

A. Introduction

The Second National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Tanzania was convened from 18th - 20th September 2025 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Dar es Salaam, under the theme “Youth4Peace: Act Now for a Peaceful World.” The Forum was co-organized by The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII) and the Centre for Youth Dialogue (CYD) in collaboration with the Prime Minister’s Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports – Zanzibar, and the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition Members, with the generous financial support of development partners including the Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre - TPTC, Norwegian Church Aid, CEFA, WeWorld, Search for Common Ground, Restless Development, Save the Children, Ladies Joint Forum, MWF Reciprocal Exchange, Center for Global Learning and Innovation at Michigan State University (MSU) and others.

The Forum brought together over 500 youth representatives from across Tanzania, alongside government officials, civil society organizations, academia, the private sector, and international partners. It served as a national platform for reflection, dialogue, and action to strengthen youth engagement in peace and security processes, inline with 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015), and in commemoration of International Peace Day 2025.

B. Key Deliberations:

- The forum discussed the urgency of localizing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, as outlined under UNSCR 2250, Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security as well as ongoing efforts at EAC and SADC regional mechanisms on YPS, where Tanzania is a key player. The forum received lessons learned from countries such as Finland, which has YPS National Action Plans, and the recent launched National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security in Tanzania.
- The forum discussed about ongoing youth-led peacebuilding work in Tanzania, reflecting voices from the field, on success, challenges and the need to strengthen local youth actions for peace, as well as coordination mechanism.
- The forum commended the ongoing efforts, by institutions an individuals, in promoting peace and security of country, and called for continued efforts to ensure Tanzania remains a peaceful country.

C. Key recommendations

- i. To ensure sustainable youth engagement in peace processes, the forum called for Tanzania Government to Develop a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security in Tanzania through an inclusive and youth-centered consultative process. The forum also called for development partners in Tanzania, to assure provide support
- ii. In recognition to the importance of creating enabling environments for youth inclusion and participation in governance, leadership, and decision making processes, the forum calls for operationalization of the National Youth Council in Tanzania (mainland), and establishment of a legal youth quota of 30% in decision making levels.
- iii. The Forum recognized the influence of digital spaces on peace, security and national stability, and it recommends responsible authorities (including Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and TCRA) to strengthen digital literacy, cybersecurity education, and regulation of misinformation and technology-facilitated violence.

- iv. The forum emphasized that economic marginalization is a driver of instability, and recommends development partners and the government to ensure entrepreneurship skills, financial literacy skills, and vocational skills are accessible to young people through formal education, as strategies for building economic resilience & peace.
- v. Participants acknowledged the intersection of climate change, resource scarcity and conflict, and called for increased youth involvement in climate action, renewable energy promotion, and environmental education.

D. Resolutions and Commitments

1. Establish a National Coordination Mechanism to follow up on implementation of forum resolutions and recommendations.
2. Promote peaceful youth participation in the 2025 General Elections through civic education, tolerance campaigns, and advocacy for non-violence.
3. Enhance youth economic empowerment programs by expanding access to finance, entrepreneurship training, and employment opportunities.
4. Strengthen digital security frameworks to protect youth from online abuse and promote responsible use of digital platforms for peace.
5. Institutionalize the National Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security as an annual forum for collective reflection and action for sustainable peace in Tanzania.

E. Outcomes

- ❖ A Youth Declaration on Peace and Security was developed, capturing youth priorities and collective commitments.
- ❖ Strengthened collaboration among government, youth organizations, and development partners.
- ❖ Increased awareness and ownership of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Agenda in Tanzania.
- ❖ Launched a 1st Cohort of Tanzania NextGen Leaders Fellowship, empowering next generation of leaders across Tanzania.
- ❖ Launched the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition of Tanzania
- ❖ Launched the culture of recognition for peace champions through the International Peace and Security Awards (IPSA 2025).

D. Conclusion

The Forum reaffirmed the shared commitment of all participants to advance the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda, ensuring meaningful youth participation in peacebuilding, governance, and national development. Participants called upon the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, development partners, and civil society organizations to continue investing in youth as key agents of peace, justice, and sustainable development.

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- Pre-event Link Opening of Tanzania NextGen Leaders Fellowship <https://photos.app.goo.gl/hi23rTNtMmUacS2t9>
 - Day 1 Photos of Opening Ceremony & Dialogues: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dSdCWytDfJkBH4Tm7>
 - Day 1 Link to live Video Streaming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jc0LclYAcUc&t=2104s>
 - Day 2 Photos of Caucus Sessions <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Gp8g8wEpv4B3MxxM8> ,
 - Day 3 Photos of Fun Run and Dialogues <https://photos.app.goo.gl/W5DXrtYYM8sjBhoh6> ,
 - Day 3 Photos of Closing Ceremony <https://photos.app.goo.gl/t2PRHckUdCUPeLRt7>
 - Day 3 Link to Live Video streaming of Closing & IPSA Awards <https://www.youtube.com/live/TVqSPMPpWjY?si=-kD6KQ3NRHc4e9P2>