



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments New Zealand 2019

Individual commitments

1A Demonstrate timely, coherent and decisive political leadership

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand, having identified the potential for a relapse into conflict in the Great Lakes region, will use its membership of the Security Council to focus high level attention and mobilise support for efforts to prevent and manage these conflict risks, in close cooperation with partners in the region.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224049

1B Act early

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
In preparation for the World Prevention Forum, New Zealand is willing to convene a regional forum on conflict prevention to identify and advance elements of successful conflict prevention, which will include participation by the private sector and civil society.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224005
New Zealand will advocate for the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen conflict prevention at the United Nations based on lessons learnt and recommendations emanating from the Advisory Group of Experts on the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, the Report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations, and the Global Study on the implementation of resolution 1325, in time for the World Prevention Forum by 2020.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224030

New Zealand will support the UN in convening a World Prevention Forum by 2020 that identifies how Member States, the UN Secretariat, the Security Council and regional organisations can work more effectively together on conflict prevention and resolution.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224046
New Zealand will use its membership of the Security Council to advocate for the provision of regular Council briefings to ensure the Council is aware of emerging conflict risks, and encourage the Secretary-General to use his prerogative under Article 99 of the Charter to raise and brief the Security Council proactively on significant emerging issues.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224047
New Zealand will use its membership of the Security Council to push for early attention to and engagement on emerging critical risks before they deteriorate into intractable conflicts, promoting the use of tools such as timely visiting missions, interactive dialogues, and the role of the Presidency.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224048

Remain engaged and invest in stability

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will support peacebuilding efforts and work with fragile and post-conflict societies in the Asia-Pacific, including by providing support, at the request of partner governments, to strengthen security and governance institutions.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224045

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

New Zealand will contribute through the ASEAN Regional Forum to improving regional capacities for preventive diplomacy, and will co-host a workshop in early 2017 with Timor Leste and ASEAN partners on preventive diplomacy in a post-conflict environment, focusing on the necessary steps to achieve durable peace and prevent a relapse into conflict.	Capacity	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	224041
Other Partners that are yet to register: Timor Leste			

1D Develop solutions with and for people

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand recently implemented a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and will continue to encourage others to do the same.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	224028

2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will incorporate the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict into military manuals, doctrine, rules of engagement, operational orders, and other means of dissemination by December 2017.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224043

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

Complementing the core commitment relating to the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects in populated areas, New Zealand pledges to continue to engage in raising international awareness about the challenge for the protection of civilians in armed conflict posed by this practice. It commits to support the collection of data on the direct civilian harm and the reverberating effects on civilians resulting from the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects in populated areas, and to contribute to the collection and exchange of good practices and lessons learned in minimizing impacts on civilians when using such weapons. New Zealand further pledges to continue to look for effective measures to strengthen the respect for international humanitarian law in this regard, among them an international political declaration on the issue. [Joint commitment proposed by Austria]	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224004
Other Partners that are yet to register: Joint commitment proposed by Austria			

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to use leverage and influence, including through the Security Council, to prevent and end any arbitrary withholding of consent to impartial humanitarian relief.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224020

New Zealand will continue to enhance its training of its armed forces on the applicable legal framework for the protection of health care as well as ethical duties of health care personnel by 2018.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224034
New Zealand will enhance its training of its armed forces in respect of the obligation to allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief by incorporating these obligations into its law of armed conflict training program by 2018.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224042
The New Zealand Defence Force will review its military rules of engagement and operational practice to include measures to protect the delivery of humanitarian assistance and health care.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224051



2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will continue to play a leading role in the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme, which is building the capacity of Pacific police services to prevent and respond to domestic violence.	Capacity	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224003
New Zealand commits to offer international humanitarian law and international human rights law training/dissemination sessions for armed forces, particularly in the Pacific.	Training	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224015
New Zealand commits to promote implementation of the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224017
New Zealand commits to use leverage and influence to encourage the permanent members of the Security Council to refrain from exercising veto power where a mass atrocity has been ascertained.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224019

New Zealand will continue to champion and protect the rights of women and girls in all aspects of society, both domestically and through multilateral forums.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	224033
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2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to continuing to actively consider acceding to the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, in accordance with its domestic processes, prior to New Zealand's third Universal Periodic Review.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224008
New Zealand commits to ongoing promotion of universalisation and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, especially in the Pacific.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224016

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand pledges to continue to promote ratification of and accession to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention by States. It remain gravely concerned about the continued use of anti-personnel mines and strongly condemns any such use by any actor. It further pledges to uphold its commitment to meet the humanitarian goal of the Convention - a world free from the use and stockpiling of anti-personnel mines - and to put an end to the suffering caused by anti-personnel mines through their complete eradication. [Joint commitment proposed by Chile as present of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention]		Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224026

Other Partners that are yet to register: [Joint commitment proposed by Chile as current president of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention](#)

New Zealand pledges to continue to promote universalisation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and to work for a world without cluster munitions. It will continue to promote compliance and adherence, and to reinforce the norms being established by the Convention including the stigmatisation of cluster munitions. It remains gravely concerned about the continued use of cluster munitions and will continue to strongly condemn any use by any actor. [Joint commitment proposed by the Netherlands as current president of the Convention on Cluster Munitions]	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	224027
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Other Partners that are yet to register: [Joint commitment proposed by the Netherlands as current president of the Convention on Cluster Muniton](#)

3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will continue to support the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Under the Immigration Act 2009, New Zealand has incorporated and codified into New Zealand law the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (Refugee Convention) and the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	224039

Joint Commitments

Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

New Zealand commits to continuing to work with the office of the UN High Commissioner and other international bodies who work with refugees and internally displaced persons.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind	224012
Other Partners that are yet to register: UNHCR			
New Zealand commits to engage in the new platform on disaster displacement, which has been established to replace the Nansen Initiative and to take forward its Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224013
Other Partners that are yet to register: Platform on Disaster Displacement			
New Zealand has an established refugee resettlement programme and will continue to resettle UNHCR-referred refugees under that programme.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	224025
Other Partners that are yet to register: UNHCR			

Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to working towards the completion of a national sexual and reproductive health plan in 2016.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	224022
New Zealand recently implemented a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and will continue to encourage others to do the same.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	224028
New Zealand will continue to champion and protect the rights of women and girls in all aspects of society, both domestically and through multilateral forums.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	224033

New Zealand will continue to integrate women's empowerment and gender equality across its development and humanitarian activities.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	224036
New Zealand, through its aid programme, will continue to actively support opportunities for women's training and leadership in preparation and response activities, recognising the important and diverse roles that women play in emergencies.	Capacity	Leave No One Behind	224050

3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	224023

4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to continue to support, domestically and internationally, locally devised strategies and services, including livelihood generation and employment opportunities, to reduce dependency and vulnerability before, during and after disasters.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224007
New Zealand commits to continuing to reinforce national and local leadership in managing natural disasters and other hazards, including through an approach that is fit for context and scale of disasters, with a focus on the Pacific and Southeast Asia.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224010

New Zealand commits to continuing to reinforce national and local leadership in natural disaster preparedness and response in the Pacific and South East Asia, by tailoring responses to the specific context, using national mechanisms as the default coordination arrangements, and ensuring that assistance is targeted at areas of need that cannot be fulfilled by affected governments and communities, and also commits to continuing to promote a similar approach among other responders.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224011
New Zealand commits to improved regional cooperation in the Pacific to support national and local leadership of natural disaster response efforts.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224014
New Zealand will continue its support for strengthening the core capacities of regional organisations in South East Asia and the Pacific.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224031
New Zealand will continue to be a champion for small island developing states, and to draw attention to their specific development needs, including the challenges they may face in building resilience to natural disasters and other hazards.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224032

Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to continue to engage in ongoing Pacific regional discussions on an integrated approach to climate change and disaster risk management.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224001
New Zealand commits to continue to support early warning systems in the Pacific and Southeast Asia to reduce risk and improve nationally-led response capability.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224006

New Zealand commits to continuing to reinforce national and local leadership in managing natural disasters and other hazards, including through an approach that is fit for context and scale of disasters, with a focus on the Pacific and Southeast Asia.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224010
New Zealand commits to continuing to reinforce national and local leadership in natural disaster preparedness and response in the Pacific and South East Asia, by tailoring responses to the specific context, using national mechanisms as the default coordination arrangements, and ensuring that assistance is targeted at areas of need that cannot be fulfilled by affected governments and communities, and also commits to continuing to promote a similar approach among other responders.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224011
New Zealand commits to improved regional cooperation in the Pacific to support national and local leadership of natural disaster response efforts.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224014
New Zealand commits to the development of a National Disaster Resilience Strategy, which aims to take a broad societal approach to the management of disaster risk and efforts to strengthen resilience in New Zealand.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224018
New Zealand commits to using data-driven, strategic foresight to forecast societal trends and what they might mean for emergency and disaster management, as part of developing a National Disaster Resilience Strategy to "future proof" New Zealand's disaster management arrangements.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224021
Joint Commitments			
Commitment Description	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Commitment ID			

New Zealand commits to engage in the new platform on disaster displacement, which has been established to replace the Nansen Initiative and to take forward its Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change.	Partnership	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224013
Other Partners that are yet to register: Platform on Disaster Displacement			



Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand commits to continuing to align its support, nationally and internationally, to national and local resilience efforts, and provide vulnerable people with a mix of short-term assistance to address immediate needs and longer-term assistance to improve self-reliance.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224009
New Zealand endorses the Global Accord on Health in emergency settings, and the principle of improving national and global capacity to respond to health crises.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224024
New Zealand re-commits to the proper and coherent use, and the effective coordination of military assets in humanitarian action.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224029
New Zealand will continue to ensure that its development assistance increases resilience to natural disasters and other hazards, and that New Zealand's humanitarian assistance help support recovery and longer-term development outcomes, especially in the Pacific.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	224035

New Zealand will continue to work to maintain core government capacity and ownership of solutions to humanitarian and development challenges, including protracted emergencies, and endeavour to support the re-establishment of basic market functions and private sector contributions through humanitarian, early recovery, and development responses.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	224040
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5A Invest in local capacities

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will support further discussions on increasing access for local and national humanitarian actors to multilateral humanitarian funding sources, subject to quality and accountability requirements being maintained.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	224044

5B Invest according to risk

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will continue to ensure that its development assistance increases resilience to natural disasters and other hazards, and that New Zealand's humanitarian assistance help support recovery and longer-term development outcomes, especially in the Pacific.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	224035

5C Invest in stability

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID

New Zealand will provide additional funding to support the UN's conflict prevention capacities, in particular conflict analysis and the good offices function, by contributing NZ\$ 1 million over the next two years (NZ\$ 0.5m per year), and will strongly advocate for an enhanced allocation of funding from the UN's regular budget funds towards conflict prevention.	Financial Contribution ()	Invest in Humanity	224002
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Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
New Zealand will continue to participate actively in discussions on adapting multilateral funding instruments to help meet humanitarian needs, especially in protracted crises.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	224037
New Zealand will continue to provide untagged multi-year core funding to prioritised multilateral humanitarian agencies, subject to performance and appropriations.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	224038

Core Commitments

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.
- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

Leave No One Behind

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND - A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for internally displaced persons and refugees. Commit to do so in a coherent and measurable manner through international, regional and national programs and by taking the necessary policy, legal and financial steps required for the specific contexts and in order to work towards a target of 50 percent reduction in internal displacement by 2030.

- Commit to actively work to uphold the institution of asylum and the principle of non-refoulement. Commit to support further accession to and strengthened implementation of national, regional and international laws and policy frameworks that ensure and improve the protection of refugees and IDPs, such as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol or the AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) or the Guiding Principles on internal displacement.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.
- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES - FROM DELIVERING AID TO ENDING NEED

- Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.
- Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.

NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.
- Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.
- Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.
- Commit to increase investment in building community resilience as a critical first line of response, with the full and effective participation of women.
- Commit to ensure regional and global humanitarian assistance for natural disasters complements national and local efforts.

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.

Invest in Humanity

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.
- Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.
- Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").