

Annual Nordic United Nations Assembly

UN City Copenhagen, 9 February 2023 - 09.00-14.15

Join us this February, when Nordic UN Associations, UN agencies resident in UN City Copenhagen, and Nordic parliamentarians assemble in the Danish capital to discuss the role of the United Nations and multilateral development cooperation in a world effectively in a state of permacrisis - denoting "an extended period of instability and insecurity".

The assembly delivers a discussion - through a global and Nordic lens - of compounding crises like COVID-19, climate change and conflict that have wiped away years of progress. Experts will take stock of the Sustainable Development Goals at the halfway mark of their implementation and discuss the implications of prevailing trends in multilateral development financing on the overall capacity to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.

Finally, a roundtable discussion provides an opportunity for parliamentarians to share experiences, delineate information gaps and explore potential for Nordic cooperation in the multilateral space.

Register your participation [here](#).

Explorative questions for the roundtable discussion will be shared with participants in advance of the assembly.



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Programme

09.00 **Introduction** by moderator Verner Kristiansen

09.03 **Welcome address** by Jens Wandel, Under-Secretary General and Acting Executive Director of UNOPS

09.13 **Multilateral cooperation from an EU perspective** - Interview with H.E. Olof Skoog, Ambassador, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, European External Action Service

09.23 **Panel 1: The Multilateral Response to Compounding Crises**

Panellists:

- Henrik Fredborg Larsen, Director, UNDP Nordic Representation Office
- John Christensen, Director, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre
- Joonas Könttä, Member of the Finnish Parliament, Centre Party
- Henrik Urdal, Director of the Peace Research Institute in Oslo

10.10 **Panel 2: From Funding to Finance**

Panellists:

- Lars Engberg- Pedersen, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)
- Suzanne Steensen, Head of Secretariat, Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN)
- Helena Laukko, Secretary-General, UN Association of Finland
- Pernille Fenger, Director, UNFPA Nordic Office

10.55 **Coffee break**

11.20 **Roundtable discussion - taking stock of the Sustainable Development Goals, delineating knowledge and information gaps, and exploring Nordic avenues of cooperation**

Moderator: Verner Kristiansen

Participants: Nordic MPs, Chairs and Secretary-Generals of the Nordic UN Associations, UN agency representatives

13.15 **Group photo and lunch**

14.15 **End of Programme**