YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

at the heart of Development & Peace

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UNDP’S YOUTH AGENDA

• UNDP’s **first Youth Strategy** was launched at the UNDP Youth and Development Forum in 2014, and engages young people as a positive force for transformational change.

• **Three pillars:**
  1) *Economic Empowerment*
  2) *Youth in Governance*
  3) *Youth in Resilience-Building*
YOUTH AT THE CORE OF THE 2030 AGENDA

• 2030 Agenda as a starting point
• Young people played a key role in shaping the Agenda
• They are torchbearers & partners, “SDG accelerators” & allies in LNOB
• 60+ youth-focused or -relevant Indicators.
• Youth, VNRs and national reporting.

The future of humanity and of our planet lies in our hands. It lies also in the hands of today's younger generation who will pass the torch to future generations.

- 2030 Agenda, para. 53
- Asia Pacific Youth 2030 Force
- Arab Youth Leadership Programme
YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2250 (2015)
ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

“Today’s generation of youth is THE LARGEST the world has ever known, and... young people often form the majority of the population of COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY ARMED CONFLICT.”

“Disruption of youth’s access to EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES has a dramatic impact on durable peace and reconciliation.”

“YOUTH = YOUNG WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN = DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS”

“Youth should actively be engaged in shaping lasting PEACE and contributing to JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION.”

“A large youth population presents a UNIQUE DEMOGRAPHIC dividend that can contribute to lasting peace and economic prosperity if INCLUSIVE POLICIES are in place.”
Welcome to Youth4Peace
Supporting young people’s participation in peacebuilding
HOW CAN YOUTH ENGAGE WITH US?

- Joint advocacy campaigns (@UNDP4YOUTH, #YOUTH2030, #YOUTH4PEACE)
- ECOSOC Youth Forum 2018, UN Youth Delegate or Civil Society
- Collaboration on specific knowledge products or platforms (Youth4Peace.info)
- Programming - Agenda 2030; UNSCR 2250 & linkages to conflict prevention
- Inter-Agency working Groups at global, regional and country levels
- Emerging issues: Youth & migration, youth & PVE, youth & climate change, youth and gender equality, future of youth engagement, decent jobs, etc...
- Break new ground together?
TOGETHER FOR DEVELOPMENT
Thank you!