



80TH SESSION OF THE **UNITED NATIONS** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Better together: 80 years and more for peace,
development and human rights

22-30 September 2025





Justice Coalition of Religious

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 24 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). Congregations of Religious sustain the long-standing tradition of serving people who experience the marginalisation, oppression, and vulnerability resulting from unjust global systems. At the grassroots, Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their mission partners are leaders in the provision of essential services. While these efforts offer vital temporary assistance, our common home cries out for lasting global transformation, a transformation that requires addressing the root causes of human and environmental suffering. We are thereby called to the work of advocacy.

JCoR coordinates the efforts of Religious and their ministry partners - across more than 100 countries - in pursuit of our common mission: *To facilitate collaboration among members and partners of Catholic Religious congregations working at the grassroots and at the United Nations in order to: (1) strengthen one another's capacity for advocacy and (2) advocate collectively for social, economic, and environmental justice and peace in international, regional, and national fora.*

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Human Rights Framework, JCoR envisions a just and peaceful world where the dignity of every person, particularly the most marginalized, and the sanctity of all creation are upheld. In this world, all people can fully participate in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of society, working together to foster the common good. We strive to realise this future world by coordinating the efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015-2030.

We hope these pages will help empower you join us in this mission!





What is it?

The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** is the main policy-making body of the **United Nations (UN)**, composed of representatives from each of the 193 UN Member States. It serves as a platform for discussion of specific issues that culminate in the voting on and adoption of resolutions.

The UNGA annual session commences in September of each year, welcoming heads of state and government to the UN Headquarters in New York. This year marks the **80th session of the UNGA (UNGA80)**, which officially opens on Tuesday, 9 September, and the most prominent meetings of the opening of the General Assembly take place during **High-Level Week**, which runs from 22-27 September. During this time, world leaders, policymakers, experts, and other stakeholders gather to confront another year of complex issues and challenges. The conversations that transpire in this space will shape policy for the future.

A central component of High-Level Week is the **General Debate**. The General Debate provides a space for leaders from UN Member States to speak in front of the entire General Assembly. Heads of state and government take turns delivering statements and addressing topics of significance in front of a world audience.

The theme of UNGA80 is *"Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights."* Accordingly, the opening of this annual session presents an opportunity, at a critical global moment, for world leaders to come together and **renew their commitment to global cooperation, solidarity, and collective action for both people and planet.**



UNGA80 Details

When:

22-30 September 2025

Where:

Online and at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

Official website:

For additional information, visit the [UNGA80 website](#)

Watch:

Join online to follow the proceedings of the UNGA at webtv.un.org (streamed in multiple languages)

Programme:

Click [here](#) to access the provisional schedule

9 September: Opening of 80th Session of the General Assembly

22 September: [High-level Meeting to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations](#)

22 September: SDG Moment

22 September: [High-level Meeting on the 30th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women](#)

23-27, 29 September: [General Debate](#)

24 September: [First Biennial Summit for a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Global Economy: Implementing commitments on financing development](#)

24 September: [Climate Summit](#)

25 September: [High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and the Promotion of Mental Health and Well-being](#)

25 September: [High-level Meeting to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth](#)

26 September: [High-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)



Links to live and on-demand coverage of the high-level meetings of the General Assembly can be accessed here: <http://gadebate.un.org>.



Instructions for In-Person Participation



Inside UNHQ:
The General Assembly

From 29 August 2025, no new passes will be approved or issued for representatives of NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the duration of the high-level week of the General Assembly. Access to the United Nations premises will be granted with valid United Nations grounds passes only until 21 September 2025. From 22-29 September 2025, the use of annual and temporary grounds passes for NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to enter the UN Headquarters complex will be suspended. The usual procedures for UN Grounds Passes will be reinstated as of 30 September 2025.

Access to the General Assembly

A limited number of special passes for the General Assembly will be distributed daily from 22-26 September by the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on a first-come-first served basis at the lobby of the Albano Building (305 E 46th St, New York, NY 10017) from 9:00am-10:00am and from 2:00pm-3:00pm for attendance on the same day. Tickets will be distributed upon presentation of a valid UN annual grounds pass. Owing to the limited number of passes available, and in order to provide equal opportunity to all NGOs in consultative status to attend the sessions, special half-day passes will be distributed to one representative of each NGO to attend either the morning session or the afternoon session of the general debate, but not both. In other words, NGOs attending the morning session cannot attend the afternoon session.

Access to Special Events for High-Level Meetings

For all UNGA high-level meetings and events, civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) must be registered and approved through dedicated, online registration processes for each event. At the conclusion of the registration processes, participants will be notified of the approval of their registration, and will also be informed of the date, time and venue for the collection of the required Special Event Tickets (SETs). To collect the SETs, approved participants will be required to present the Letter of Approval that was sent to them by the United Nations, as well as a government-issued photo ID, such as a passport or a driver's license, etc. The SETs will indicate the name of the participant, the specific meeting, date and time of the event. Participants will be required to carry the SETs with them at all times while on UN premises.



The access point to the UN Headquarters will be on Second Avenue and 46th Street, leading to the 47th Street and First Avenue entrance, where attendees will enter one hour prior to the start of a meeting or special event. Following mandatory security screening, they will proceed to the meeting or event location.

General Debate Programme of Speakers

Tuesday, 23 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Brazil, United States, Indonesia, Türkiye, Peru, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Qatar, Suriname, Lithuania, Portugal, Uruguay, Slovenia, Egypt, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Uzbekistan

3:00pm-9:00pm (New York time)

Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Chile, Tajikistan, Lebanon, France, Kyrgyzstan, El Salvador, Poland, Mozambique, Mexico, Vietnam, Angola, Romania, Morocco, Maldives, Iraq, Finland, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Wednesday, 24 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Algeria, Ukraine, Monaco, Iran, Panama, Czechia, Rwanda, Switzerland, Latvia, Kenya, Paraguay, Estonia, Argentina, Serbia, Syrian Arab Republic, Croatia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cyprus

3:00pm-9:00pm (New York time)

Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, Honduras, Guatemala, Comoros, Ecuador, Namibia, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Kiribati, Senegal, Slovakia, Marshall Islands, Central African Republic, Zambia, Albania, Congo, Nigeria

Thursday, 25 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Tunisia, Somalia, Montenegro, State of Palestine, Yemen, North Macedonia, Haiti, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Burundi, Bolivia, Gabon, Ghana, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Eswatini

3:00pm-9:00pm (New York time)

Philippines, Libya, Botswana, Dominica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Timor-Leste, Mauritania, Micronesia, Uganda, Sudan, Madagascar, Tonga, European Union, United Republic of Tanzania, Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait



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Visit <https://gadebate.un.org/en> for an updated list of speakers!

General Debate Programme of Speakers

Friday, 26 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Israel, Netherlands, China, Thailand, United Kingdom, India, Mauritius, Luxembourg, Armenia, Ireland, Georgia, Japan, Italy, Nepal, Pakistan, Malta, Bhutan, Spain, Bangladesh

3:00pm-9:00pm (New York time)

Lesotho, Greece, Cabo Verde, Bulgaria, Saint Lucia, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Niger, Andorra, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Belgium, Barbados, Belize, Papua New Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Fiji

Saturday, 27 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Bahamas, Mali, Jamaica, Togo, Grenada, Burkina Faso, Canada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Nauru, Liechtenstein, Cambodia, United Arab Emirates, Russian Federation, Norway, Cuba, Brunei Darussalam, Germany

3:00pm-7:00pm (New York time)

San Marino, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Nicaragua, Singapore, Seychelles, Oman, Sweden, Malaysia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iceland, Belarus, Venezuela

Monday, 29 September

9:00am-2:45pm (New York time)

Hungary, Malawi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Benin, Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Holy See, Republic of Moldova, Afghanistan, South Sudan



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Social Media Recommendations

#UNGA or #UNGA80

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United Nations (UN)

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TikTok: [@unitednations](#)

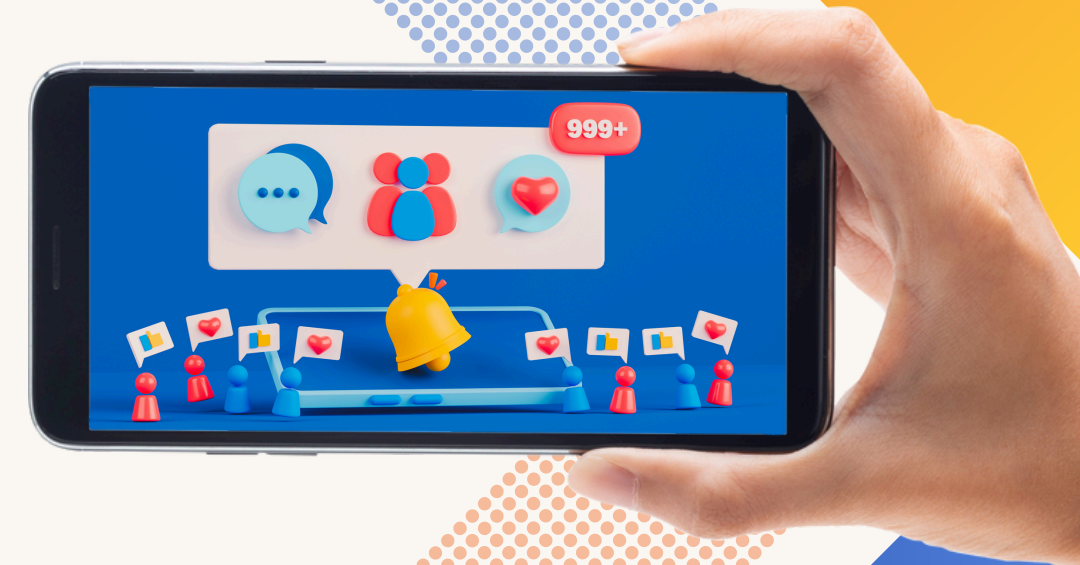
President of the UN General Assembly

Instagram: [@unpga](#)

Your Congregation's NGO at the UN

Click [here](#) to access a list of many congregations' NGO social media details

Your Government's Permanent Mission to the UN





Call to Action :

Let us pray and act in solidarity

We are called to “continue to stand in solidarity with the people of the world through these trying times, as we seek to forge a more peaceful, healthy, equal and prosperous future together.”

-United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

