



HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECS),
REGIONAL MECHANISMS (RMS) AND GOVERNMENTS IN PROMOTING THE YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY
AGENDA IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION.

DATE: 25 – 29 July 2022 in Harare, Zimbabwe

VENUE: Monomotapa Hotel

The conference aims to deliver on the following objectives

- To advocate for more inclusive participation and meaningful engagement with young people as an asset in peacebuilding and conflict prevention mechanisms;
- To assess the implementation of international and regional normative frameworks for youth in peace and security for different countries in Southern Africa;
- To popularize regional, national and continental normative frameworks that seek to promote Youth, Peace and Security (YPS);
- To showcase and highlight the varied initiatives and programmes developed or endorsed by African multilateral institutions and Member States to capacitate young people in Southern Africa, particularly as relating to advancing peace and security including early warning systems such as AUCEWS, COMWARN and SADC Early Warning System;
- To determine the viability and encourage the establishment of a regional forum to support and enhance youth roles in peace and security (i.e. Regional Youth Council);
- To advocate for the development and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) by Member States on YPS in line with international normative frameworks on YPS; particularly the Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and its 10-Year Implementation Plan;
- To strengthen capacity of the existing National Youth Councils (NYC) on YPS issues;
- To create and foster partnerships and coordination between CSO, INGOs, governments, regional bodies (RECs and RMs), Continental body (AU), International and Global Development partners around varied conflict prevention, management and resolution mechanisms across the region;
- To amplify youth voices through Inter-Generational Dialogues (IGD) as a platform to share their experiences including existing opportunities and challenges and promote their integration into YPS stakeholders' (including the AU, RECs/RMs, Member States' MDAs, development partners, amongst others) workplans;
- To promote and protect civic spaces for the engagement and participation of young people and organizations in peace processes peace building; and
- To advocate for periodic consultations providing opportunity for stakeholders to engage and share updates on the YPS agenda.

Expected Outcomes

- Advocacy for inclusive policies and increased participation and meaningful engagement of young people in decision making processes and programmes by governments and regional bodies;
- Increased understanding of the current YPS initiatives across the Southern Africa Region by the varied governments, RECs and RMs and the AU, including limitations and successes;
- Promote Inter-Generational exchanges between youth and policy makers within Southern Africa;
- Enhanced partnership and coordination of YPS stakeholders across the Southern Africa Region; and,
- Development of policy brief/ communique to inform policy changes following review of the international and regional legal and policy frameworks in the Region.

Day One (Monday) 25 July 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and Registration
9:00 – 10:20 <i>Moderator: Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe</i>	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zimbabwe cultural performance • Zimbabwe National Anthem • COMESA Anthem • AU Anthem • Opening Video (Journey of High-Level Ministerial Conference) <p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ AU Youth Envoy - Chido Cleopatra Mpemba ❖ Programme Lead, Save the Children - Anthony Njoroge ❖ Head Governance, Peace and Security, COMESA - Elizabeth Mutunga, ❖ AU Representative - Rhuks Ako ❖ Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Government of Zimbabwe - Kirsty Coventry
10:20 – 10:30 <i>Moderator: Oita Etyang, COMESA</i>	<p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of AU - Rhuks Ako ❖ Representative of Republic of Uganda - Clare Akumu ❖ Representative from Republic of Mozambique - David Fardo
10:30 – 11:00	Group photo and break

<p>11:00 – 12:00</p> <p><i>Moderator: Diana Ouma, HoAYN</i></p>	<p>KNOWLEDGE SESSION</p> <p>AU Continental Framework for Youth, Peace and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rhuks Ako and Orit Ibrahim, AU <p>AU Study, “The Roles and Contributions of Youth to Peace and Security in Africa”, specifically the Southern Africa Chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muneinazvo Kujeke, ISS
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p> <p><i>Moderator: Savannah Wilmot, ACCORD; Rumbidzaishe Matambo, ACCORD; and Nqobile Moyo, SAPPC</i></p>	<p>INTRA-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE <i>contin.</i></p> <p>Thematic group work and report back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key challenges for youth in Southern Africa peace and security? • What Regional YPS initiatives exist and what initiatives have/are being done to forward the Regional YPS Agenda? • What are the key opportunities for youth in Southern Africa peace and security? • What role can and is played by the youth towards Agenda 2063 and Silencing the Guns in Africa? • What are some examples of youth being actively involved in a peace and security issues in your own country? • What were the catalysts to youth involvement? • What were the obstacles? • Were the youth effective? Why or why not? • If not, what could have been done differently?
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 – 15:00</p> <p><i>Moderator: Savannah Wilmot, ACCORD; Rumbidzaishe Matambo, ACCORD; and Nqobile Moyo, SAPPC</i></p>	<p>INTRA-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE <i>contin.</i></p> <p>Thematic group work and report back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key challenges for youth in Southern Africa peace and security? • What Regional YPS initiatives exist and what initiatives have/are being done to forward the Regional YPS Agenda? • What are the key opportunities for youth in Southern Africa peace and security? • What role can and is played by the youth towards Agenda 2063 and Silencing the Guns in Africa? • What are some examples of youth being actively involved in a peace and security issues in your own country? • What were the catalysts to youth involvement? • What were the obstacles? • Were the youth effective? Why or why not? • If not, what could have been done differently?
<p>15:00 – 15:15</p>	<p>Health Break</p>
<p>15:15 – 16:15</p> <p><i>Moderator: Savannah Wilmot, ACCORD</i></p>	<p>OPEN SPACE</p> <p>The conveners to the conference will reflect and share their youth and security programs/ frameworks and bring youth networks and organizations</p>

together.

- AU SARO, COMESA, AU, HoAYN, SAPPC, UNDP, ISS and SCI

16:15 – 16:45 <i>Moderator: Savannah Wilmot, ACCORD</i>	Q&As
16:45 – 17:00 <i>Moderator: Agyedho Nyaba, AU SARO</i>	Wrap up of Day 1 and closing

Day Two (Tuesday) 26 July 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 – 10:00 <i>Moderator: HoAYN – supported and SAPPC</i>	YOUTH CONSULTATIONS Youth representatives from each country discuss in groups their countries' Youth, Peace and Security challenges, prospects. <i>Botswana, Zambia, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, Malawi, Mauritius, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Seychelles</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30 <i>Moderators: HoAYN – supported and SAPPC</i>	YOUTH CONSULTATIONS contin. Youth representatives from each country discuss in groups their countries' Youth, Peace and Security challenges and prospects. <i>Botswana, Zambia, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, Malawi, Mauritius, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Seychelles</i>
11:30 – 13:00 <i>Moderator: Rhuks Ako, AU; Oita Etyang, COMESA; and Anthony Njoroge, SCI</i>	RECOMMENDATIONS Drafting of recommendations on how to address challenges and gaps within YPS in respective countries.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 <i>Moderator: Agyedho Nyaba, AU SARO</i>	PRESENTATIONS Each country to do brief presentations on key challenges, prospects and recommendations towards developing the communique.
15:30 – 15:45	Health break
15:45 – 18:00 <i>Moderator: Muneinazvo Kujeke, ISS; David Momanyi, HoAYN; Pamela Charidza, SAPPC; & Senzo Ngubane, ACCORD</i>	COMMUNIQUE Drafting the Communique, report and recommendations from the High-Level Ministerial Conference on the Role of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Mechanisms (RMS) and Governments in Promoting the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Southern Africa.

Day Three (Wednesday) 27 July 2022 – Progress made towards implementation of YPS Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 – 10:30 <i>Moderator: ISS Representative</i>	<p>PRESENTATIONS ON CFYPS</p> <p>Status, Challenges and Opportunities of the African Union Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ AYAP for Southern Africa - Cynthia Chigwenya ❖ AU Youth Envoy - Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy ❖ AU Representative - Rhuks Ako ❖ National Youth Councils Representatives ❖ Youth CSO Representatives
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 13:00 <i>Moderator: Nqobile Moyo, SAPPCC</i>	<p>VIOLENT EXTREMISM EXPERIENCE SHARING SESSION</p> <p>Sharing experiences and lessons learnt by Horn of Africa region and Southern Africa region in youth's involvement in preventing and countering violent.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ HoAYN ❖ ISS - Muneinazvo Kujeke ❖ Representative from Republic of Mozambique - Návia Yassido ❖ Representative from Republic of the Democratic Republic of the Congo ❖ COMESA Youth Representative - Mohammed Abdullahi
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 <i>Moderator: Cynthia Chigwenya, Southern Africa AYAP and Lavina Oluoch, SCI</i>	<p>GROUP WORK</p> <p>Improving the implementation of the AU 5 Pillars on Peace and Security</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Health Break
15:45 – 16:00 <i>Moderator: Cynthia Chigwenya, Southern Africa AYAP and Lavina Oluoch, SCI</i>	<p>GROUP WORK contin.</p> <p>Improving the implementation of the AU 5 Pillars on Peace and Security</p>
16:00 – 17:00	COMMUNIQUE

Moderator: Muneinazvo Kujeke, ISS; David Momanyi, HoAYN; Pamela Charidza, SAPPCC; & Senzo Ngubane, ACCORD

Refinement of the Communique

19:00 – 21:00

Dinner hosted by the AU Office of the Youth Envoy

Arrival for 6:30pm

Day Four (Thursday) 28 July 2022 – Creating mechanisms to advance implementation and connect young people to policy processes

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 – 10:15 <i>Moderator: Thokozile Chitepo, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation</i>	MINISTERIAL REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representatives AU SARO, UN Resident Coordinator, SADC & COMESA ❖ A representative from each country Ministerial delegation ❖ President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
10:15 – 10:30	READING OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cynthia Chigwenya, Southern Africa Youth Ambassador for Peace
10:30 – 11:00 11:00 – 13:30 <i>Moderator: Rhuks Ako, AU and Oita Etyang, COMESA</i>	Group photo and break INTER-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE Challenges and opportunities in youth, peace and security Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Five Youth Representatives ❖ All Ministers
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30 <i>Moderator: Anthony Njoroge, Save the Children</i>	INTRA-COUNTRY DISCUSSION Country Ministers and youth representatives building country consensus and discussing way forward
15:30 – 16:00 16:00 – 16:50 <i>Moderator: Anthony Njoroge, Save the Children</i>	Health break INTRA-COUNTRY DISCUSSION contin. Country Ministers and youth representatives building country consensus and discussing way forward

16:50 – 17:00	<p>READING OF THE COMMUNIQUE</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cynthia Chigwenya, Southern Africa Youth Ambassador for Peace
<p>17:00 – 17:15</p> <p><i>Moderator: Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe</i></p>	CLOSING
TBC	Ministerial Dinner

Day Five (Friday) 29 July 2022

TIME	ACTIVITY
<p>10:00 – 12:00</p> <p><i>Moderator: HoAYN Representative</i></p>	<p>SHOWCASING & EXPERIENCE SHARING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video clips • Documentaries
12:00 – 12:30	Break
12:30 – 13:30	PARTNER MEETING