

Virtual, 19-21 January 2022

The High-Level Global Conference on Youth-Inclusive Peace Process will be held virtually on 19-21 January 2022, co-hosted by the State of Qatar, Governments of Finland and Colombia, and co-organized with civil society and UN partners. The virtual Global Conference aims: (1) to secure national commitments to advance country-level operationalization of the YPS agenda, and (2) to strengthen political will and commitment towards including youth into peace processes. Interactive and action-oriented discussions will be convened across five themes between High-Level Government representatives, young women and young men peacebuilders, and representatives of intergovernmental organisations, CSOs, academia, and donors. Expected outputs include a high-level joint statement and guidelines in support of the country-level operationalization of the YPS agenda, and a five-year strategy on strengthening youth-inclusive peace processes.

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1. Conference themes

The programme will be structured across the following five themes:

- **Youth, Peace & Security in today's world** - The world has changed rapidly since the adoption of UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) six years ago. How can we tap into the transformational potential of the YPS agenda to address contemporary challenges relating to climate-driven conflict, the COVID-19 pandemic, increased global push-back against the rights of women and girls and digital technologies, including the gendered implications of these challenges?
- **Moving beyond words** - How far have we come in translating the three YPS resolutions into reality, including for young women? Action-oriented discussions will center on country-level operationalization, regional cooperation, and resourcing of the YPS agenda from gender-sensitive perspectives. Outcomes: High-Level joint statement and guidelines in support of the country-level operationalization of the YPS agenda, and political and financial commitments to the YPS agenda.
- **Inclusive peace processes** - As a next step to the 2019 International Symposium on Youth Participation in Peace Processes, sessions under this theme aim to showcase progress on implementing the key recommendations of the Global Policy Paper 'WE ARE HERE: An Integrated Approach to Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes'. The inclusion of young women who face distinct challenges based on their gender will be discussed. Outcomes: Five-year strategy on youth-inclusive peace processes.
- **Inter-generational trust** - With global youth protests and an erosion of trust in institutions, there is a strong need to have a constructive conversation about youth at the interface of state-society relations.¹ This theme will explore how we can build cross-generational solidarity and a new social contract, as called for in "Our Common Agenda" by the UN Secretary-General.² Specific attention will be given to the security dimensions of the YPS agenda, as well as the gendered implications of young people's political and civic engagement.
- **Youth in their diversity** - There are unique dimensions to being young that often lead to distinct challenges, needs and opportunities based on gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, different abilities, socio-economic position among other factors. Additionally, opportunities provided by the YPS agenda in creating more equal societies by opening avenues for diverse youths will be discussed specifically under this theme. Outcome: Mainstreaming these intersectionalities in all sessions of the Conference.

¹ <https://www.edelman.com/trust/2021-trust-barometer>

² <https://www.un.org/en/content/common-agenda-report>

2. Draft agenda in a snapshot

Pre-conference youth event - 19 January 2022

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TIME	PRE-CONFERENCE
7:00am - 9:00am EST	Session #1 Youth Pre-event A Global Movement of Young People Building Peace <i>Getting to know each other, informal networking and peer exchange</i>
9:00am - 9:30am EST	30 min break
9:00am - 9:50am EST	Session #2 Youth Pre-event Regenerative Practices <i>Self-care, protection & global solidarity</i>
9:50am - 11:00am EST	Session #3 Youth Pre-event Influencing People in Power <i>Advocacy & policy influencing</i>
END OF PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT	

Day 1 - 20 January 2022

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TIME	DAY 1
6:00am - 6:45am	Morning plenary

EST	Cultural performances + Welcome by MCs & introduction to day 1 of the conference		
6:45am - 7:00am EST	15 min break		
7:00am - 8:00am EST	Parallel session #1 YPS in today's world <i>Youth-led efforts for sustaining peace in times of multiple crises</i>	Parallel session #2 Inter-generational trust Moving beyond words <i>Protecting Young Peacebuilders: Why it matters and how can we achieve it together?</i>	Parallel session #3 Youth in their diversity <i>Youth, Peace and Security in all of its diversity: Exploring intersectional youth-led peacebuilding</i>
8:00am - 9:00am EST	Plenary session #4 Moving beyond words Emerging guidance from implementation of the YPS Agenda at country-level <i>Presentation of Output 1.2 - Youth, Peace, and Security guide & discussion on country-level operationalization of the Youth, Peace, and Security agenda</i>		
9:00am - 9:30am EST	Plenary opening ceremony <i>Official opening segment featuring the UN Secretary-General, representatives of co-sponsoring Member States (Qatar, Colombia, Finland) and young peacebuilders from Afghanistan & South Sudan. Moderated by the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.</i>		
9:30am - 9:45am EST	15 min break		
9:45am - 10:45am EST	Parallel session #5 Moving beyond words & Inter-generational trust	Parallel session #6 Inter-generational trust & Inclusive peace processes	

	<i>Regional collaboration for Youth, Peace, and Security</i>	<i>Inclusion as Prevention: Building Trust Between Youth and the State</i>	
10.45am - 11.45am EST	Parallel session #7 YPS in today's world <i>Climate, Youth & Peace: Protecting people & planet</i>	Parallel session #8 Moving beyond words <i>Financing the YPS Agenda: Towards more equitable and sustainable peace</i>	
11:45am - 12:00am EST	Plenary closing By MCs		
END OF DAY 1			

Day 2 - 21 January 2022

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TIME	DAY 2	
6:00am - 6:15am EST	Morning plenary Cultural performances + Welcome by MCs & introduction to day 2 of the conference	
6:15am - 7:15am EST	Parallel session #9 Inclusive peace processes & Moving beyond words Foundations for building the field of youth-inclusive	Parallel session #10 Inclusive peace processes & Youth in their diversity

	peace processes	Young women's participation in peace processes
7:15am - 7:30am EST	15 min break	
7:30am - 8:30am EST	Plenary session #11 Inclusive peace processes & Moving beyond words Presentation of the Five-Year Strategy on Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes <i>Presentation of Output 2 - Five-year strategy & discussion on youth-inclusive peace processes</i>	
8:30am - 8:45am EST	15 min break	
8:45am - 10:35am EST	Plenary session #12 on Moving beyond words From Talk to Action: Commitments from Leaders for Peace <i>Political, financial and other commitments to the YPS agenda by Member States and other actors</i> Plenary Closing Reflections: H.E. Salah bin Ghanem Al Ali, Minister of Sports and Youth of the State of Qatar Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Ms. Rosemary A. DiCarlo, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs	
10:35am - 11:00am EST	High-level Conference Closing H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar H.E. María Juliana Ruiz, First Lady of Colombia H.E. Johanna Sumuvuori, State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland	
END OF DAY 2		

3. Detailed draft agenda with session descriptions & speakers

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6:55am - 7:00am EST	<i>Participants arrival / log on</i>
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30 Minute Break	
Session #2 Youth pre-event	
9:30am - 9:50am EST	Title: Regenerative Practices <i>Self-care, protection and global solidarity</i>
Session #3 Youth pre-event	
9:50am - 11:00am EST	Title: Influencing Policies & People in Power <i>Advocacy and policy influencing</i>

Day 1 - 20 January 2022

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Time	Activity
5:55am - 6:00am EST	Participants arrival / log on
6:00am - 6:45am EST	Title: Morning plenary Masters of Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Mena Ayazi, Search for Common Ground & U.S. Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security• Leonardo Párraga, CIVICUS Youth, BogotArt & United Network of Young Peacebuilders
15 Minute Break	
Parallel Sessions #1 - #3	
Parallel Session #1 YPS in Today's World	
7:00am - 8:00am EST	Title: Youth-led efforts for sustaining peace in times of multiple crises <i>The world has changed since the adoption of the groundbreaking United Nations Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on youth, peace and security. Violence is on the rise. Some societies face climate-driven conflict. Civic space is shrinking. The COVID-19 crisis is exacerbating inequalities. Gender equality is facing additional challenges. Technologies offer new opportunities but can also pose a threat. What has not changed since 2015, is how young people keep leading peace efforts. Join this session to learn about youth leadership, agency and resilience and engage in an interactive, intergenerational dialogue on ways of supporting youth peace efforts with a particular focus on gender equality and the role of technology.</i> Moderator:

- Mr. Zander Willoughby, Search for Common Ground's Global Youth Leadership Council & US Youth, Peace and Security Coalition

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Representative of Kenyan mission to the United Nations
- Mr. Jos De La Haye, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Sudan
- Mr. Christian Cito Cirhigiri, Conducive Spaces for Peace, DRC/Belgium
- Ms. Marwa Azelmat, Women Deliver, Association for Progressive Communications, Morocco
- Ms. Muntaha Kamran, young peacebuilder
- Mr. Carlos Garcia, Grupo Impulsor 2250 El Salvador
- Ms. Amal Taha, Peacebuilding Coordinator, UNDP Sudan

Parallel Session #2 | Intergenerational Trust

& Moving Beyond Words

7:00am - 8:00am EST

Title: Protecting young peacebuilders: Why It matters and how can we achieve it together?

Following the launch of "[If I disappear](#)", the first-ever global report on Protecting Young People in Civic Spaces, this session aims to explore ways of strengthening protection mechanisms for young peacebuilders and young human rights defenders across the globe. This session will demonstrate the importance, possibility and need for a renewed and stronger social contract between Governments, CSOs and young peacebuilders on the frontlines. The session will also include a focus on most marginalized and diverse voices on matters of peace and security.

Moderator: Mihajlo Matkovic, CIVICUS Youth Action Team

Speakers:

- H. E. Ms. Sarah El Haïry, Minister of State for Youth and Engagement, attached to the Minister of National Education, Youth and Sport, FranceRepresentative of France

- H.E. Mr. Richard Arbeiter, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations
- Ms. Birgit Kainz, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Ms. Anna Ferreira, CIVICUS Youth Action Team & NGO Proyecto Base, Venezuela
- Ms. Barwaqo Jama Hussein
- Ms. Ufra Mir, Kashmir, International Center for Peace-psychology

Parallel Session #3 | Youth in Their Diversity

7:00am - 8:00am EST

Title: Youth, Peace and Security in all of its diversity: Exploring intersectional youth-led peacebuilding

The session will shed light on the complex diversity of identities and backgrounds of young people engaged in peacebuilding. It aims to increase awareness of the role diversity plays in young people's abilities to shift cycles of conflict and build peace. It will look at diversity beyond a numbers game, examining what happens when we get diverse youth inside the room. The session will also explore different initiatives aiming to promote diversity in peacebuilding efforts.

Moderator: Ms. Mena Ayazi, Search for Common Ground & U.S. Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security

Speakers:

- Mr. Omar Sergio Gutierrez, Fundacion Wichi, Argentina
- Anbid Zaman, Youth Representative, Europe and Central Asia, ILGA World and President and Chair of the Board of Directors, The Global Center for LGBTI+ Freedom and Education
- Ms. Wevyn Muganda, GNWP's Cora Weiss Peacebuilding Fellow, Kenya
- Inmagela Abreu, RD Es De Todes and Guardianes de la Democracia, Dominican Republic
- Ms. Ramisha Ijaz, Chair of Global Network for Youth with Disabilities, Pakistan

Plenary Session #4 | Live streamed

Moving Beyond Words

& Intergenerational Trust

8:00am - 9:00am EST

Title: Emerging Guidance from Implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda at Country-level

This session will present conference output 1.2, "Implementing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda at Country-level: A Guide for Public Officials". Young people are an integral factor in sustaining peace. The guide provides insights, examples and suggestions to support government actions and shifts in public policy to make this possible. In this session, we will also learn from experiences of YPS implementation in Canada, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Jordan, Mexico and Nigeria, followed by a Q&A, and Ministerial remarks.

Moderators:

- Ms. Mena Ayazi, Search for Common Ground & U.S. Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security
- Leonardo Párraga, CIVICUS Youth, BogotArt, & United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Sunday Dare, Federal Minister of Youth and Sports Development at Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development of Nigeria
- H.E. Mr. Yved Bunkulu Zola, Minister of Youth and National Cohesion, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ms. Marie-Rose Tshite, National Technical Secretary R2250/RDC, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Mr. Guillermo Rafael Santiago Rodríguez, Director General of the Mexican Institute of Youth
- Ms. Katrina Leclerc, Canadian Coalition on YPS
- Ms. Reham Ahmed Al-Qudah, Jordan Youth Peace and Security 2250 National Coalition
- Mr. Mridul Upadhyay, Youth for Peace International & United Network of Young Peacebuilders, India
- Ms. Celina Del Felice, Youth, Peace, and Security Expert and Lead Editor, *"Implementing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda at Country-level: A Guide for Public Officials"* - conference output 1.2

Plenary Opening Ceremony | Live streamed

9:00am - 9:30am EST

Title: Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Global Conference on Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes

Moderator: Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Opening Remarks:

- H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar (host)
- H.E. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Moderated Panel Discussion:

- H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- H.E. María Juliana Ruiz, First Lady of Colombia
- Ms. Anna Maneno, young peacebuilder from South Sudan
- Mr. Mohammad Yahya Qanie, young peacebuilder from Afghanistan

15 Minute Break

Parallel Sessions #5 - #6

Parallel Session #5 | Moving Beyond Words

& Intergenerational Trust

9:45am - 10:45am EST

Title: Regional Collaboration for Youth, Peace, and Security

The complexity of global security threats and the rise of intra-state conflicts have prompted a growing regional approach to conflict prevention and peacebuilding. At the regional level, young people and civil society organizations have been forging partnerships and coalitions to mobilize collective action and enhance impact in support of youth-led peacebuilding. Regional organizations are also increasingly recognising young people as key partners in building peaceful and inclusive societies, and are playing an important role in the advancement of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda. This session will explore how we can accelerate regional collaboration to support youth participation in peace and security issues at all levels.

Moderators:

- Ms. Cynthia Chigwenya, African Union African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAP) for Southern Africa
- Leonardo Parraga, CIVICUS Youth, BogotArt, & United Network of Young Peacebuilders, Colombia

Speakers:

- Ms. Agatha Lydia Natania, ASEAN Youth Organization, Indonesia
- Mr. Ma'in Alshamayleh, MENA Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security, Jordan
- Ms. Lani Anaya & Mr Matías Lara, JuventudesXLaPaz, Mexico & Argentina
- Mr. Garry Ramlee bin Ibrahim, Director-General ASEAN-Brunei Darussalam
- Dr. Rhuks Temitope Ako, African Union
- Ms. Anastasia Fusco, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Discussants:

- Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja, ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR)
- Mr. Raphael Nkurunziza, UNOY Peacebuilders East & Southern Africa, Burundi
- Ms. Christine Odera, Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network, Kenya
- Ms. Moe Sasaki, Northeast Asia Dialogue on YPS, Japan

Parallel Session #6 | Intergenerational Trust

& Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes

9:45am - 10:45am EST

Title: Inclusion as Prevention: Building Trust Between Youth and the State

To identify opportunities for inclusion of young people and risks of exclusion of youth from the critical processes after peace agreements intended to generate trust between society and the State, more particularly, transitional justice, DDR, SSR, and movements for racial justice. Through this dialogue, participants will identify gaps in the policy to implementation process of the YPS agenda, and highlight priorities to advance young people's participation in a human-centered approach to social and political processes of reconstruction. This will also be an opportunity to explore how inclusion of the needs and objectives of youth can have a transformative impact critical to prevention.

Moderator: Ms. Danica Damplo, Interpeace

Speakers:

- Ms. Anjli Parrin, Project Associate Director at Columbia Law School Human Rights Clinic, Kenya
- Ms. Laura Henao, CINEP, Colombia
- Ms. Afeni Evans, Working Families Party, Racial Justice, United States
- Mr. Ursul Amos Boundja Mandakouzou, SOS-Civisme-C.A.R, Central African Republic

Parallel Sessions #7 & #8**Parallel Session #7 | YPS in Today's World**

10:45am - 11:45am EST

Title: Climate, Youth, & Peace: Protecting People and Planet

The Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda and global youth climate movement share an important goal in common: to overcome young people's exclusion from decision-making processes on issues that concern them. While young people are seen as the missing link between peace and sustainable development, much of the advocacy efforts for YPS and climate justice are still happening in silos. There is only a subtle recognition of the climate crisis in the latest YPS resolution (UNSCR 2535), demonstrating the Security Council's lack of consensus on how to best address climate change. This session will focus on bridging the policy divide between the two agendas, by hearing first-hand experiences from young climate experts, peace researchers and youth activists.

Moderator: Ms. Cambria C. Khayat, Youth, Peace, and Security Research Network, United States

Speakers:

- Mr. Martin Wall, Deputy Director, Climate Unit, Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs Ireland
- Ms. Claudia Taboada, Director of Science, Technology and Environment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic
- Mr. Ala Mustafa, Youth4Nature, Yemen
- Ms. Nisreen Elsaïm, Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group & Sudan Youth Organization on Climate Change, Sudan
- Mr. Julius Kramer, Youth, Peace and Security Adviser, United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)
- Ms. Masooma Rahmaty, International Peace Institute (IPI)

- Mr. Hassan Mowlid Yasin, Vice-chairperson at Somali Greenpeace Association

Parallel Session #8 | Moving Beyond Words

10:45am - 11:45am EST

Title: Financing the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda: Towards more equitable and sustainable peace

Ensuring adequate financing to support young people in peacebuilding and prevention has been one of the premises of the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda since its inception. It has also been identified as a key challenge for implementation. Yet so far discussions on how to improve the quantity and quality of resources have been rare. This session – informed by recent data, evidence and lived experiences of young peacebuilders - will delve into the recent trends, challenges and opportunities to better finance the role of young people in peacebuilding and prevention. Its goal is to aid policymakers, including Member States and the donor community, in identifying ways to make concrete progress towards the impactful implementation of the YPS Agenda by young peacebuilders.

Moderator: Ms. Anna Azaryeva Valente, Global Lead - Conflict Prevention, Fragility and Peacebuilding, UNICEF

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Rafael Feliz Garcia, Minister of Youth of the Dominican Republic
- H.E. Ms. Jenny Ohlsson, State Secretary for International Development Cooperation, Sweden
- H.E. Mr. Osama Abdelkhalek, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission & Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN
- Ms. Kessy Okomo Soignet, URU, Central African Republic
- Ms. Luz Andujar, Counselor, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations
- Mr. João Felipe Scarpelini, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs - Peacebuilding Support Office (DPPA/PBSO)
- Ms. Shadi Rouhshahbaz, United Network of Young Peacebuilders
- Ms. Kristina Zetterlund, Counsellor, Civilian Adviser, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations
- Ms. Saumya Aggarwal, Youth for Peace International, India

Plenary Creative Recap & Closing

11:45am - 12:00am (noon) *Plenary creative recap by MCs and reflecting on day ahead*
EST

Day 2 - 21 January 2022

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Time	Activity
5:55am - 6:00am EST	Participants arrival / log on
Opening Plenary - Live Streamed	
6:00am - 6:15am EST	Title: Opening Plenary - Day 2 <i>Welcome by MCs & introduction to today's programme</i> Masters of Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Mena Ayazi, Search for Common Ground & U.S. Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security• Leonardo Párraga, CIVICUS Youth, BogotArt, & United Network of Young Peacebuilders
Parallel Sessions #9 & #10	
Parallel Session #9 Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes	& Moving Beyond Words
6:15am - 7:15am EST	Title: Foundations for Building the Field of Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes <i>The policy paper We Are Here: An Integrated Approach to Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes showcased, for the first time, how young people have contributed to various peace processes around the world. The field of youth-inclusive peace processes is still in its infancy despite the fact that young people have contributed to peace processes throughout time. This session will focus on (1) why and how traditional peace processes, in practice, don't work and are not fit for purpose and (2) showcase country case studies of promising practice for building the field where a shift in social and political norms are fundamental for seeing young people as partners in peace processes. This session will lay the foundational context for the launch of the five-year strategy on youth-inclusive peace processes in the plenary session #11.</i>

Moderator: Mr. Achaleke Christian Leke, Local Youth Corner-Cameroon & African Union's African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAP) Central Africa

Speakers:

- General Roméo Dallaire - International Commission on Inclusive Peace
- Ms. Mi Rot Chan, Project Manager, Youth, Peace & Security Project Search-Myanmar & Steering Group member - output 2
- Ms. Agau Bul Deng, Catholic University of South Sudan & co-leader of young women mediators in South Sudan
- Mr. Ali Fayez, Researcher and former member of National Youth Consensus in Afghanistan and former member Afghans for Progressive Thinking.
- Ms. Arwa Musaaed, Operations Director at Education Above All Foundation (EAA)

Parallel Session #10 | Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes

& Youth in Their Diversity

6:15am - 7:15am EST

Title: Young Women's Participation in Peace Processes

Young women remain largely excluded from peace processes, as they face double discrimination patterns due to their age and gender. The session will shed light on the specific role, needs, opportunities and barriers faced by young women for their participation in peace processes. It will discuss and learn from different participation experiences from young women who took part in peace processes, as well as from a senior mediator. Finally, this session will explore solutions and mechanisms to facilitate young women's meaningful participation in peace processes.

Moderator: Ms. Mena Ayazi, Search for Common Ground & U.S. Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security Affairs

Speakers

- Ms. Amani Aruri, UN Women's Global Youth Task Force, Palestine
- Ms. Andrea Gurrute, Red Departamental de Mujeres del Cauca, Colombia
- Ms. Grace Adhiambo, Women Volunteers for Peace, Kenya
- Ms. Juanita Millan Hernandez, Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers

15 Minute Break

Plenary Session #11 | Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes

& Moving Beyond Words

7:30am - 8:30am EST

Title: Presentation of the Five-Year Strategy on Youth-Inclusive Peace Processes

This session will present conference output 2, “We are in this together’: Operationalizing a five-year strategic action plan for youth-inclusive peace processes”. The output presents a strategic action plan to move from youth-inclusive norms towards youth-inclusive practices in designing and implementing peace processes, over the next five years – with the vision that all peace processes are shaped by and supportive of young people's meaningful participation, contributing to more inclusive and peaceful societies. This session will explore how young people and institutions are addressing youth inclusion, present the global strategy as a tool for strengthening youth-inclusive peace processes over the next five years, and include an interactive discussion.

Moderators: Mr. Ali Saleem, Mediation, Peace and Security Expert

Speakers:

- Ms. Olla Al-Sakkaf, Researcher and Youth Activist from Yemen
- Mr. Wani Michael, Youth Representative- National Constitutional Amendment Committee (NCAC) South Sudan
- Mr. Muin Shreim, Deputy Head of Mission at the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen
- Ms. Mfreke Ebong Ukpanah, Coordinator, Panel of the Wise Secretariat at African Union
- Ms. Irena Grizelj, Inclusivity and Youth, Peace & Security Specialist & lead author “We are in this together’: Operationalizing a five-year strategic action plan for youth-inclusive peace processes” - conference output 2
- Mr. Julius Kramer, Youth, Peace and Security adviser, UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)
- Ms. Laura Henao, Researcher, Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular (CINEP), Colombia
- Mr. Pawel Herczynski, Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS), Integrated Approach for Security and Peace

- Ms. Teresa Whitfield, Policy and Mediation Division of Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs's (DPPA)
- Dr. Aleu Garang, Director, Mediation Unit, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Mr. Saji Prelis, Director, Youth Programmes, Search for Common Ground

15 Minute Break

Plenary Session #12 | Moving Beyond Words | Live streamed

8:45am - 10:35 am EST

Title: From Talk to Action: Commitments from Leaders for Peace

This session offers an opportunity for Member states and adult allies in peace and security to make official commitments and declarations in support of the global Youth, Peace and Security agenda. This session will offer leaders for peace the opportunity to make their public commitments to at least one of the conference's envisioned objectives and outputs, and share personal reasons and motivations as to why they support the YPS agenda including youth-inclusive peace processes.

Moderators:

- Ms. Mena Ayazi, U.S. Youth, Peace, and Security Coalition
- Mr. Saji Prelis, Search for Common Ground

Speakers:

- H.E. Mohammad F. Nabulsi, Minister Of Youth of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- H.E. Johanna Sumuvuori, State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Sedat Önal, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Türkiye
- H.E. Ms. Usha Sharma, Secretary (Vice-Minister) for Youth Affairs, Government of India
- H.E. Amb. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General Head of Social Affairs Sector, League of Arab States
- Ms. Usha Rao-Monari, Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- Ms. Diene Keita, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director for Programmes, UN Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programme, Civil Society and Intergovernmental Support, UN Women
- Ms. Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, African Union Chairperson's Special Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Bitania Lulu Berhanu, Special Adviser on Youth to European Commissioner for International Partnerships
- Mr. Robert Jenkins, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Conflict Prevention and Stabilization, USAID
- Ms. Eliška Jelínková, Co-chair Global Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security & Co-director UNOY Peacebuilders
- Ms. Alya Fakhroo, Education Above All Foundation – Youth Representative
- Mr. Shamil Idriss, CEO, Search for Common Ground
- Ms. Vera Al-Mawla, Peace of Art, Lebanon
- Mr. Issah Toma Shamsoo, African Students for Interfaith Tolerance, Ghana
- Ms. Mallika Lyer, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

Letter from the future (10 min)

- Leonardo Párraga, CIVICUS Youth, BogotArt, & United Network of Young Peacebuilders
- Yi Kang Choo, Youth Protection Working Group and CIVICUS Youth Action Team

Plenary Closing Reflections (10.20-10.35am EST)

- H.E. Mr. Salah bin Ghanem Al Ali, Minister of Sports and Youth of the State of Qatar
- Ms. Rosemary A. DiCarlo, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

High-level Conference Closing | Live streamed

10:35am - 11:00am EST

Conference Closing remarks by:

- H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar
- H.E. María Juliana Ruiz, First Lady of Colombia
- H.E. Johanna Sumuvuori, State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland