



Security Council Resolution 2250: One Year On 2016 Milestones

On 9 December 2015, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted [Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security \(YPS\)](#). This resolution is the first to recognize the important and positive role young women and men play in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security.

In order to bring awareness to – and support the implementation of – UNSCR 2250, the inter-agency Working Group on Youth & Peacebuilding, its members and partners, supported the following activities in 2016:

Awareness-raising

Several global high-level awareness-raising/advocacy/policy events were organized in New York and Washington to present the Resolution and the work of young peacebuilders to Member States and the international community – including a [formal launch](#) of the Resolution by the Deputy Secretary-General in February 2016 at the International Peace Institute.

Development of tools to support the practical implementation of UNSCR 2250

- A [Practice Note on Young People’s Participation in Peacebuilding](#) was developed to inform policymakers and donors of key strategic and programming considerations for supporting young people’s participation in peacebuilding by offering examples of evidence-based, promising practices (January 2016).
- A [Youth Toolkit](#) on UNSCR 2250: the toolkit, developed by UNOY, contains a number of key documents for young people and youth organizations including an annotated version and a guide to the resolution. It also provides guidance on how young people and youth organizations can support the implementation of the UNSCR 2250 in their own communities and countries through advocacy, lobbying, building partnerships, national launches and mobilizing resources (November).
- A [Guide on Translating YPS Policy into Practice](#), which provides practical advice for a range of stakeholders interested in implementing UNSCR 2250 in their own local or national contexts by creating opportunities for alliance-building around youth, peace and security (November).
- A [Guidance Note on the implementation of UNSCR 2250](#) by UN entities is being developed by the Working Group, under the leadership of UNDP (ongoing).

National Launches

With the involvement of key civil society partners (including Search for Common Ground, UNOY, Cordaid and others) and UN entities (including UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF and others), a number of national launches were organized to raise awareness and support the implementation of UNSCR 2250. National launches have taken place in: Burundi, Liberia, [Maldives](#), Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and the US.

Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal

The [Youth4Peace Global Knowledge Portal](#) was launched to serve as a global platform on youth, peace and security issues and central hub in connecting decision-makers, development practitioners, young

peacebuilders, researchers and other stakeholders interested in supporting young people's participation in peacebuilding. As a knowledge platform, youth4peace will highlight young people's peacebuilding activities from around the world and canvass their views on peace and security through online consultations that will feed into the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security. The portal will also help members to share existing resources, expand their networks, launch social media campaigns, collaborate and stay up to date on recent developments and events. The Youth4Peace Portal is a multi-stakeholder partnership between UNDP, PBSO, SFCG, UNOY and the Working Group on Youth & Peacebuilding, hosted by UNDP (October).



Progress Study on YPS

UNSCR 2250 mandates the Secretary-General of the UN to carry out a Progress Study on young people's positive contribution to peace processes and conflict resolution, in order to recommend effective responses at local, national, regional and international levels.

- On 12 August, International Youth Day, the UN Secretary-General appointed an independent [Lead Author, Graeme Simpson](#), and an [Advisory Group](#) of 21 experts – half of them youth – to develop the Study, with the support of a joint UNFPA/PBSO Secretariat and a [Steering Committee](#) of 35 organizations.
- In November, UNOY and SFCG launched a [Global Survey](#) of youth-led peacebuilding organizations and initiatives to showcase and map the peacebuilding work of young people from across the globe.
- The regional [Consultation and High-Level Dialogue on “Youth, Peace & Security in the Arab States”](#) was held in Amman (4-6 December), shortly after a pilot consultation with youth from the Euro-Med region in Malta (October). This was the first of a series of regional consultations with young people from civil society. Further local and national consultations – as well as global online consultations – are also planned for the first half of 2017. Additionally, over 20 thematic papers and case-studies are being developed by partner organizations.

The Study is due to be presented to the Security Council in December of 2017, on the second anniversary of the adoption of the Resolution.



Youth-Focused Funding

- In May, the European Union released the [2016 Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace](#), which contained within it references to both the [Amman Youth Declaration](#) and the 2014 [Guiding Principles on Young People's Participation in Peacebuilding](#). Annex 1 highlighted the importance of creating 'meaningful pathways for youth participation and leadership in decision-making around peace and security issues' and calls for action around formal and informal peace education, empowering and building young people's resilience, creating alternative livelihood opportunities, providing psychosocial support, and supporting intergenerational actions.
- In June, the Peacebuilding Fund launched its first ever Youth Promotion Initiative, calling both UN partners and non-governmental organizations to submit proposals supporting the implementation of UNSCR 2250 in eligible countries. US\$ 5 million were allocated to projects in Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Myanmar, PNG and Sri Lanka.

We aim to collectively build upon these milestones and want to thank all the partners who have worked tirelessly to localize and operationalize UNSCR 2250 over the course of the past year.