance** where we catalyzed investment for sustainable growth in Africa with **Joy Anderson, Lori Kerr, Mante Molepo, Mercy Mutua, Dorothy Nyambi** and **Pranay Samson**
- **The Future is Philanthropic** where we engaged and leveraged philanthropy for global impact with **Jennifer Brennan, Kimberly Cernak, Benoit Fontaine, Katharine Im-Jenkins, Shannon Kindornay, Caroline Kouassiaman, Katie Porter** and **Vinod Rajasekaran**

3 Plenaries

- **The Future is Foresight** where we explored scenarios shaping the future of international cooperation with **Antoine Chevrier, Julie Delahanty, Ferrada Lightning, Nepha Napoleon, Andy Ouedraogo, Oluseyi Babatunde Oyebisi, Nicolas Parent, Darron Seller-Peritz** and **Maryam, Youth Representative at Plan International Canada**
- An All-Party Political Dialogue, **The Future is Democratic**, where we explored visions for Canadian leadership on international cooperation with **Stéphane Bergeron, Heather McPherson, Garnett Genuis, Omayra Issa, Mike Morrice** and **Anita Vandenberg**
- **The Future is Global** where we explored opportunities for leadership in a shifting global context with **Youri Cormier, Kate Gillis, Kate Higgins, Bob Rae, Cindy Termorshuizen** and **Mandeep Tiwana**



The meeting with political parties - great idea!



Thanks for the CFO breakfast meeting!
It was a great opportunity to meet GAC and CFOs.

- **The Future is Enabled** where we supported charities for influence, innovation and impact with **Ahmad Attia, Kevin McCort, Tim McSorley, Mahmuda Khan** and **Salma Zahed**
- **Niigaan Izhichigewin Maamawi** where we invited participants to listen deeply and intentionally to the Indigenous perspectives and teachings of **Kate Gillis, Katelynne Herchak, Leslie Kirkness, Ferrada Lightning, Heather O'Watch** and **Vince Kicknosway** on the possible futures for international cooperation
- **The Future is Anticipatory** where we leveraged anticipatory action approaches in humanitarian program delivery with **Dorothy Heinrich, Charlotte McGlade, Esther Omam Njomo** and **Emmanuel Tronc**
- **The Future is Informed**, a live-recorded session, where we leveraged media and communications approaches for development influence, impact and innovation with **Amara Bangura, Eden Fineday, Adrian Harewood, Sarah Saint-Pierre** and **Eucharía Uranta-Onkonkwo**

- **The Future is Ethical** where we explored, challenged and reshaped narratives for a more ethical and impactful future with **Melissa Fundira, Flavie Halais, Rana Nazzal Hamadeh, Jackline Kemigisa** and **Celia Romulus**

 Discover our new resource on ethical storytelling!

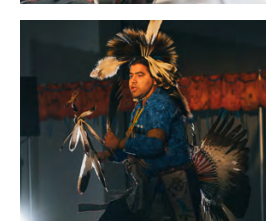
- **The Future is Resilient** where we explored innovations to protect and promote civic space around the world with **Katie Corker, Muzna Dureid, Ghazaal Habibyar, Jordan MacInnis, Vivek Maru, Maiwand Rahyab** and **Alex Sarder**
- **The Future is Community-Led** where we explored faith-based approaches to localization with **Neelam Fida, Jerry Kazadi, Jamie McIntosh, Joseph Mutebi** and **Musu Taylor-Lewis**
- **The Future is Innovative** where we unpacked innovations for the future of international cooperation with **Augusta Acquah, Mohini Bhavsar, Rahul Chandran, Paul Farran, Shannon Kindornay, Sidney Leclercq, Gillian Mathurin, Olga Elvira Yacine Ndione, Andy Ouedraogo** and **Darron Seller-Peritz**

- **The Future is 2025** where we pushed for a collective advocacy agenda for a bold Canadian global leadership with **Mary Bridger, Paul Farran, Martin Fischer** and **Darron Seller-Peritz**
- **A Triple Nexus Series** with **Aaron Brown, Roxane Caron, Stefan Epp-Koop, Ilhom Ghulomjonov, Jama Hanshi, Andy Harrington, Roula Kikhia, Magali Martin, Melody Musser, Leslie Norton, Patrick Robitaille** and **Demelash Teferedeg**

 Listen to The Future is Informed live recording!

Workshops & More!

Participants at the International Cooperation Futures forum engaged in interactive workshops, breakout sessions and a human library where they shared strategies and formed collaborations, while also connecting during evening receptions and the Art as Activism event.



“ I appreciated the variety of sessions. It offered me a chance to learn beyond what I do day-to-day, but also felt relevant for me in my day-to-day work. ”

Continuing the Momentum

Commitments for the Future

The 2024 forum has laid the groundwork for future progress, with several actionable next steps and new partnership developments emerging from the discussions. Key commitments have been made to drive innovation and collaboration toward shared goals. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building on these foundations with the upcoming 2026 edition.

For more information on the next steps and partnership opportunities, please visit the official website for the [2026 International Cooperation Futures forum](#).

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Thank you to our incredible partners for your invaluable contributions. Through your support and collaboration, we brought bold ideas and innovative solutions to the forefront, sparking meaningful dialogue and action. We look forward to continuing this important work together and welcome your ideas for future partnerships!

Kate Higgins — Chief Executive Officer

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