

Working with and for youth in vulnerable situations

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

In partnership with Education Above All and Silatech, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights established a Youth Advisory Board in February 2022. Selected from a pool of 166 applicants following an open call, the Youth Advisory Board was set up in order to provide feedback and input on the overall direction of the project 'Working with and for youth in vulnerable situations including conflict, violence, and insecurity'. The Youth Advisory Board consists of ten young people from different countries and regions.



Rosario Del Pilar Diaz Garavito

Rosario is a SDGs activist, Escazú Agreement Youth Advocate and Founder & Executive Director of The Millennials Movement. Currently she serves as Elected Focal Point for the Children, Adolescent and Youth Group of the Latin American and the Caribbean Civil Society Participation Mechanism MesCLAC/MGCY, for the formal review of the 2030 Agenda at the UN and LAC Women Empower Program 2022-2023 of the Ban Ki Moon Center Fellow. Rosario was awarded as Obama Foundation Scholar

2019-2020, graduating from the Masters Program on International Development and Policy at the University of Chicago. Rosario is a specialist in sustainable development, climate justice and youth policies.



Dibyajoti Burlakoti

Dibyajoti Burlakoti is an Agriculture Graduate Officer at the Government of Nepal. She is a recent graduate of the U.S. Embassy Youth Council 19/21 and has been actively involved in a youth-led organization called Youth For Agri-Welfare as an advisory board member since 2019. With her keen interest to serve communities, she has actively worked in Amnesty International, volunteered in Sundarbazar municipality as a social-media coordinator, worked as women empowerment coordinator in LEO club and as an acting national coordinator in IAAS Nepal. She is passionate about uplifting rural lives through various initiatives in the

field of women, children and youth.



Huma Nasir

Huma is a lawyer and a LLM. graduate from the University of Bristol, UK. She is based in Indian-administered Kashmir and her practice and research interests are centered around gender justice, human rights, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, reconciliation, and transitional justice. She is also working as a fellow on a European Union-funded peacebuilding project, where she is addressing diverse factors of violence and preventing violent extremism in South Asia. Huma is passionate about advancing the nexus of human rights and peacebuilding by promoting youth-inclusive participation in international peace and security efforts.



Shawgi Omer Nawai

Shawgi, a youth advocate from Sudan, is a social activist with vast experience in the non-profit sector, with a special focus on community development and migrant-led innovation. Shawgi now works as the Co-Founder of the Emerging Leaders incubator (Place Network) which is an active platform that aims to create a pipeline for the transformation of the public leadership sector in Europe by showcasing the newcomer leaders who're working towards a positive change in Europe. He has graduated with an MBA in Innovation Management from Ecole des Ponts et Chaussees in Paris, France.



Areej Masri

Areej is a 28 year old young woman from Syria. She is currently working toward completing her master's degree in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action. During her BA in Pharmacy, the war in Syria had just begun. Areej tried to pursue her education despite the danger she encountered on a daily basis. After she had the chance to start a new life in Qatar, Areej decided to help other young people who are in need of a better chance in life, choosing advocacy as the first step to achieve what she aims for.



Petrider Paul

Petrider served as an African Union Youth Advisory Council in an appointed role by H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission 2018-2020. In this role, Petrider worked to expand the African Union Commission’s youth engagement and advocacy efforts across the departments of Political Affairs, Peace and Security and Health Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS) and led the coordination of youth engagement with border communities to counter-trafficking and illegal migration by promoting peace and security in the East African Community (EAC) under the EAC Youth Ambassadors Platform – AU-GIZ Border Programme support to the RECs.



Sicelo Shange

Sicelo is a volunteer at a non-profit organization called Youth Inter-Active as HIV ambassador, where he advocates for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), bodily autonomy and youth rights. Sicelo facilitates at a local HIV center, South African Voices, where he hosts young people for dialogues and capacity-building workshops. “There is nothing as important as leaving a mark and changing the world as per your sphere of influence,” hence Sicelo focuses on human rights advocacy, LGBTQ+ advocacy and youth rights. Sicelo champions and mobilizes resources for civic education and also advocates for equality and positive responses to climate change.



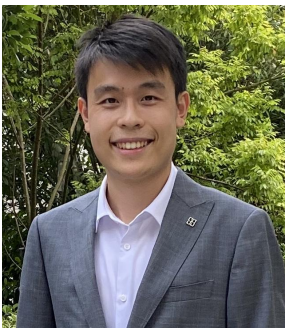
Sylvain Obedi Katindi

Sylvain is a disability rights activist, national gender equality advocate, co-founder and Executive Director of Enable the Disable Action, former member of the Generation Equality Youth Task Force. He holds an international certificate in public policy and leadership from the American Foundation of the ITC University and a degree in national and international public law from the University of Peace of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is a member of the Global Caucus of Young People with Disabilities working with International Disability Alliance for implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Virginia Maria Barchiesi

Virginia is an Italian 19-year-old youth activist for the inclusion of young people in International Affairs. She is a member of the Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships of the EU, a Youth Ambassador for UNICEF Italy and UNICEF ECARO, a Women Deliver Young Leader and an award-winning advocate for the rights of young migrants and refugees. She is a student of Middle-Eastern and Mediterranean studies at SciencesPo Paris and speaks Italian, English, French and Arabic fluently.



Zi Han Xuan

Xuan Zi Han is a youth advocate from Shanghai and Singapore, currently reading Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at University College London. He is the Co-Lead of the COP26 Global Youth Statement, a representative and inclusive climate policy document drafted in consultation with more than 40,000 young people from more than 135 countries around the world. In addition, he is a UNHCR Young Champion, and his work in human rights advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers has been recognised by UNHCR on International Youth

Day 2021.