



**ECOSOC
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FORUM**

YOUTH2030

**Economic and Social Council Youth Forum
25-27 April 2023**

**" Accelerating the Recovery from the
Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the Full
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development at Levels "**

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2023 ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

**"What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth in peace and
resilience building?"**

[27 April 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM]

1. Background

One in four young people are affected by conflict and violence, nevertheless, their voices are often disregarded and excluded from formal peacebuilding processes. The meaningful inclusion of young people is key to advancing the commitments of the 2030 Agenda particularly towards peaceful and inclusive societies. Aligned to Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, there is a growing movement to create more spaces and opportunities for young peacebuilders to transform their communities and to chart their own pathways towards sustainable peace.

The Evaluation Offices of UNFPA and UNICEF have co-led a meta-synthesis of more than 120 youth evaluations to extract and synthesize evidence and lessons learned linked to Priority 5 on peace and resilience building of the UN Youth 2030 Strategy. Other partners involved in this exercise include the EvalYouth Global Network, Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, DPPA/Peacebuilding Support Office, IOM, UNDP, UNIDO, and UNODC, United Network of Young Peacebuilders, and YOUNGO (UNFCCC constituency of Youth Non-Governmental Organizations). This inter-agency exercise follows the first meta-synthesis on youth evaluations that was conducted in 2020-2021 focusing on youth participation and youth and human rights.

The meta-synthesis report titled 'What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth in peace and resilience building?' serves to inform and guide future youth programming in peace and resilience building and to accelerate the implementation of the UN Youth2030 Strategy.

2. Objectives of the side event, including relation with the SDGs identified in the Guidelines

In the spirit of SDG 17 on partnerships, the objective of the side event is to:

- Formally launch the meta-synthesis report, and utilize the lessons to trigger a global discussion to enhance youth engagement in peace and resilience building
- Advocate for increased UN coherence, learning and accountability on youth engagement in peace and resilience building
- Promote the role of youth engagement/partnering with youth in accountability processes

3. Agenda, format and name of presenters

- Agenda: TBD
 - Opening Remarks by SG's Envoy on Youth & co-hosts
 - Presentation on the lessons and highlights from the meta-synthesis report (by UNFPA & UNICEF)
 - Moderated discussions on how this evidence and lessons can be used to inform programming, linking to broader discussion on how to improve youth engagement in peacebuilding work.
 - Reflections on the role of youth in this process. (EvalYouth Global Network and

- other youth focused agencies part of the reference group)
- Closing Remarks (co-hosts)

- Format:
 - Virtual
 - Panel discussion led by a moderator
 - Audience Q&A

- Presenters: TBD
 - SG's Envoy on Youth
 - UNFPA representative (TBD)
 - UNICEF representative (TBD)
 - UNOY Peacebuilders
 - EvalYouth Global Network Representative

4. Guiding Questions for presentations and discussion

- How can we enhance youth engagement in peace and resilience building?
- What lessons from this synthesis report resonate with your experience/work?
- Are there other lessons that did not emerge from this synthesis report that are key to the discussion of enhancing youth engagement in the work around peace and resilience building?

5. Platform to be used for virtual side events and Registration link

Zoom - Link to follow.