Engaging Safely at the UN is a self-paced training module building on the UN System Code of Conduct and recommendations provided by the Secretary-General (in bulletins and reports) to provide youth-friendly information about the creation of safe spaces for young people’s engagement at the UN. Through various examples inspired by real-life events, the training aims to:

- Build the capacity of young people to react to unwanted and unwelcome conduct by raising awareness about the existing UN reporting mechanisms;
- Encourage a variety of response options, including (but not limited to) official reporting and bystander interventions in cases of unwanted and unwelcome conduct;
- Ensure that young people clearly understand the UN’s responsibility in preventing and addressing any harm against them arising from actions and behaviors of UN’s staff and/or other actors in a UN setting.

1. What is the objective of this training?
2. Why was it created and why is it important?

OSGEY recognizes that power dynamics rooted in age can play a role in cases of harassment, violence, abuse of authority, and/or exploitation. To ensure that the UN is a safe space for all, and that the UN is strengthening its capacity to work with and for young people in a safe and meaningful way, OSGEY has developed youth-friendly material on preventing abuse of authority, including harassment, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), in the context of youth engagement with the UN.

- This training is an essential step towards ensuring that the UN system lives up to the commitments made regarding young people’s meaningful and safe participation, which are included in various system-wide frameworks. For example, in the “Youth 2030: The UN Youth Strategy” (Youth2030 Strategy), the UN has committed to being an accountability leader in terms of working with and for young people. In “Our Common Agenda” report, Secretary-General calls for strong and inclusive multilateral system anchored within the UN, which prioritizes young people’s meaningful participation. Moreover, in his “Call to Action for Human Rights”, Secretary-General’s transformative vision for human rights depends on the protection of all people and ensuring robust civic space for everyone.

3. Is the training for all parts of the UN?

The training can provide helpful information for all young people engaging with the UN at the Secretariat, as well as other stakeholders engaging with young people at UN premises – including UN representatives at all levels, civil society and Member State representatives.

4. Is it available in multiple languages?

Yes. The training is available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.
5. Where can I access it?

The training is available on Inspira. Please see the detailed instructions on our website page for more information on how you can create a profile on Inspira, with step-by-step photos or video guidance.

6. I do not own a computer. Can I access it on my phone?

Yes. The text on the screen has been kept to a minimum in order to keep the font size large enough. The module allows the users to participate in the training with 600kbps bandwidth or less.

7. How long will it take to complete the training?

The training may take maximum 90 minutes if taken at once, but it is possible to stop the training along the way and resume in order to complete it over the course of several days.

8. Is it accessible for people with disabilities?

Yes. The training module complies with the AA level of accessibility as specified in WCAG 2.1. The pages are readable by screen-readers and have good contrast.

9. Can I share it with my networks?

Yes. Please reach out to the youthenvoy@un.org to access the implementation package which includes concrete language and suggestions for distribution among your networks.
10. The issues discussed in the training are structural and require efforts beyond training modules. Are there other initiatives in addition to this training?

It is clear that an intervention in the form of an online training module cannot be the only solution to a fundamentally structural issue. However, the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth recognizes the urgent need to build capacity of young people in prevention and redressal of abuse of authority and harassment in the context of engagement with the UN. The launch of the training will provide a unique opportunity to initiate important conversations about young people’s safe engagement at the UN.

The Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth will continue to promote zero tolerance, accountability and courageous leadership in order to realize a culture of solidarity, respect, justice, equality and inclusion, and a UN which acts as a source of protection and support for young people, as envisioned by the UN Secretary General and stated in the Youth2030 Strategy.

As a more concrete follow-up to this initiative, OSGEY has organized a high-level intergenerational and interactive event that brought UN representatives at all levels and young people together to discuss creating harmonious and respectful environments for all young people engaging with the UN.

11. Will I get a certificate?

Yes, you will receive a certificate on Inspira automatically upon completion of the training.

12. I still have a question. Who can I contact?

If you still have questions that have not been covered above, please feel free to contact us at youthenvoy@un.org.