

2nd Secretary-General report to the Security Council on the implementation of resolutions 2250, 2419 and 2535 on Youth, Peace and Security

Guidance for Youth, Peace and Security Thematic Papers

United Nations entities and civil society organizations are invited to submit papers on various aspects of youth, peace and security as informal contributions to the preparation of the second Secretary-General report to the Security Council on the implementation of resolutions 2250, 2419 and 2535 on Youth, Peace and Security (mandated by S/RES/2535 (2020)). The second report will cover the period 2020-2021, and will be presented to the Council at a date to be confirmed in the first half of 2022.

Guidelines for thematic papers:

- Thematic papers focused on a particular “thematic area” in support of the youth, peace and security agenda (e.g.: “youth, peace and security in [your entity]”; “YPS implementation in times of COVID-19”; “MHPSS and YPS”; “innovative financing youth-led peacebuilding”; etc.) as well as papers focused on the YPS agenda in specific countries or regions, or analysing YPS trends, challenges and opportunities are welcomed.
- Papers prepared by UN entities, civil society organizations (particularly youth-led and youth-focused organizations and networks), think tanks, research centres and other organizations are all welcomed.
- Thematic papers should be 2,000-3,000 words in length, not including diagrams, figures or tables.
- While the copyright of the paper remains with the author/organization, the author(s)/organization grant rights that the content of the paper be drawn upon, without direct reference, by the second Secretary-General report to the Security Council on the implementation of resolutions 2250, 2419 and 2535 on Youth, Peace and Security.
- Thematic papers, upon consent of the organization(s), may be included on the youth4peace.info website as well as on the website of the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), and shared directly with Member States, the UN system, or the public.

Guiding questions (please keep in mind that the timeframe for the report is 2020-2021):

- What progress has been made in the thematic area towards the implementation of the youth, peace and security agenda? What examples are there to demonstrate this progress?
- How has the youth, peace and security agenda been systematized or institutionalized in the thematic area, including in strategic plans, policies, guidance and trainings?
- What are key YPS issues, challenges and priorities, in the 2020-2021 period, in the country / region?
- What are key trends, challenges and opportunities for the YPS agenda, six years after the first resolution adopted by the Council?
- What challenges remain, and how do you recommend they be addressed by the UN system?

Deadlines:

- 1 November 2021 - Draft outline (1 pager) to be shared with YPS secretariat for comments.
- 15 December 2021 - Draft papers to be submitted to the YPS secretariat for review.
- 15 February 2022 - Final papers to be submitted.

The YPS secretariat may make suggested edits or request additional information before finalization. Upon finalization of the thematic paper, the YPS secretariat will reach out to explore the potential for informal presentation and discussion of the paper with Member States and other stakeholders.

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