

Network of Institutions and Leaders for Future Generations

2023-2027 Strategy



Increasing global ecosystem of future generations governance

The Network of Institutions for Future Generations has existed since 2014. With key developments in the last years, it was time for a refresh of the strategy and approach of the Network. The following slides outline this strategy for 2023-2025.



Background

The Network of Institutions for Future Generations, NIFG (The Network) was established in April 2014 in Budapest, Hungary, originally under the name of Roundtable of Institutions for a Sustainable Future.

In 2023, the Network change its name to the Network of Institutions and Leaders for Future Generations (NIFG) in order to align with its vision and mission, and to better capture the membership composition.

What is it:

NIFG is an independent international network encompassing national institutions, organisations and leaders working to ensure the rights, interests and well-being for future generations within the ambition for sustainable development.

Vision:

We envision a world where future generations' rights, interests and well-being are present in governance frameworks and international decision-making.

Mission:

To build a global movement that represents the diversity of organisations, institutions and leaders working to attain NIFG vision.

Core Activities of NIFG

The Network of Institutions and Leaders for Future Generations focuses on the following:

- 1) To be a **thought leader** on the key decisions for future generations governance and interests.
- 2) To be the **voice** of organisations, leaders and institutions of the Network.
- 3) To **maintain and extend collaboration** with the UN and other international fora.
- 4) To influence and shape a global **movement** to champion the interests, rights and well-being of future generations, with sectors and stakeholders, including young people.
- 5) To share knowledge and **learning** from experience within the Network and the broader global movement

Strategic Objectives

- **Movement & Momentum:** Diversify and grow the membership of the Network to represent a global movement working towards NIFG's vision
- **Thought Leadership & Influence:** Influence and inform key developments in international processes and other contexts to ensure future generations are taken into account in policy and governance.
- **Implementation & Impact:** Build legitimacy and knowledge through shared knowledge, peer support, and examples of impact and success to support the movement working towards NIFG's vision.

Objective: Momentum & Membership

Momentum & Membership: Diversify and grow the membership of the Network to represent a global movement working towards NIFG's vision

Steps to reach the objective:

- Network structures and processes are designed to enable and accommodate a diverse membership, including global representation and contribution from a variety of stakeholder groups
- Supportive relationships between existing institutions, organisations, and leaders and emerging is facilitated through the Network activities and membership
- The Network encourages the establishment of institutions worldwide whose mandate includes safeguarding the rights, interests and well-being of future generations;
- Network structures and architecture allow diverse groups of people to participate in a way that suits and benefits them, their work and the broader movement

Objective: Influence & Support

Influence & Support: Influence and inform key developments in the international processes and other contexts to ensure future generations are taken into account in policy and governance.

Steps to reach the objective:

- Support and encourage Member states to support the UN ongoing processes to promote the rights, interests, and well-being of future generations
- Support and encourage UN developments, in particular:
 - the establishment of a UN Special Envoy for Future Generations
 - a Declaration for Future Generations
 - the UN Summit for the Future
 - proposed UN future generations platform
- To raise awareness in the local, national, regional and global arena and promote the concept and means of safeguarding the interests, rights and well-being of future generations in all areas of policy making and public discourse
- Develop strong mutually supportive relationships with various key institutions at the international and supranational level (UN, EU, AU) and collaborate on key activities

Objective: Implementation & Impact

Implementation & Impact: Build legitimacy and knowledge through shared knowledge, peer support, and examples of impact and success to support the movement working towards NIFG's vision.

Steps to reach the objective:

- Build a knowledge base of practical examples of how long-term approaches have improved governance and outcomes for future generations to help make the case for governance to protect future generations
- the Network and its members are visible in the public sphere and active in the UN fora on the topic
- Provide advice, support and share successful practices for crucial developments at the national and international level
- Topic and stakeholder specific working groups hosted by members are created to support knowledge sharing and meet multiple times throughout the year, including sharing of institutional successful practices and encourage learning among members;

Background of this Strategy

Originally, the Network of Institutions for Future Generations, NIFG (The Network) was established in April 2014 in Budapest, Hungary, taking inspiration from the UN Secretary-General's 2013 report, "Intergenerational solidarity and the needs of future generations". It was originally named as the Roundtable of Institutions for a Sustainable Future.

With key developments in the last years, it was time for a refresh of the strategy and approach of the Network: this strategy outlines the strategy for 2023-2025.

Before beginning this strategy process, a review of the Network's work over the last 8 years was developed by ZOE Institute for Future-fit Economies, which developed scenario's for the future of the Network. A "Diversify and Expand" scenario was selected from these, and the strategy has been developed on that basis.

The slides following identify some key reflections from that process, as well as summarises the scenario's for the future of the Network.

Learning from Review of the current NIFG

Membership

- Consensus that it should be expanded and diversified
- Different scenarios > every membership option has resource implications

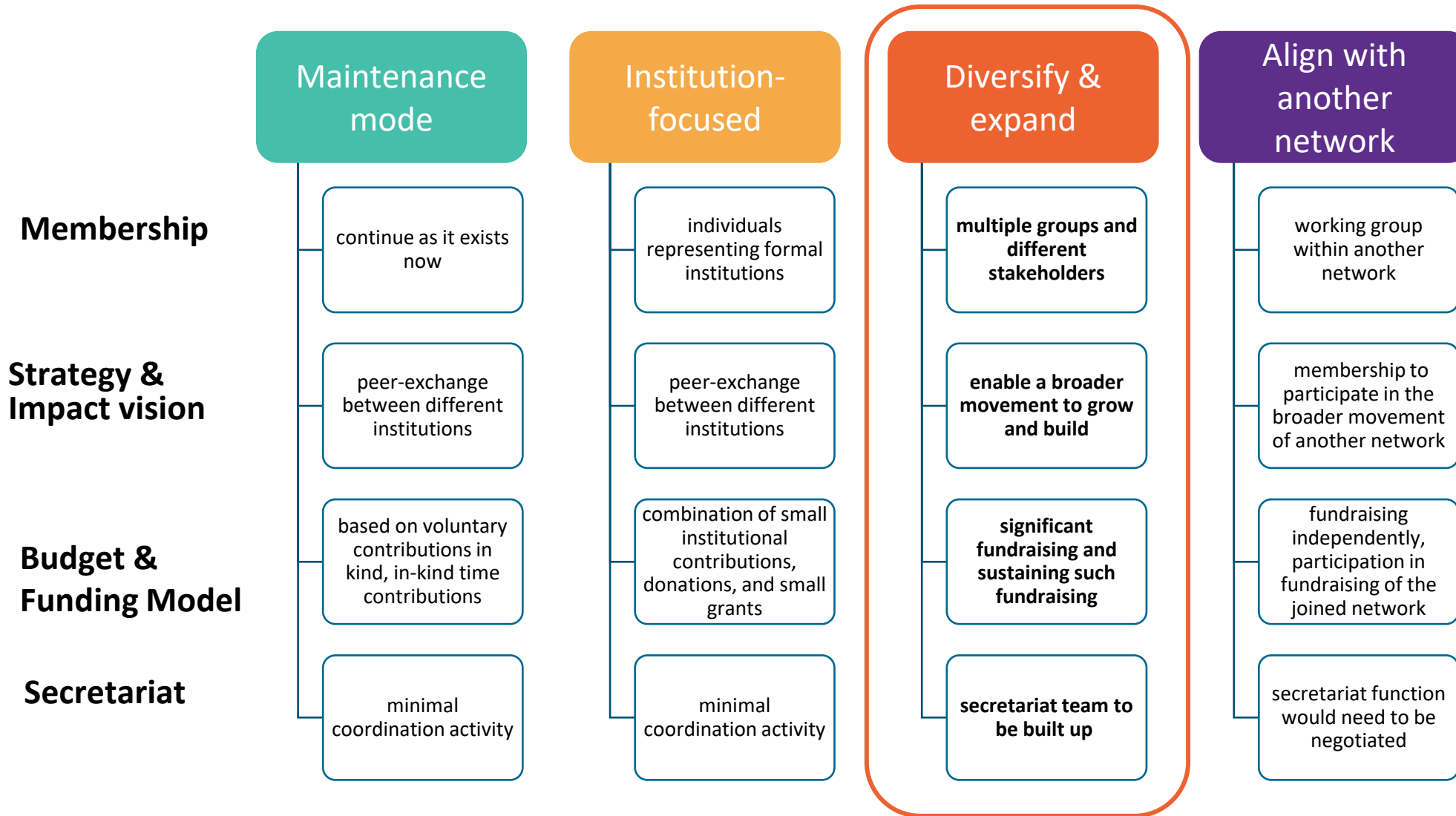
Impact

- Growing momentum and movement internationally
- Connection to other key levers: SDGs, Wellbeing, Climate

Future Scenario's for the Network

- Consensus about renewal of efforts, new strategy, etc.
- Resourcing a secretariat function is essential

Future Scenarios for NIFG



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2023-2025 Action Plan



NIFG Action Plan

The NIFG Action plan outlines steps needed in the first three years of the Network's strategy.



2023

Objective	Q1-2	Q3-4
Momentum & Membership	<p>Outreach & relationship-building to bring in diverse new members from various backgrounds</p> <p>Concept for working group structures for peer-learning established</p> <p>Review current membership criteria and identify areas for improvement to encourage a more diverse representation</p>	<p>By the end of 2023, 20 new members have joined</p> <p>Membership structures for participation of civil society actors are established</p> <p>Create a strategy to engage new members that focuses on specific geographic locations and backgrounds</p>
Influence & Support	<p>Engagement in UN Declaration, Special Envoy and Summit of the Future process</p> <p>Engage in World Summit of the Committees of the Future (May 2023) and other international discussions</p>	<p>Engagement in UN Declaration, Special Envoy and Summit of the Future process</p> <p>Preparation for hosting NIFG event in 2024</p>
Implementation & Impact		<p>Policy-focused round tables which share impact stories</p>

2023 - work so far

Objective	Q1-2	Q3-4
Momentum & Membership	Outreach & relationship-building to bring in new diverse members from practice Reviewed current membership criteria and identify areas for improvement to encourage a more diverse representation and updated in ToR	
Influence & Support	Engagement in UN Declaration, Special Envoy and Summit of the Future process Engage in World Summit of the Committees of the Future (May 2023) and other international discussions	
Implementation & Impact		

2024

Objective	Q1-2	Q3-4
Momentum & Membership	Outreach & relationship-building to bring in diverse new members from various backgrounds 20 emergent members have joined	Membership structures for participation of non-institutional members are setup
Influence & Support	Engagement in UN Declaration, Special Envoy and Summit of the Future process	Key activities at Summit of the Future Establish way of working established with Special Envoy and UN fora NIFG event in The Netherlands
Implementation & Impact	Reflect on working groups: what new emerging topics/policy areas affecting FG to focus? Policy-focused round tables which share impact stories Updated NIFG website which shares stories and experience of impact	Working groups operate in a self-coordinated manner and engage in knowledge-sharing on key topics 5 impact stories are highlighted at Summit of the Future

2025

Objective	Q1-2	Q3-4
Momentum & Membership	organise a NIFG-hosted global conference, with the aim that representatives of at least 50% of countries globally would be participating	host key, regionally-focussed and challenge-focussed implementation & impact discussions.
Influence & Support	TBD based on UN processes progress	
Implementation & Impact	Support structures to focus on implementation and impact	