

GLOBAL COALITION ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

The Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security (GCYPS) is the leading platform for shaping global policy and practice on youth, peace, and security. The GCYPS facilitates exchange, coordination, and collaboration between more than 70 organizations from civil society, including youth-led and youth-focused organizations, UN entities, donors, academia and inter-governmental bodies. The GCYPS is co-chaired by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders), Search for Common Ground (SFCG) and the United Nations (Peacebuilding Support Office – PBSO and United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA).

Background

Originally called the Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding, the GCYPS was established in 2012 as part of the broader United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD). It was renamed after the launch of *The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security*, mandated by Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015), following the recommendation to establish YPS coalitions to ensure “a collective impact on YPS at local, national, regional and global levels”.

Objectives

The objective of the GCYPS is to strengthen youth participation in peacebuilding policy and practice. The GCYPS is a platform for member organizations to:

- Support policy and programmatic efforts in the field of youth, peace and security;
- Enable partnerships between youth, multilateral, governmental and civil society actors;
- Generate collective knowledge on youth, peace and security;
- Monitor progress and measure the impact of the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018);
- Advocate for young people’s meaningful and inclusive participation in policy-making at the global, regional and national levels.



2012

January: Creation of the Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding, as part of the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD).

2014

April: Working Group publishes the *Guiding Principles on Young People's Participation in Peacebuilding*, defining nine overarching principles to ensure meaningful involvement of young people in building peace.

2016

January: Working Group publishes the *Practice Note: Young People's Participation in Peacebuilding*, to inform policymakers and donors about key strategic and programming considerations for supporting young people's participation in peacebuilding.

February 2-5: First face-to-face planning meeting of Working Group in New York, to define strategic priorities for 2016 in the follow-up to the adoption of UNSCR 2250.

August: UN Secretary General appoints Graeme Simpson as lead author of the Progress Study mandated by Security Council Resolution 2250, as well as an Advisory Group of 21 experts. The development of the Progress Study was supported by a Steering Committee of 34 organizations.

2017

March 22-23: Annual strategic meeting of the Working Group in New York to assess progress of the implementation of UNSCR 2250 and agree on priorities to move the implementation forward.

June: UNOY & SfCG publish *Mapping a Sector: Bridging the Evidence Gap on Youth-Driven Peacebuilding*, as a contribution to the Progress Study.

September 21: Ministerial-level side-event on "Reaffirming Commitment to YPS Agenda", during the high-level week of the UN General Assembly in NY.

2015

April: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan chairs an open debate at the UN Security Council on "The role of youth in countering violent extremism and promoting peace".

August 21-22: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hosts a Global Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security. Adoption of *Amman Youth Declaration*, reflecting the voices of over 11,000 young people. The Declaration calls for the creation of an international policy framework on YPS: a Security Council resolution.

September: Global Youth Summit Against Violent Extremism held in NY, leads to Youth Action Agenda to Prevent Violent Extremism & Promote Peace.

December 9: UN Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security.

UNSCR 2250

While many UN resolutions tend to stem "top-down" from Member States, UNSCR 2250 came from young people themselves. The Amman Youth Declaration, produced following the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security, was a "call to action" from over 11,000 young people from over 100 countries. In addition to collaboratively changing global perceptions of youth and their contributions, the GCYPS was committed to establishing an enabling environment for a youth-focused resolution. UNSCR 2250 was the result of nearly five years of data gathering, coalition building, and advocacy.

2018

March: Release of the short version of *The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace & Security*.

April 23: UN Security Council Open debate on YPS hosted by Peru, to present the Progress Study

May 22: *EU Council Conclusions* adopted UNSCR 2250.

June 6: UN Security Council adopts resolution 2419, reaffirming its commitment to the implementation of UNSCR 2250.

September: Full version of the *The Missing Peace* released and presented during the high-level week of the General Assembly.

October 1-3: Annual strategic meeting of Working Group in New York to discuss priorities for implementation of YPS agenda. Working Group is renamed Global Coalition on Youth, Peace & Security.



Workstream	Steps	Led by
Implementing & localizing YPS	Revised & expanded guide to act in YPS nationally or sub nationally (guidance on national coalitions, roadmaps)	SfCG, UNOY
	Guidance note on YPS programming	UNDP
	Network of cities championing YPS (incl. local indicators to measure progress)	UN Habitat, UNDP
	Engaging with formal youth structures (councils, community-based orgs) Engaging & supporting young politicians (youth wings, parliamentarians, activists etc.)	UNDP, UN Habitat
	Map & coordinate capacity development programming (enabling horizontal exchange)	AC4
Policy & institutionalizing	Coordinate efforts for regionalizing YPS	SfCG
	First International Symposium on Youth Participation in Peace Processes, Helsinki, March 2019	OSGEY, SfCG, UNOY, UNDP, UNFPA
Measuring, reporting, accountability	Progress assessment framework (design a participatory process for developing and monitoring implementation, bringing technical expertise, develop indicators to measure progress and create a results framework for YPS)	Interpeace, UN Habitat
	Develop proposal on Youth-led Accountability Framework	LPI, CYPAN, UNOY
YPS as an academic field	Map relevant academics, journals, conferences and create YPS outreach plan	AC4
Communications	Expand & maintain Youth4Peace portal	UNDP
	Convene meeting of communications colleagues & organisations to explore resources	UNDP
Funding (coordination) for YPS	Develop a fundraising roadmap for YPS	UNFPA, UN DPPA

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