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PROGRAMME

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 HORN OF AFRICA REGION.

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The conference aims to deliver on the following objectives

- ← To advocate for more inclusive policies and meaningful engagement with young people as an asset in peacebuilding and conflict resolution mechanisms.
- ← To review and assess the implementation of international and regional legal and policy frameworks for youth in peace and security for different countries in the Horn of Africa region.
- ← To popularize regional, national and continental legal and policy frameworks that seek to promote youth role in peace and security.
- ← To showcase and highlight the varied initiatives and programmes developed or endorsed by governments, RECs and RMS to capacitate young people in the Horn of Africa particularly as relating to advancing peace and security including early warning systems such as COMWARN, CEWARN and EACWARN.
- ← To advocate for periodic consultations providing opportunity for stakeholders to engage and share updates on youth peace and security agenda.

Expected Outcome

- ← 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 Horn of Africa Region by the varied governments, RECs and RMS including limitations and successes
- ← Emphasis on partnerships and the significance of governments, AU, RECS/RMS, development partners and the young people working together in advancing the youth, peace and security agenda for the Horn of Africa Region
- ← 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) 1st November 2021

8:00– 8:30	Arrival and Registration
Moderator: Alexandra Chege and David Momanyi- Save the Children and Horn of Africa Youth Network	<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <p>Kenya National Anthem COMESA Anthem AU Anthem Art Performance Opening Video Young People Voices 2 Youth (Female and Male)</p> <p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks from AU Youth Peace Ambassador 2. Remarks from Team Leader, Life & Peace Institute 3. Remarks by Anthony Njoroge Save the Children, CAAC Thematic Lead 4. Remarks by a Representative from COMESA 5. Remarks by a Representative from the AUC 6. Ms. Nadia Ahmed Abdalla, Chief Administrative Secretary-Ministry of ICT Innovation and Youth Affairs 7. Hon. Ababu Namwamba, EGH, is the Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
10:30-11:00 Moderator: Alexandra Chege- Save the Children	Overview and Specific Deliverable of the Conference
11:00-11:15	Photo and break
11:15-12:30 Moderator: Rhuks Ako – AU	<p>Pan-African Debate Why Implement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> AU Continental framework for Youth, Peace and Security? <input type="checkbox"/> COMESA Youth Engagement Strategy and the Role of Youth in the implementation of the National Action Plans – inclusive partnerships. <input type="checkbox"/> Regional: IGAD framework & UNSCR 2250.
12:30-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:45 Moderator: Fatuma Ahmed – Life and Peace Institute	<p>Group Work:</p> <p>Group 1: Focus, the role of youth in the implementation of the National YPS agenda</p> <p>Group 2: Focus, the role of youth in the implementation of the Continental YPS agenda</p> <p>Group 3: Focus, the role of youth in the implementation of the Regional YPS agenda</p>
14:45– 15:00	Health Break
15:00-16:15 Moderator: National Youth Council - Kenya	Open Space: The conveners to the conference will reflect, share Youth and Security their programs/ frameworks and bring youth networks and organizations together at the Regional level: COMESA, AU, HoAYN, SCI, IGAD, EAC
16:15-16:45 Moderator: National Youth Council - Uganda	Plenary for Q &As Open session
16:45-17:00	Gallery walk on work done (back to the plenary for presentations)

Day 2: (Tuesday) 2nd November 2021 - Progress made towards implementation of YPS Agenda

<p>9:00 – 10:30 Moderator: Stephen Kirimi Life and Peace Institute</p>	<p>Session 1: Panel Discussions: Youth Engagement with the Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security as well as effective Mobilization of Youth The Panel discussion with young people will focus sharing progress towards implementing these agendas and gaps Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Youth Representative from Somalia ❖ Youth Representative from Uganda ❖ Youth Representative from Ethiopia ❖ Life and Peace Institute ❖ African Union ❖ IGAD ❖ HoAYN ❖ COMESA ❖ Save the Children
<p>10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>11:00 – 13:00 Moderator: Oita Etyang – COMESA & Alexandra Chege Save the Children</p>	<p>Parallel Sessions: Linking Youth, Peace and Security Agenda- Opportunities for Enhanced Implementation: Presentation and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Session 1: Advancing the YPS implementation: ❖ Speaker 1: A regional forum for Youth Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa ❖ Speaker 2: A mechanism to advance partnerships between government and regional RECs/AU on Youth Peace and Security Agenda. ❖ Speaker 3: Strengthening the Regional Youth Councils - experiences and Challenges. ❖ Speaker 4: National Action Plans.
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 – 18:00 Moderator: Rhuks Ako – African Union</p>	<p>Group Work Improving the implementation of the AU 5 Pillars on Peace and Security</p>

Day3, (Wednesday) 3rd November 2021 (Creating mechanisms to advance implementation and connect young people to policy processes.

<p>09:00 – 10:00 Moderator: David Momanyi – Horn of Africa Youth Network and Terr des Hommes.</p>	<p>Open Session: Countries present to share their own experiences on Youth, Peace and Security agenda: challenges and prospects <i>Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea, Kenya</i></p>
<p>10:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>10:30 – 12:00 Moderator: Alexandra Chege – Save the Children</p>	<p>Each group should come up with recommendation on what goes in the communique (ie. What support is needed from ministerial level)</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:30 Moderator: Rhuks Ako -AU and Oita Etyang – COMESA</p>	<p>Review of Draft Presentation in Groups</p>
<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>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 the Horn of Africa Region</p>
<p>13:30 – 14:0</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

DAY 4: 4TH NOVEMBER 2021**OFFICIAL OPENING OF 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 EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA REGIONS**

8:00– 8:30	Arrival and Registration
9:00 - 10:30 Moderator: Raymond Ochieng- Secretary for Youth Affairs- Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks from Horn of Africa Youth Network. 2. Remarks from Team Leader, Life & Peace Institute 3. Remarks from the Regional Director Save the Children 4. Remarks from the Secretary General COMESA 5. Remarks from African Union 6. Ms. Nadia Ahmed Abdalla, Chief Administrative Secretary-Ministry of ICT Innovation and Youth Affairs 7. Hon. Ababu Namwamba, EGH, is the Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade 8. Mr. Joseph Mucheru E.G.H, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs)
10:45-11:15	Photo and break
11:15-12:30 Moderator: David Momanyi. HoAYN	Presentation of a Report of the Technical Meeting to Ministers □ Video Presentation
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15: 45 Moderator: Hafsa Hammed Life and Peace Institute and Elizabeth Mutunga – COMESA	Youth – Policy Makers Interface <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voice of the youth 2. Response by Policy Makers (Commitment and Pledging Sessions from Member States- Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea, Kenya)
15:45	Health Break

Day 5th November 2021

10:00 - 10:10	Art Performance
10:00-10:40 Moderator: Elizabeth Mutunga COMESA	Reading of the Communique by a Youth Representative and Presentation of the Way Forward
11:40 -12:30 Moderator: Nadia Abdala Chief Administrative Secretary-Ministry of ICT Innovation and Youth Affairs	Closing Remarks: Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary Intergovernmental Authority on development (IGAD) Mr. Joseph Mucheru E.G.H, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs