



MEDIA ADVISORY

International Day of Peace 2017: “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend: Meaningful Youth Inclusion in Peace-Building” (#Youth4Peace)

INVITATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

What: The African Union (AU) is hosting a panel in celebration of the International Day of Peace under the theme, “**Harnessing the Demographic Dividend: Meaningful Youth Inclusion in Peace-Building**”.

When: 10:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M (EAT) 21st September 2017

Where: Plenary Hall, Old Conference Centre, AU Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Who: The event will bring together youth organisations, AU Departments (Peace and Security, Political Affairs, Social Affairs, Human Resources, Science and Technology); UN Agencies (UNOAU, UNFPA); international CSOs and research institutes (International Committee of the Red Cross, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Oxfam International) and other organisations to reflect on avenues for youth in Africa to contribute meaningfully to prevention and combatting violent extremism (P/CVE) in particular and peace-building in general.

Why: This panel discussion is organized in order to push for the rapid implementation of AU Instruments on Youth, Peace and Security and of UNSCR 2250 in Member-States facing armed threats or actively working to prevent conflicts.

This event aims to:

- i. Raise awareness on relevant AU instruments and UNSCR 2250 on youth, peace and security.
- ii. Strengthen knowledge on APSA and AGA by partners and young people on engagement opportunities for youth at local, continental and international levels.
- iii. Encourage partnerships between PSD, young people and relevant stakeholders for the immediate and full implementation of the youth, peace and security agenda in Africa.

- iv. Create a forum to encourage young people through intergenerational dialogues to venture into all aspects and studies of peace and security in order to ensure proper skills transfer and thus achieve a peaceful and prosperous Africa.
- v. Promote youth ownership of AU instruments on youth, peace and security and UNSCR 2250.

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