

THE 2025 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA): EIGHT DECADES OF GLOBAL IMPACT



Celebrating 80 Years of service to humanity

A Historic Gathering in New York

The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** remains the world's largest diplomatic stage, where global leaders meet annually to address humanity's greatest challenges.

This year's assembly, held from **September 22–29, 2025**, was unlike any other — commemorating the **80th anniversary of the United Nations** and reflecting on eight decades of global service, cooperation, and transformation.

Hundreds of **heads of state, diplomats, civil society leaders, and youth representatives** gathered under the theme:

"Better Together: 80 Years and Beyond for Peace, Development, and Human Rights"



80 years of the UN Service to Humanity: all Cameras focused on the UN



The heads of state arrive at the General Assembly

The session was presided over by **Ms. Annalena Baerbock**, President of the UNGA, with **UN Secretary-General António Guterres** delivering inspiring opening and closing remarks.



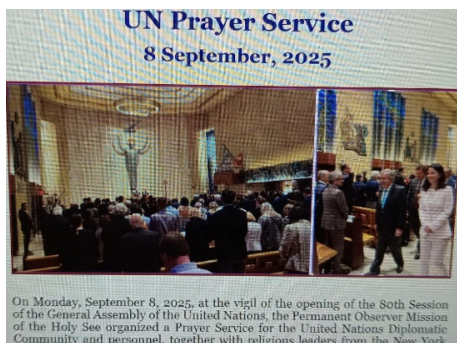
The Secretary General, Antonio Guterres addresses the General Assembly

A Celebration of Legacy and Humanity

Commemorative events were held throughout the week — from a **memorial prayer service** at **Holy Family Catholic Parish** near UN Headquarters to vibrant **cultural performances** symbolizing unity through art and diversity.

Leaders paid tribute to the UN's contributions, reaffirming its enduring mission of peace, progress, and shared humanity.

"The UN's work is about people — about unity and the stories that bind us," emphasized President Baerbock



Prayer service to commemorate ceremony of the 80th the 80th year of the UN service to humanity



Artists perform during the opening General Assembly at the UN

President Baerbock emphasized the UN's enduring mission — that its work is about people, unity, and shared stories. Leaders from around the globe reiterated the organization's relevance, celebrating its role in transforming lives and fostering hope through collaboration.

The event served as a **living tribute** to the UN's achievements, honoring its legacy while inspiring nations to continue working together for a better future



Ms. Annalena Baerbock, the president of UNGA delivers her speech



With Colleagues attending the General Assembly discussion sessions



Civil Society organizations observe the



Heads of state in the General assembly hall discussing global issues

Major Topics at UNGA 2025

World leaders tackled today's most urgent global issues, including:

-  The climate emergency and sustainable development

⚖️ Reforming the global order

👩‍🦰 Gender equality and women's empowerment

☮️ Conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, CDR Congo, Haiti, and the Rohingya crisis

🤖 Risks of Artificial Intelligence and the need for global AI governance

☢️ The elimination of nuclear weapons

🏛️ Multilateralism and Security Council reform



The most pressing need is to reform achievements

The Security Council handover



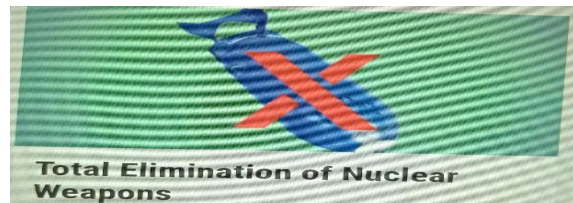
Kenya led mission to Haiti delivers their

and Haiti's current report in preparation to

to the next mission group



AI and Global Governance the world



Nuclear weapons, a major concern for



The president of the state of Palestine delivers a speech on the situation of Israel's war in his country and way forward.

80 Years of the United Nations: A Call to Action

- Marking 80 years of existence, the UN's anniversary served as both a **celebration and a reminder** of its vital role in shaping a better world.

The milestone emphasized:

- Listening to people's voices
- Reaffirming commitments to cooperation
- Promoting environmental and social responsibility
- Empowering youth and future generations
- Choosing collaboration over division

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🕊️ UN Achievements Over Eight Decades

- From peacekeeping to poverty reduction, the UN and its agencies have made measurable global impact:

- **Peacekeeping:** Deployed missions maintaining peace in conflict zones
- **WHO:** Controlled pandemics and reduced child mortality
- **UNESCO:** Advanced education, science, and culture
- **UNICEF:** Improved global child welfare and education
- **WFP:** Delivered food assistance to millions in crisis
- **IOM:** Facilitated safe migration
- **UNHCR:** Protected and resettled refugees globally
- *"The UN's strength lies not in perfection, but in persistence and collective will."*

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⚠️ Ongoing Global Challenges

- Despite progress, several urgent challenges persist:
- Persistent poverty affecting millions

- Rising maternal mortality rates
- Increasing violence in conflict regions
- Educational inequality
- The widening digital divide
- The escalating climate crisis

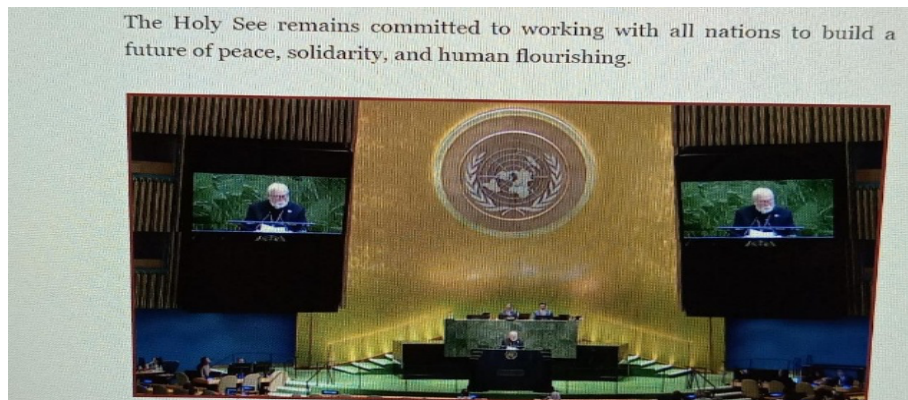
- **Reforming the UN: Building for the Future**

- The 2025 Assembly underscored the urgent need for reform.
A **working group** was established to explore proposals, especially **Security Council reform**, ensuring greater inclusivity and responsiveness to global realities.
Key reform priorities include:

- Strengthening leadership accountability
- Promoting climate justice and sustainable development
- Ensuring education for peace
- Building a fairer, more inclusive multilateral system

- **The UN's Vision for the Future**

- Looking ahead, the UN envisions a world built on:
 - Justice and equality
 - Amplified voices of youth and marginalized groups
 - Peace, solidarity, and human dignity
 - Collective responsibility for a sustainable planet
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Renewed Commitment to Humanity

- The 2025 UNGA concluded with renewed optimism and a united global spirit. In his closing address, **Secretary-General António Guterres** declared:
- *“No matter the challenge, no matter the obstacle, no matter the hour — we will overcome. Because in a world of many choices, there are choices we must never make: the choice to give up. We must never give up.”*
- Leaders reaffirmed key global priorities:
- Securing **\$100 billion annually for climate financing**
- Advancing **responsible AI for peace and development**
- Supporting **education as the ultimate equalizer**
- Upholding the **two-state solution** for lasting peace between Israel and Palestine
- Reinforcing **multilateralism** as the foundation of a united humanity

Closing Thought

As the UN steps into its ninth decade, the world looks ahead with renewed hope. The 2025 UNGA was not just a reflection of past achievements — it was a **recommitment to humanity’s shared journey** toward peace, justice, and prosperity.