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10-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CONTINENTAL FRAMEWORK ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY (YPS) 2020-2029¹

S/N	KEY ACTIVITIES	TARGET BY 2024	TARGET BY 2029	LEAD ENTITY	REMARKS
Outcome 1- Participation: Youth participate equally in decision-making processes and implementation of peace and security interventions at national, regional and continental levels.					
1.	Popularization and advocacy for the domestication and implementation of continental framework on YPS at the national and regional levels	*40 percent awareness of the YPS Framework by Member States, RECs/RMs and relevant stakeholders	* 70 percent awareness amongst all Member States, RECs/RMs and relevant stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUC RECs/RMs Member States Youth 	AUC to collaborate with relevant RECs/RMs and Member States to host regional and where necessary national sensitization campaigns
2.	Development of National Actions Plans (NAPs) on YPS in line with continental framework and national youth policies. This will include organization of national youth dialogues/consultations on modalities to develop NAPs and key contents	*25 percent Member States develop youth-led and centered NAPs on YPS	*50 percent Member States develop youth-led and centered NAPs on YPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States Youth 	Relevant RECs/RMs and AUC to provide technical and financial support
3.	Advocacy for the implementation of	*20 percent Member	*40 percent Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member 	We are mindful of

¹ This matrix will be updated on a yearly basis to reflect the realities of implementation

	NAPs including youth participation in decision making process such as AU/RECs/RMs Summit, National Security Councils etc., appointment/election of youth into key /statutory positions of peace and security, elective offices. Member States nomination/appointment of national focal person on YPS as well as political support for the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace (AYAP) participation in high level meetings at AU/RECs/RMs levels	States implement NAPs *At least 25 youth serving in key/statutory decision making as well as elective positions in peace and security at national, regional and continental levels	States implement NAPs *At least 50 youth serving in key/statutory decision making as well as elective positions in peace and security at national, regional and continental levels	States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECS/RMs • AUC 	challenges that may abound on implementation
4.	Capacity building ² on youth, peace and security for senior officials and for youth – female and male including displaced persons and young people living with disabilities (PLWDs) on leadership and peacebuilding processes. This should include a network of YPS advisors at country, regional and continental levels	At least 250 people especially youth capacitated on leadership and peacebuilding skills	At least 750 youth capacitated on leadership and peacebuilding skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States • RECs/RMs • AUC 	

² Capacity building in the context of this matrix includes intergenerational dialogues, experience sharing, mentorship and exchange programmes, peer learning as well as tailored-made training

Outcome 2 - Prevention: Enhanced contribution of youth to conflict prevention and mediation efforts at national, regional and continental levels

5.	Capacity building of youth – female and male including displaced persons and persons living with disabilities on early warning, conflict prevention and mediation	*At least 500 youth capacitated on conflict prevention and mediation strategies	At least 1000 youth capacitated on conflict prevention and mediation strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States 	
6.	Support the implementation of youth-led conflict prevention (including against hate speech, terrorism and violent extremism, genocidal ideologies, local and natural based conflicts etc.) and mediation initiatives as part of contributions to silence the guns	*At least 50 (5 per region) youth-led groups supported to implement concrete conflict prevention and mediation efforts	*At least 100 (10 per region) youth-led groups supported to implement concrete conflict prevention and mediation efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECs/RMs • AUC • Youth • Member States 	RECs/RMs and AU to mobilize resources to financially, materially and technically provide support to youth-led programmes
7.	Support implementation of AYAP regional projects including vocational skills/empowerment opportunities to youth to reduce their vulnerabilities to exploitation, manipulation and radicalization and recruitment by extremist, criminal and armed groups which will contribute to silencing the guns	*At least 100 youth capacitated and supported to start livelihood opportunities	*At least 200 youth capacitated and supported to start livelihood opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • Youth 	In collaboration with relevant departments with AUC and RECs/RMs and concerned Member States, provides skills and mobilize resources to support the start-up of their business.
8.	Support review of educational curriculum to include peace education and transmit values and skills that foster critical thinking, pluralism, co-existence and peace.	*5% Member States review and develop peace education curriculum	10% Member States review and develop peace education curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States • RECs/RMs • AU 	Provide technical support to Member States

Outcome 3 - Protection: Enhanced protection of youth in peace, conflict and post-conflict situations

9.	Capacity building of youth – female and male including displaced persons and persons living with disabilities on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL)	*At least 250 youth capacitated on IHL and IHRL	*At least 750 youth capacitated on IHL and IHRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • OHCHR/Red Cross • Youth 	The AUC and RECs/RMs to collaborate with OHCHR, Red Cross and relevant stakeholders to provide training
10.	Advocate and collaborate with relevant stakeholders to provide special security measures for youth especially those in conflict/post-conflict situations and those in displaced camps to prevent sexual and gender based violence	*At least 10 special security measures established and operationalized for the protection of youth in conflict and post-conflict situations	*At least 20 special security measures established and operationalized for the protection of youth in conflict and post-conflict situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States • Security Agencies • RECs/RMs • Youth 	AUC, RECs/RMs to collaborate with relevant security agencies to promote adequate security measures for youth in displaced camps
11.	Develop continental protocol and standard operating procedures (SoP) for the protection of young peacebuilders on the continent to facilitate Member States reporting on compliance to SoPs	At least 5 Member States sign, ratify and report protocol for protection of young peacebuilders	At least 10 Member States sign, ratify and report protocol for protection of young peacebuilders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • Youth 	

Outcome 4 - Partnership and Coordination: Enhanced coordination and collaboration between youth and relevant stakeholders on planning, implementation and evaluation

12.	Development, advocacy and implementation of communication	*At least 20 percent partners aware and	*At least 40 percent partners aware and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs 	
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	strategy to guide engagement between relevant stakeholders (AUC, RECs/RMs, Member States, Youth and other development partners) and youth. Explore concerted efforts to project the positive contributions of youth to peace and security	implementing communication strategy	implementing communication strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States 	
13.	Development of continental toolkit/peace education guidelines and advocacy for its implementation in formal and informal schools and spaces	*10 percent Member States adopt and implement peace education in school curriculums and informal spaces	*30 percent Member States adopt and implement peace education in school curriculums and informal spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • Youth 	Relevant AUC departments/RECs/RMs and CSOs to collaborate on the development of the toolkit
14.	Sensitization campaigns including use of social and traditional media against hate speech and genocidal ideologies as part of contributions to silence the guns	*At least 5 regional and 10 national sensitization campaigns conducted	*At least 10 regional and 20 national sensitization campaigns conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECs/RMs • Member States • AUC • Youth 	
15.	Capacity building of youth – female and male including displaced persons and persons living with disabilities on peacebuilding program design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	At least 300 youth trained on peacebuilding program design and implementation	At least 750 youth trained on peacebuilding program design and implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States 	
16.	Coordination and joint planning meetings on YPS between AUC, RECS/RMs, Member States, Private Sector and Media with a view to strengthen efforts aimed at silencing	At least 10 coordination and joint planning meetings held with relevant stakeholders	At least 20 coordination and joint planning meetings held with relevant stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMS • Member States 	

	the guns			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Private Sector • Media 	
17.	Advocacy for increased financial, political and technical support for YPS	*At least 20% of finances funded by AU; as well as political and technical support to Youth programmes	*At least 40% of finances funded by AU; and political and technical support to youth programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • REC/RMs • Member States 	
18.	Popularization and recognition of youth contributions to Peace and Security including annual young peacebuilders awards, media engagements	*Collaboration with at least 10 media agencies to highlight youth contributions to peace and security * 25 young people recognized and awarded for their contributions	*Collaboration with most Continental media platforms promote and highlight youth contributions to peace and security * 50 young people recognized and awarded for their contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • Youth 	
19.	Documentation of periodic reports on contributions of youth to peace and security as well as status of implementation of the continental YPS framework	*Production and dissemination of periodic reports including 5 annual reports to the PSC on youth contributions and status of implementation of YPS framework	*Production and dissemination of periodic reports including 10 annual reports to the PSC on youth contributions and status of implementation of YPS framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States 	

20.	Institutionalize champions of YPS agenda at continental, regional and national levels	*At least 2 champions each identified and spearheading YPS agenda at national, regional and continental levels	*At least 5 champions each identified and spearheading YPS agenda at national, regional and continental levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States • Youth 	Engage with national/regional focal points on YPS to identify champions
Outcome 5 - Disengagement and Reintegration: Enhanced youth-sensitive DDR/SSR, reconstruction and stabilization policies and programmes					
21.	Advocacy for the development and or review of policies, legislations and programmes on DDR/SSR as well as reconstruction and stabilizations that are youth-sensitive	*At least 5 national, regional or continental policies developed or reviewed to incorporate youth-sensitive issues on DDR/SSR, reconstruction and stabilization	* At least 5 national, regional or continental policies developed or reviewed to incorporate youth-sensitive issues on DDR/SSR, reconstruction and stabilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States 	
22.	Capacity building of youth – female and male including displaced persons and persons living with disabilities on DDR/SSR, reconstruction and stabilization efforts	At least 250 youth trained on DDR/SSR, reconstruction as well as stabilization efforts	At least 750 youth trained on DDR/SSR, reconstruction as well as stabilization efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUC • RECs/RMs • Member States 	
23.	Support implementation of youth-led DDR/SSR, post-conflict reconstruction and stabilization actions such as advocacy and collaboration with stakeholders on DDR/SSR, post-trauma counseling, psycho-social support; as well as strengthening of juvenile justice and corrections services	At least 30 youth-led and centered programmes supported	At least 60 youth-led and centered programmes supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States • RECs/RMs • AUC 	