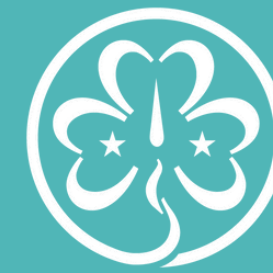


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United Nations Civil Society Conference 2024

in Support of the Summit of the Future



UNHQ, Nairobi



9-10 May, 2024

SMART SURFERS AT UNCSC 2024

The United Nations Civil Society Conference is an international forum, that is the premier event in the civil society calendar at the United Nations to provide preliminary discussions and data ahead of the Summit of the Future in September 2024 at the UN Headquarters in New York.



World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was represented at UNCSC by two Smart Surfers from Uganda Girl Guides Association **Ms. Akatukunda Ronah** and **Ms. Sophia Nabbaale**. Their advocacy messages called on the world leaders to meaningfully create international laws and policies to ensure girls and young women are connected positively and safely online and to imagine a better internet for sustainable growth. Find more [here](#).



SESSION PARTICIPATION

- **Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance** Enabling a sustainable Digital Future
- **People Centered Smart Cities** for an Open, Secure and Inclusive Digital Future
- **Empowering Youth for sustainable development** and a more equitable future
- **Commitment to multilateral approach** for sustainable development goals for a sustainable future through youth participation.
- **Unlocking Change** Visions of transformation for a youth-driven future.
- **Civil society recommendations** on the 5 chapters of the pact of the future.



MAJOR TAKEAWAYS FROM SOME SESSIONS



Impact Coalition on Gender equality

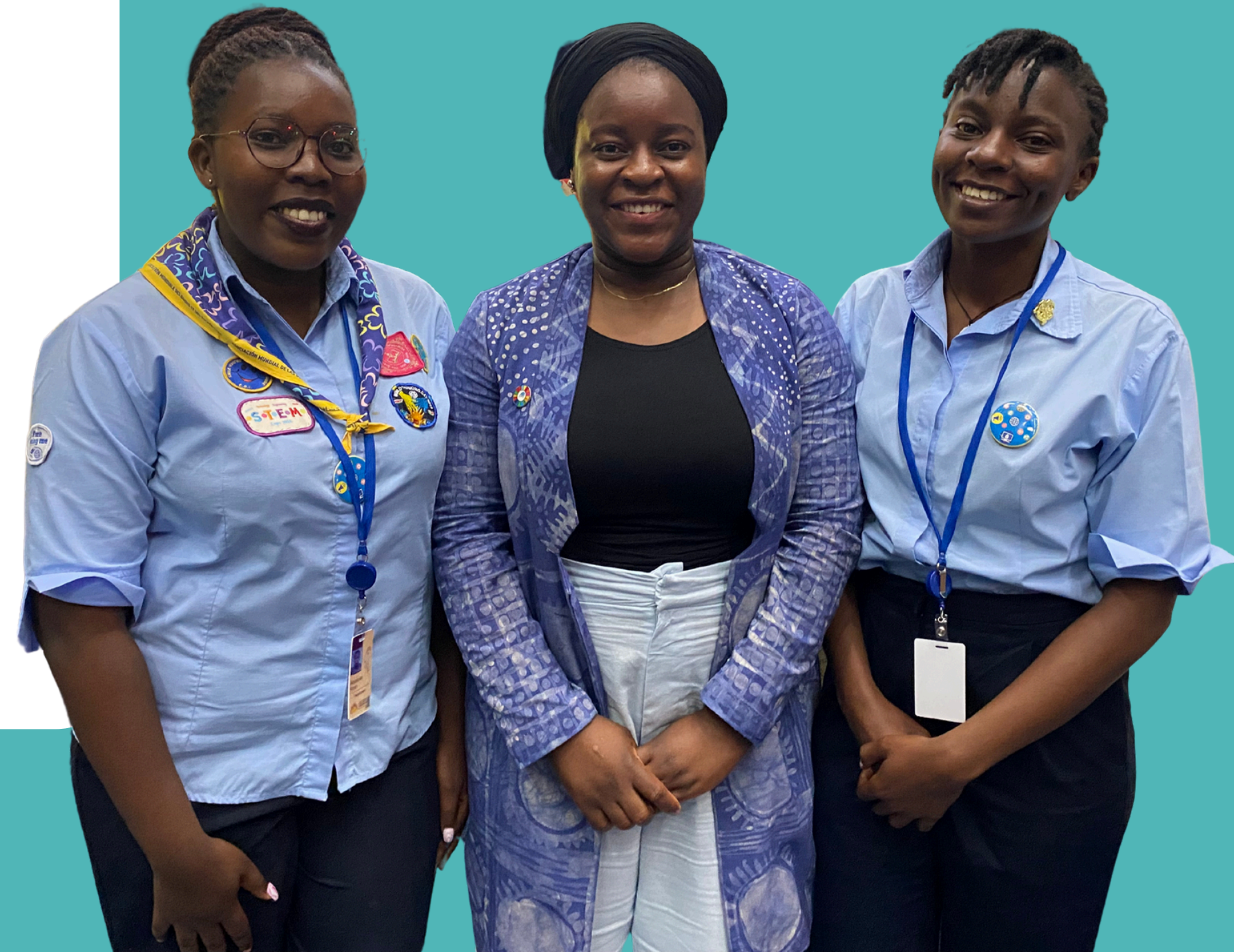
There was emphasis on advocacy through calling for action and raising awareness on gender equality concerns. Here we advocated for involvement of all indigenous people and minorities. Civil society encouraged stake holder collaboration and community engagement to talk about issues for change not forgetting empowerment for social and economy development.

Impact Coalition on Youth and Intergenerational engagements

The engagements complemented the aim for a collective future that safe guards intergenerational and sustainable well-being. The gaps that were identified here included having separate programs for each categories and a possible resolution to this would be encouraging intergenerational programs for knowledge sharing.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

“We had an opportunity to have a one on one with Karimot Odebode an SDG Young Leader and the Founder of Black Girls Dream Initiative in Nigeria. She was a key note speaker on the panel and gave a powerful message that was encouraging world leaders to come together and work towards multilateral solutions for a better today and tomorrow. We let her know that we are advocacy champions too and informed her that we are advocating for a safer internet and a positive one for girls and young women.”



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Smart Surfers had an opportunity to meet Ms. Ines Yabar from the United Nations Foundation, the leading organization of the Unlock the Future coalition of youth organisations. WAGGGS is also a part of this coalition - committed to unlocking a better future with and for young people and future generations.



NETWORKING BEYOND UNCSC



“We managed to get our voice heard at the conference through interactions with various world leaders and coincidentally most of them are affiliated to the girl guides in a way or another. From the many influential people, we met Mr. Issa Kiratira, a managing director of the Nile Humanitarian Development Agency from Uganda who invited us to join him for a breakfast meeting on return from the Conference. Here we discussed our lessons from the conference and a way forward for representatives of Uganda to participate in the up-coming Summit for the Future Conference in New York.”



KEY LEARNINGS AND TAKEAWAYS

The major learnings from the conference to help better implement the Smart Surfers advocacy projects in the community and as representatives of Civil Society are:-

- Having more **youth participation** and engagement in global policy platforms
- Working towards **digital literacy** and innovation and transforming global governance
- Empowering more **girls and women** at global level
- Promotion of **youth and future generations** by financing their development
- Leaving no one behind and achieving **human rights** and principles
- Embracing a **multilateral system** that ensures **international cooperation**
- Financing and budgeting all the **civil society initiatives**



PREPARATIONS BEFORE UNCSC 2024



An effective action requires a robust action plan and preparations. Before heading off to the UNCSC 2024, the participants were engaged in preparatory actions in coordination with lead advocacy staff of Surf Smart and management of UGGA.

View the preparation plans [here](#)



SOME GLIMPSES OF UNCSG 2024

