

Experiences of Working Together

Youth Inputs to Youth 2030 Briefing to UN IANYD
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YOUTH2030
WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Strategy



Overview

- What worked well
- What are the good practices
- What can be better
- Compliance with *Principles & Barriers of Meaningful Youth Engagement*
- Summary
- Questions

What Has Worked Well?

Summary

Overall

- The Existence of the Strategy Itself
- Provides a Framework for Joint Action and Holding UN Entities Accountable

HLSC (High Level Steering Committee)

- Youth Co Facilitating HLSC Meetings
- Expanded Presence to UN IANYD Youth Caucus and Young UN

JWG (Joint Working Group)

- Youth as Co Leads on JWG Task Teams (Excellent)
 - In conceptualization and Rollout and Delivery
 - Specially important, as the Devil is in the Details
- Respective Formal Self Organised Youth Constituencies as Leads for the the respective priority areas

What Can be Better?

- **Composition of Youth Parties**
 - **Direct Access to Thematic Voices (like with UN Entities)**
 - **Stronger Focus on *Youth Led* as opposed to *Youth Focused* and *Youth Led***
 - If there is value in different roles, it could be discussed
 - **Ending Privileged/Enhanced Direct Access to only International Orgs**
 - More Universality and Equity
 - Resolutions also talk about coordination and engagement mechanisms 'by type' of organisations
 - **Bringing in Youth Parties Linked with the Scope and Deliverables of the Strategy**
 - National Level Actors (several models exist, could look at youth platforms from fast track countries)
 - Grassroots Actors (the UN, as per resolution has a grassroots stakeholder group-Youth)
 - Rightsholder/Person Centric/ Minority Groups (*the UN, as per resolution has these groups- eg-Migrants, Refugees-Displaced People, LGBTQI+, Disability, Indigenous*)

What Can be Better?

- **Sharing Responsibility with UN Members of HLSC for Youth Engagement**
 - UN Entities to engage youth constituencies associated (engagement or programmatic) with them in their work in the HLSC (Eg- UN AIDS- PACT, CBD-GYBN, UNEP- UNEP MGCY, UNDRR- Sendai Stakeholders Youth Group, DGC- Youth Reps Steering Committee, UNPFA- Youth leads from Compact, GCYPS, ICPD)
- **Youth Co Convening/Chairing the HLSC and JWS**
 - Modality borrowed from UN IANYD, JWG-TTs, GCYPS and Several Other Initiatives
- **Joint OSGEY- UN MGCY Secretariat**
 - Precedent- Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

**Youth
Composition in
HLSC -
*Who has Dedicated
Direct Access?***

Who by scope	Direct representation in HLSC	Direct representation in JWG
Grassroots/Local Movements		
National Youth Structures		
Regional Youth Structures		
International Youth Structures		
Thematic Youth Structures		
Minority/Marginalised Youth Groups		

Compliance with Principles of Meaningful Youth Engagement

Principle	Degree of Compliance	Current	Next Steps
Self Organised		Membership of youth was by invitation. And third seat was self organised	Accept Inputs from Selforganised Youth Mechanisms
Legally Mandated		Space guaranteed by Strategy and TORs	Keep
Well Resourced		Provisions for financial support for youth for in person meetings	Keep and potentially expand for youth secretariat
Designated		Youth seats guaranteed by Strategy and TORs	Keep and Expand
Accountable		Two seat has obligatory public accountability requirements	Develop Protocol and diversify entities with direct access

*Summary,
Next Steps for
Strengthening
Youth Engagement
in Youth 2030*

Keep 'What has worked well'

- Designated role for youth
- Legally Mandated seat for youth
- Thematic Constituencies Coordinating Priority Areas
- Youth Co leading Task Teams
- Youth Co facilitating HLSC Meeting

Change the 'What can be better'

- Composition of Youth Parties
- Sharing Responsibility with UN Members of HLSC for Youth Engagement
- Youth Co Convening/Chairing the HLSC and JWG
- Joint OSGEY- UN MGCY Secretariat

When? No Better Place than Here, No Better Time than Now :-)

Realistically Ambitious - By Next HLSC !!

Thank you!
Questions?
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