

Informal Youth Working Group for the Summit of the Future

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Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations

Meaningful Youth Engagement

1. **Standards:** Encourage the implementation of international standards for meaningful youth engagement, including those outlined in the Secretary-General's Policy Brief. Implement, in the strongest terms possible, all recommendations from all related resolutions adopted by the Security Council and other bodies such as but not limited to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, including the Youth2030 Strategy.
2. **Funding and resourcing:** Provide consistent support for youth advisory structures, ensuring their influence, resources, and financing. Allocate sustainable budgets for youth initiatives and ensure inclusive funding opportunities. Revitalize the UN Youth Fund for youth initiatives, ensuring sustained financial support and avoiding dependence on funding.
3. **Youth in decision-making:**

location, to integrate youth perspectives into policymaking, building on the dedicated UN Youth Townhall.

6. **Dismantling barriers:**

Youth Delegate programmes and to have a suitable mandate to represent to collaborate closely with Member States on the youth delegate programmes, of new Youth Delegate programmes. Meaningful youth engagement in local, evaluating the extent to which youth complementation of youth-

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making processes, across the ensuring that youth in all their diversity are vertical and horizontal accountability

Quality Education

1. **Right to education:** Ensure that all children and youth have universal access to inclusive, equitable, safe, gender transformative, and quality education.
2. **Gender-transformative education:** Realize the right to education for women and girls, in all their diversity, eliminating all forms of gender violence and/or discriminatory attitudes, based on race, ethnicity, work and descent, sexual orientation and gender identity, or religion held by education personnel and fellow students that may also prevent access to and remaining in school.
3. **Comprehensive Sexuality Education:** Recognize the importance of appropriate, comprehensive, and inclusive sexuality education, based on scientific evidence and human rights.
4. **Inclusivity:** Commit to finance and strengthen policies for inclusive, quality, and lifelong education to eliminate all barriers for children and youth with disabilities and neurodiverse persons.
5. **Digital literacy:** Commit to closing the digital divide and removing gaps in secure and inclusive access to and use of technologies, connectivity, and digital literacy. Invest in digital education and inclusive learning models around emerging technologies, while emphasizing the importance of technical and vocational training and lifelong learning opportunities.
6. **Financial literacy:** Increase youth training in financial literacy, including resources, investments, loans, and options as a measured sustainable development practice by increasing the participation rate of youth and in formal and non-formal financial education and training.

Health and Well-being

1. **Mental health:** Implement measures to promote and improve mental health for youth, including young persons with disabilities and young neurodiverse persons, through providing disability-inclusive and youth responsive support and treatment, addressing social determinants and health needs, and fully respecting their human rights. Develop and crowdsource mental health legislation that is tailored specifically to youth populations, in order to provide holistic and targeted support.
2. **Gender-transformative health:** Ensure unimpeded access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services, including menstrual health and hygiene management, abortion services, prenatal and maternal health services, contraception, and other gynecological services. Guarantee autonomy for young women and girls, in all their diversity, to make choices about their bodies and protect themselves from health complications such as maternal mortality, or infectious disease, such as HIV/AIDS, calling for the protection of their human rights to decide on such matters, free from coercion and discrimination.

Youth, Peace, and Security

1. **Youth, Peace, Security:** Ensure the global, regional and national implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda (WPS) and the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda (YPS).
2. **Reallocating funds:** Invest in the meaningful engagement of youth in processes relating to protection, prevention, partnerships, disengagement, reintegration, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and resilience building. Prioritize peace and humanitarian efforts, particularly the safety and well-being of all children and youth, elevating their standards of security and prosperity. Counteract ongoing trends of militarisation by stopping and funding peace efforts.
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