



Voices of Young People in East and Southern Africa

Johannesburg, 1 -3 August 2017

****CALL FOR APPLICATIONS****

Deadline to Apply: 4 July 2017

As part of a series of regional consultations, the United Nations is organizing a consultation for the East and Southern Africa region to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from **1 to 3 of August 2017**.

This regional consultation is part of a global effort to bolster action on United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250, which calls for young people to play a greater role in strengthening peace and security. The discussions from various regional consultations will feed into the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, highlighting the positive contributions of young people in peace-building.

In this call for applications you will find more information on the main requirements to participate, the documentation that must be provided and the link to the registration form.

Young people interested in participating have until **July 4th 2017** to complete the registration form using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFYLvuy8X7ceHj4ecD-orhsK7L2PexZx6PnE2t-6klfb8hBg/viewform>

Please note that we are inviting a selected group of youth-led organizations and youth peacebuilders in the region as well as a wider audience to submit applications. The selection of young people from the East and Southern Africa will be made based on motivation and experience, with the majority coming from youth-led organizations. The organizers will ensure balance in terms of age, gender, geography and diversity among selected participants.

Eligibility Criteria:

In order to participate in the East and Southern Africa Regional Consultation you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be between 18 to 29 years old
- Must be able to demonstrate work/volunteer experience on issues related to peace and security, including: peace processes, social cohesion, reconciliation, transitional justice, security sector reform, disarmament demobilization and reintegration, etc. This may also include: development, humanitarian action, local and national governance, advocacy, activism, human rights, gender equality, etc. in relation to peace and security.

*Young people working with youth-led organizations, movements, initiatives and networks are highly encouraged to apply.

A total of 38 participants will be selected from 25 countries throughout East and Southern Africa, including: Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Djibouti, DRC, Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

- One participant will be selected from low-medium risk countries: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- Two participants will be selected from high-very high risk countries: Burundi, Djibouti, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

All applications must be submitted by 4th of July 2017.

Please carefully review the eligibility criteria before applying. Successful applicants will be notified by email. All expenses, including travel and accommodation will be covered by the United Nations.

Further Information:

Consultation organizers are committed to ensuring an equitable and inclusive process that actively engages with youth from rural and urban communities, different socioeconomic backgrounds, youth living with disabilities, youth from the LGBTI community, young refugees and displaced persons and young women. We invite those interested in participating in the consultation to review the following documents related to Resolution 2250:

- [United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 \(2015\)](#)
- [A Guide to UN Security Council Resolution 2250](#)
- [Amman Youth Declaration](#)

For questions please write to esa2250consultation@gmail.com. We wish you the best of luck and look forward to reviewing your application!

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

| TYPE OF DOCUMENT | CRITERIA |
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| Official Identification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport with a minimum validity period of 6 months * Failure to comply with this requirement will prevent the participant from traveling to the location of the consultation * Stateless persons must carry a travel document with a visa |
| Contact Details | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and Last Name(s) • Country • Telephone Number(s) and Email Address • Social Media Profiles |
| Type of Participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the applicant is participating on an individual level, he/she must present official identification • If the applicant belongs to a civil society organization, he/she must provide an official letter of introduction from the organization they are representing |
| Resume / CV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of activities or achievements aimed at preventing violence, combating inequalities and promoting a culture of peace • Professional references from other young people with whom they have worked or shared relevant experiences (maximum length: 1 page) |
| Statement of Motivation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of motivation and interest in participating in this consultation and why he/she should be selected to participate. This can be done through various formats: a) LETTER (maximum length: 1 page) b) VIDEO AND AUDIO (maximum duration: 2 minutes) If producing a video: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of a video or audio addressing the challenges to peaceful coexistence in the region, as well as the opportunities to generate a sustainable peace • The applicant must appear and speak in the video or audio recording submitted. The material can be recorded in English, French, Dutch, Spanish or Portuguese • Imagination and creativity will be valued • If candidates do not have a camera they can use their phones • The video proposal is the responsibility of its author and must not have been previously published. Failure to comply with this will result in the disqualification of the candidate. |