



Title	Translating the Progress Study into Action A civil society roundtable on "The Missing Peace: the Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)
When	25 April 2018, 1-3 pm EDT
Where	UNFPA 605 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10158, USA
Organized By	Inter-Agency Working Group on Youth & Peacebuilding & With Support from UNFPA
RSVPs	Saji Prelis < SPrelis@SFC.Org > by Thursday 19th for access to UNFPA
Format	Roundtable discussion open discussion (available online too. See connect details below)
Special Guest Speaker	Graeme Simpson, Lead Author, Progress Study
Meals	Lunch provided at UNFPA. Please RSVP by April 19th to gain access and have lunch.

Just over two years after the passing of the first UN Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security and the growing recognition of the centrality of young people to our collective peace and security, this Progress Study has made very clear how and in what ways young people have and will continue to contribute to preventing violence and consolidating peace. The evidence captured by the Progress Study far predates UNSCR 2250. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all stakeholders, including civil society actors to (1) explore what the recommendations mean to CSOs and (2) find ways to translate them into meaningful action nationally, regionally and internationally.

On the heels of the second Open Debate on Youth, Peace and Security hosted by the Government of Peru (the first being convened by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan entitled: The Role of Youth in Countering Violent Extremism and Promoting Peace) and in the midst of the first High-Level discussions on Sustaining Peace, this event and others like it challenges champions within the international community to turn words into thoughtful, sustainable and strategic action. Therefore, this roundtable discussion will focus on civil society organizations and their networks- from grassroots to global.

Key objectives:

1. To explore how the proposed recommendations in the progress study relate to CSOs
2. To discuss how the recommendations can be translated into meaningful and practical action?

Draft Format & Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions (online and in person)
- II. Guest speaker: Graeme Simpson (Lead Author, Progress Study)
- III. Q&A
- IV. Where we go from here together, based on below guiding questions

Guiding Questions: The following are illustrative questions that will guide our discussion.

Advocacy:

- In what ways can civil society organisations advocate member states to invest 1.8 billion by 2025? Through what specific channels? What works? What doesn't?
- How might CSOs help to bring together champions in different government ministries, from justice and defence to health, economic and youth, to listen and engage in supporting the needs, rights and contributions of young people in decision-making and policy shaping?
- How can CSOs at the global level galvanize support and momentum for the Youth, Peace and Security agenda?

Capacity-building:

- In what ways can CSOs support youth groups and movements in strengthening their capacities to be more effective in contributing to our shared youth, peace and security agenda?
- How can we enable and support youth-led interventions in building and sustaining peace?

Program design:

- What commitments can civil society make to ensure that young people participate in the design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of programming?
- How can CSOs collaborate with other stakeholders to strengthen programme quality?

Gender:

- How can norms and benchmarks applied to CSOs working in the women, peace and security inform the youth, peace and security efforts?

Awareness-raising and space:

- How can civil society better connect UNSCR 2250 to local contexts?
- How do we scale these efforts?
- How can civil society organizations and networks create and sustain the safe spaces for young people to organize?

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On behalf of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Youth & Peacebuilding, we look forward to welcoming you to this roundtable discussion. Please don't forget to RSVP to Sprelis@sfcg.org if you are joining us in person at UNFPA.