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**Session 1: Creating an enabling environment
for the effective participation of youth
in public decision-making**

List of Panellists for session 1:



Ms Sara Oviedo

Ecuador

Ms Oviedo is a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the main rapporteur of the CRC's General Comment on adolescents. She is a sociologist with more than 35 years of experience in promoting the rights of children and adolescents at national, regional and international level. Ms. Oviedo has a PhD in Sociology and Political Science, she was Executive Secretary of the National Council for Children and Adolescents of Ecuador and the representative of Ecuador to the Inter-American Institute of Children and Adolescents.



Ms. Chaeli Mycroft

South Africa

Ability activist Chaely Mycroft from South Africa, winner International Children's Peace Prize 2011, founding member of The KidsRights Youngsters, founder of the Chaely Campaign. Chaely is a proven and charismatic young changemaker, with a major drive to act and advocate for children and youth with disabilities. Chaely became the first female quadriplegic to summit the Kilimanjaro in August 2015. Where others see limitations, she sees possibilities; with her positive attitude and tireless ability activism, she is an inspiration to many people worldwide.



Ms. Gulalai Ismail

Pakistan

Gulalai is a peace activist, she is the winner of numerous prizes, such as and 2013 Democracy Award, 2014 Humanist of the Year Award, 2015 Common Wealth Youth Award. She has been acknowledged among 30 under 30 leading young activists working for democracy and among one of the 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013 by Foreign Policy Magazine. She is the Founder of Aware Girls, a platform where girls are educated and trained as "Agents of Change, Peace and Empowerment".



Mr Dejan Bojanic

Serbia

Dejan focuses his work on youth rights and quality education policies in international institutions such as European Union, Council of Europe and the United Nations. Dejan is a board member of European Youth Forum - a platform of

national youth councils and international non-governmental youth organisations representing over 14 million young Europeans. Forbes magazine named Dejan one of the most influential Europeans working with policy in 2016.

Moderator for session 1:



Mr Romulo Dantas

Brazil

Romulo is Executive-Secretary for Youth Empowerment at World YMCA and has extensive experience in youth leadership development, design and implementation of programmes and advocacy initiatives.

Session 2: From formal to transformative participation of youth

List of Panellists for session 2:



Ms. Anne Lambelin

Anne is Senator of the Parliament of Belgium and delegate at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Forum of Young Parliamentarians. She is an active member of a variety of Parliamentary Commissions, including on youth as well as public administration affairs at the Parliament of the Wallonie-Bruxelles Federation, and is President of the Commission for gender equality at the Wallon Parliament.



Ms. Aya Chebbi

Tunisia

Aya is an award winning Pan-African activist and blogger. In recognition to her achievements, Aya was named as one of Africa's most Outstanding Young Women leaders in 2013 and the Young Achiever of the Year 2015 by the Forbes. She also sits on the Board of Directors of CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation.



Mr. Anshul Tiwari

India

Anshul is an Ashoka Fellow and the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of YouthKiAwaaz.com (YKA), India's largest digital platform for young people to share stories and opinions. He has worked across new media and online journalism as a media entrepreneur. YKA currently has over 75,000 contributors and receives over 3 million readers a month. He also serves as a Director on the Board of Collectively, and in 2012 was named a Young Innovator by the United Nations International Telecom Union for innovation in crowd-sourcing.



Mr. Tomaž Deželan

Slovenia

Tomaž is Associate Professor of Political Science, Jean Monnet Chair for Citizenship education and Vice-Dean for Quality Assurance and Development at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. He is coordinator and principal researcher of several research projects (EU, Slovenia-USA, Slovenia-Russia), research partner of the Slovenian Erasmus + Youth in Action National Agency (member of the RAY group) and policy advisor for the field of youth political participation to the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), European Youth Forum (EYF) and the International IDEA.

Moderator for session 2:



Mr Ian Power

Ian is Executive Director of SpunOut.ie, Ireland's youth information website, and president of the National Youth Council of Ireland. He also sits on the board of the National College of Art & Design and the Citizens Information Board, and is a regular contributor on local and national TV and radio.

Session 3: Participation of youth in sustainable development and human rights protection in specific contexts

List of Panellists for session 3:



Ms Ana Saldarriaga

Ana has become the first ever Colombian Citizen and Latin-American woman to hold the role of Global President of AIESEC. She is currently based in Chicago working with education and adaptation strategies for refugees. Throughout her journey she has worked in more than 44 countries as a strong advocate to connect the role of Youth with the implementation of the SDGs, with special emphasis in Gender Equality, Jobs and Economic Growth and Partnerships for the Goals.



Mr. Scott Attran

USA/France

Scott is an anthropologist at France's National Center for Scientific Research, Oxford University and the University of Michigan. He is co-founder of Artis Research and author of Talking to the Enemy and In Gods We Trust. He regularly briefs the Security Council on youth and preventing violent extremism strategies and is a recurrent contributor to The New York Times, The Guardian and Foreign Policy.



Ms Hajer Sharief

Lybia

She is the co-founder of Maan Nabniha (Together We Build It) in Lybia, has been appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as an expert for the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, as mandated by Security Council resolution 2250 (2015). She also serves as the Project Manager of the 1325 Network in Libya, and is an advocate for Countering Violent Extremism at the Kofi Annan Foundation.



Ms. Martine Kessy Ekomo-Soignet

Central African Republic

She completed the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders in 2014, is a community leader and peacebuilding practitioner, leading projects to increase effective engagement of and support for youth in locally-led conflict prevention and reconciliation efforts in CAR. She is also founder of a youth-led organization named URU ("Take off") and a member of the advisory group of experts for the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, as mandated by Security Council resolution 2250 (2015).

Moderator for session 3:



Ms. Francine Muyumba

Democratic Republic of Congo

Francine is President Pan African Youth Union. Based on her experience of youth activism around the world, she has become known as one of the prominent speakers on youth issues, including before the United Nations. She has also advocated on behalf of African youth to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. She is the first Pan African Youth Union President, to be given an opportunity to speak at the UN General Assembly on behalf of African Youth. She has been working closely with United Nations Envoy on Youth to voice issues affecting youth around the world.

Session 4: Moving the global youth agenda forward: the role of youth in shaping the agenda of the United Nations and regional organizations

List of Panellists for session 4:



Mr. Max Trejo Cervantes

Mexico

Max is the Secretary-General of the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America that monitors the implementation of the Ibero-American Convention on Youth's Rights. Since 2005, he has contributed to put young people on the region's political agenda. He previously served in the Organization as Deputy Secretary General and

adviser to the former Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Secretariat General. He is also a member of various youth leadership networks in Latin America and was awarded the Mexican National Youth Award in 2009.



Mr. Alexander Kauschanski

Germany

German Youth Delegate during the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly. As a WFUNA Youth Delegate Programme Multiplier, he is supporting efforts to strengthen youth participation at the UN. He advises groups working on establishing Youth Delegate Programmes in countries of the global south and is involved in a variety of initiatives that aim at empowering young people in their communities.



Ms Rita Muyambo

Zimbabwe

Rita is Head of Programmes for World YWCA. With a strong focus on human rights and gender equality related to Young Women Leadership, she has been particularly involved in pushing meaningful participation of young people in the work of the Human Rights Council. World YWCA organized the first Youth Forum prior to the HRC in June 2016.

Moderator for session 4:



Mr Ahmad Alhendawi

Ahmad is the first-ever UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth. In his capacity as an expert in youth development with a focus on political participation and democracy, youth, peace and security he continuously engages with a variety of stakeholders across the regions to advancing the youth agenda globally.