

United Nations 2005 World Summit

The largest gathering of world leaders in history meets on the United Nations' 60th anniversary to focus on *A Global Agenda for a 21st Century UN* to make it stronger and more effective.

But change won't happen without you. The United Nations is about people around the globe coming together to find solutions to today's global problems. You too can be part of these solutions.

TAKE *Action*

- Learn about the United Nations' important work and how it affects you.
- Tell your legislators and policy makers that an effective UN matters to you.
- Send a letter to the editor of your local paper on why the U.S. needs a stronger, more effective United Nations.

www.globalsolutions.org/un21

- Find out how your Senators and Representatives voted on global issues.

www.globalsolutions.org/reportcard

- Sign up to take action with other concerned citizens across the country.

www.globalsolutions.org/partners

- Organize a town meeting on the UN in the 21st Century.

www.thepeoplespeak.org

- Sign up for a daily email briefing on the UN.

www.smartbrief.com/un_wire



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A Citizens' Guide to the United Nations in the 21st Century

You Can Make a Difference



*"We have it in our power to
pass on to our children a
brighter inheritance than that
bequeathed to any previous
generation.... If we act boldly
– and if we act together..."*

~ UN Secretary General Kofi Annan



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Why a Strengthened United Nations?

In our increasingly interconnected world, cooperation is the smart, effective way to solve global problems.

The United Nations stands today as the one place where all the world's countries come together to promote democracy, protect human rights, end poverty, meet the threat of global terrorism and move us all toward a better, safer world.

The founding principles of the United Nations – broader freedom, greater cooperation, and deeper respect – are the result of U.S. leadership. Now the United States must lead again, working with our friends and allies to strengthen the UN so it can respond to the challenges of a new century.

“Just as the United States took the lead in forging the consensus that led to the creation of the United Nations ... we believe the United States, in its own interests, must lead the organization toward greater relevance and capability in this new era.”

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and
Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell

As all leaders do, our President needs to listen to our friends and urge them to share responsibility for solving common problems. That means working together to strengthen the United Nations. It is the smart way to get things done. It's an investment in the security of every American. And it reflects America at its best.

A Global Agenda for a 21st Century UN

Our government is working with other countries to find ways to make the United Nations better able to respond to a rapidly changing world:

Promote, Protect, and Strengthen Democracy:

Support a new UN Democracy Fund to encourage the seeds of freedom to take root throughout the world.

Confront and Combat Global Terrorism:

Endorse a common definition of terrorism and adopt a comprehensive agreement to make it easier for countries to work together in addressing this threat.

Resolve and Prevent Conflict:

Create a new UN Peacebuilding Commission to help societies rebuild quickly after wars end, establish peace and keep them from relapsing into violence.

Promote and Protect Human Rights:

Establish a more effective, restructured Human Rights Council where countries with good human rights records will lead by example.

Eradicate Poverty and Promote Development:

Help people in the world's poorest countries lift themselves out of poverty. Encourage countries to work together to promote a better standard of living.

Warn Against Natural Disasters:

Build a global warning system to protect coastal areas from tsunamis and other natural disasters.

Ensure Successful Peacekeeping Missions:

Keep more peacekeepers and police available and ready to help in emergency situations.

Every Day, the UN is Helping People to Help Themselves

Right now, the UN is building a better and safer world by:

- Feeding, educating and providing healthcare to millions of children.
- Empowering women in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and new health threats like bird flu.
- Stopping genocide and other human rights abuses.
- Helping people in poor countries to invest in their own future.
- Making itself more open, ethical and efficient.



“Our goals are those of the UN's founders, who sought to replace a world at war with one where the rule of law would prevail...”

~ President Ronald Reagan