



CONCEPT NOTE

10th Anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, Peace and Security Voices of Youth for Peace and Trust

Wednesday, 16 April 2025, 13:15 – 14:30
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 8, New York

Background

In 2015, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2250 ([S/RES/2250](#)), a landmark recognition of the positive and essential role of youth in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security. This resolution, along with its successors 2419 (2018) and 2535 (2020), established a normative framework underscoring the importance of youth participation, protection, prevention, partnerships, and reintegration in peacebuilding processes.

As we commemorate the 10th anniversary of resolution 2250, we reflect on the progress made in institutionalizing the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda while recognizing persistent challenges, including the underrepresentation of youth in decision-making processes, barriers to meaningful political participation, and the erosion of civic space. The 2024 Report of the Secretary-General on Youth, Peace and Security ([S/2024/207](#)) highlights the importance of scaling up youth engagement in policymaking and peace processes as a strategic imperative for building inclusive, sustainable peace.

The commemoration takes place in the context of the United Nations General Assembly's declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Peace and Trust ([A/RES/78/266](#)), which calls for renewed efforts to strengthen dialogue and intergenerational solidarity. This Special Event, organized under the auspices of the ECOSOC Youth Forum, aims to elevate the voices of youth, particularly from Central Asia, in global peacebuilding discourses.

Objectives

1. **Commemorate** the 10th anniversary of Security Council resolution 2250 and showcase regional achievements in its implementation.
2. **Strengthen** the Central Asian Youth Dialogue platform as a regional mechanism for cooperation, peacebuilding, and mutual trust.
3. **Promote** the inclusion of youth perspectives in global policy discussions on peace and security.

4. **Foster** intergenerational and cross-regional partnerships among youth, Member States, the United Nations system, and civil society.
 5. **Encourage** concrete proposals for the institutionalization of the Central Asian Youth Dialogue, including mechanisms for coordination, rotation, and visual identity.
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Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced visibility of youth-led peacebuilding efforts in Central Asia and other regions.
 - Increased collaboration among Member States and UN entities to advance the YPS agenda.
 - Proposals for new joint youth initiatives and projects aimed at trust-building and conflict prevention.
 - Recommendations for the institutional strengthening of the Central Asian Youth Dialogue platform.
 - Greater awareness of the need for sustained and flexible financing for youth-led peacebuilding, in line with GA resolution 76/305 on financing peacebuilding.
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Participants

- High-level government representatives and youth delegates from Central Asian States and other countries;
 - Youth leaders, civil society actors, and peacebuilders from around the world;
 - Senior officials from relevant United Nations agencies and intergovernmental bodies;
 - International and regional organizations, including donors and development partners.
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Key Discussion Themes

- The evolving role of youth in sustaining peace and preventing conflict: lessons from a decade of implementation;
 - Education and social innovation as tools for a culture of peace and tolerance;
 - Youth participation in policy, peace processes, and climate action;
 - Strengthening youth platforms and regional dialogue mechanisms;
 - Resource mobilization for youth-led peacebuilding.
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Format and Methodology

The session will include opening remarks by high-level representatives, followed by an interactive panel featuring youth leaders, UN officials, and Member States. The dialogue will be moderated to ensure balanced participation and inclusive perspectives. A concluding segment will focus on recommendations and calls to action.

This event will reaffirm the central tenet of resolution 2250: that youth are not merely beneficiaries of peace, but powerful agents for its realization. As the world confronts complex crises, young people's engagement is not optional — it is essential.