

JOINT STATEMENT

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.

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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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam

