



ACTIVITIES REPORT

YOUTH4PEACE AGENDA 2024

Theme: Youth Taking Actions Promoting a
Culture of Peace in Tanzania

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About us

The African Leadership Initiative for Impact (ALII) was established in 2022 to re-activate the role of Tanzania's and Africa's leadership in empowering young people on the African Continent and within Tanzania, to increase present capacities and voices of youth, and to provide unique spaces for participation in leadership and peace process for sustainable development.



Vision

To see young people of Tanzania and Africa are well prepared to drive change for a peaceful and prosperous future.



Mission

To inspire, empower and nurture the young people of Tanzania and Africa in promoting peace and development through creative and innovative leadership solutions.

Our Objectives

To promote leadership potentials of young people in Tanzania and Africa in addressing peace and development challenges.

To facilitate inter-generational dialogues and exchanges for effective knowledge transfer and learning on best development practices.

To enhance job creation through innovative solutions for young people.

Background

Advancement of youth in peace and sustainable development requires long term participation of youth in planning and decision making on the issues that affect their lives. Youth, who represent most of the population in most developing countries, are today visibly contributing as political actors, innovators, entrepreneurs and peace builders. At the same time, youth face disproportionate social, economic and political barriers which prevents them from unleashing their full potential.

Youth are still a largely unacknowledged and untapped force for peace. United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 on youth, peace and security (2015), which for the first time recognizes the contribution that young people make to peace building, is a historic milestone. It refers Youth, Peace and Security to “conscious actions and processes to protect young people from participation in, and the ill effects of, violent conflicts and insecurity, and to promote and support their contributions to peace efforts in conflict and post-conflict situations’.

So far, the rationale for intervening in the prevention of violence by the international community has often been based on the assumption that youth - and young men in particular- pose a threat to peace or that, as the victims of violence, they should only be protected. The growing trends of misinformation, lack of decent work opportunities, the lack of sense of belonging and identity, can be factors increasing the attraction of some young men and young women towards groups associated with radical movements or even violent extremism.

However, the vast majority of young people have no interest in and do not engage in violence, and already are – or should be – engaged as powerful agents of peace. Unfortunately, the positive and constructive contribution of youth to peace building and development is often underestimated by their societies.

In order to utilize young people’s potential as agents of change, requires involving and empowering them in development, policies and supporting their participation in peace building at all levels.

The African Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security of 2020 and The East African Plan of Action on Youth, Peace and Security 2021 emphasizes member states to improve status of youth participation in peace building processes, prevention of violent acts, and protection against conflicts, partnerships to bring changes and disengagement to violent groups. This includes putting in place a mechanism to facilitate dialogues, idea exchanges and information sharing on matters affecting peace and security.



About Youth4Peace Agenda

Youth4Peace Caravan is a project designed to mobilize the youth community to promote peace and security by using intercultural approaches, intergenerational dialogue and voluntary efforts of climate change to ensure sustainable peace and development. The project aims to put young people at the forefront of promoting sustainable peace while strengthening collaborations, social cohesion and unity.

Moreover, this project will champion youth voices in ensuring peaceful communities while recognizing the core causes of their violence and effects they get from such actions. Youth4Peace Caravan aims to advocate for youth participation in peace building and prevention of violent acts for sustainable peace and national development in Tanzania.

Youth4Peace Agenda was launched on June 13, 2024 at United Nations conference Hall, Dar es Salaam Tanzania. The launching event involved discussions and presentations of the potential of youth to take roles in promoting the agenda of peace, especially taking actions like tackling climate change, combating misinformation and disinformation and promoting a culture of dialogue in ensuring sustainable peace. The launching event was officiated by representative from Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities and Representative from United Nations System in Tanzania.



Objectives

- To mobilize effective youth participation in promoting peace and security in Tanzania.
- To identify and strengthen the capacity of local youth actors in promoting peace and security.
- To coordinate youth views in shaping national strategies of youth inclusion in promoting sustainable peace and development.
- To recognize and nurture youth efforts of promoting peace and security.
- To foster collaboration among youth4peace champions in Tanzania.

The launching event was accompanied by launch of an online campaign of Youth4PeaceAgenda which provided an opportunity for peace champions to spread peace messages while inspiring the general public to take actions to promote a culture of peace. Over 1,000 youth has subscribed to this ongoing campaign of #IAct4Peace.





Implementation of Activities

Activity 1: *Youth4Peace Caravan*

Implementing Partners:



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Brief Description

Youth4Peace Caravan is one of major 2 activities, implemented under this program. The caravan was a regional level consultation to youth on youth4peaceagenda while raising awareness on peace and security among young, students and general public.

The Youth4Peace Caravan has been coordinated by The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact - A.L.I.I and partners on each region, in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities. The Caravan was implemented through the following route; **Tanga Region - Pemba South Region – Unguja North Region - Dar es Salaam Region - Pwani Region - Lindi Region and Mtwara Region** from 13th August to 14th September 2024.

From Wednesday August 14 – Thursday 16, 2024, ALII and our local partners in Tanga region successfully conducted educational outreaches in 7 Schools of Tanga Region, including; Masechu Secondary School, Usagara Secondary School, Tanga Tech. Secondary School, Galanosi Secondary School, Mwakidila Primary School and Chuda Primary School.

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Main Theme

The main theme of **Youth4Peace Caravan 2024** is “YOUTH TAKING ACTION IN CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF PEACE IN TANZANIA”.

1. Tanga Region

In Tanga Region, The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact – A.L.I.I worked together with Tanzania Scouts Association – TSA, Gift of Hope Foundation and Rotary Club of Tanga City to implement Youth4Peace Caravan activities which included Educational Outreaches in Schools, Youth4Peace Dialogue and Youth4Peace Fun Run.

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Pictures showing the school's educational outreach in Tanga Region. More Pictures can be found at: [EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH](#)

On Friday Aug. 16, 2024, A.L.I.I collaborated with partners in Tanga Region to convene a Youth4Peace Dialogue convened at Tanga City Council Hall. This dialogue brought together over 100 youth from civil societies, youth groups, schools, political partners and youth associations to discuss their role in promoting peace and security in Tanga Region. Youth had an opportunity to discuss and offer recommendations to strengthen their effective participation in the peace agenda at Regional and national levels, including offering valuable solutions of creating enabling legal and policy environments to ensure their sustainable and meaningful participation.

This dialogue was officiated by the Representative of Tanga District Commissioner who also provided detailed information on opportunities available and efforts done by the Government to ensure the creation of a favorable environment for youth empowerment.



Pictures showing participants of the youth dialogue in Tanga Region engaging during the session. More Pictures can be found at: Dialogue

On Saturday Aug. 17, 2024, A.L.I.I collaborated with partners in Tanga Region to organize a 10km Youth4Peace Fun Run, using the following route: Tanga Regional Commissioner’s Office - Mabanda ya Papa – Makolola Traffic Light – Usagara Secondary Corner - Jamatini Corner - Darajani - Toyota to the destination of Tanga Museum. This activity brought together over 800 runners from youth groups and jogging clubs like Mkwakwani Fitness, Mabatini Fitness, Usagara Jogging, Tanga Fresh Jogging and many other jogging clubs, in a joint run to promote peace. The destination of the fun run was used for a joint warm-down and delivering a message of peace to attendees.



Pictures showing participants of Fun Run in Tanga Region. More Pictures can be found at: FUN RUN

2. Urban West Region

In Urban West Region of Zanzibar, Youth4Peace Agenda caravan was organized by Centre for Youth Dialogue, YUNA Zanzibar, Tanzania Scouts Association and ZanChangemakers in collaboration with The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (A.L.I.I) and Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sports and by support of Weza Organization and GIZ - Sports for Development Africa.

From August 19th – 21, 2024, we successfully conducted educational outreaches into 7 schools: *Benbella Primary School, Haile Selassie Primary School, Dr. Samia Primary School, Dr. Shein Sec. School, Tumejuja Sec. School, Dr. Magufuli Sec. School, Mwanakwerekwe A Sec. School, Dr. Samia Primary School in the Urban west region, Zanzibar.* This activity aimed at raising awareness among young people on their vital role in promoting a culture of peace in Tanzania. The outreach also highlighted key actions that can be taken by young people in promoting peace. Youth4Peace Educational outreach engaged over **2,500** students in Zanzibar.



Pictures showing educational outreach in the Urban West Zanzibar.

On Aug. 24, 2024, A.L.I.I in collaboration of Tanzania Scouts Association and by support of GIZ - Sports for Development Africa facilitated a Youth4Peace Dialogue hosted by ZanChangemakers at Golden Tulip Airport Hotel. This dialogue was convened inline with Zanzibar International Youth Tourism Summit, to further a broad discussion on youth4peace agenda, experience sharing and views especially on strengthening youth role in promoting a culture of peace and security for sustainable development of tourism Industry. A total of 124 (54 females, 70 males) youth attended the dialogue, which was graced by the Minister of Blue Economy of Zanzibar.



Through Q & A sessions and focused group discussions, young people recommended actions to be taken to ensure a smooth transition of knowledge of peace culture preservation in Zanzibar through

the educational system. They further urged young people to take appropriate actions that promote and portray the exceptional culture of peace in Zanzibar to the world through digital spaces.



Pictures showing participants of the dialogue engaging during the session.

On Sept. 31, 2024, Centre for Youth Dialogue (CYD), in collaboration with The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (A.L.I.I), Tanzania Scouts Association, Weza Organization and Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports and by in-kind support of GIZ - Sports for Development Africa, successfully organized a #Youth4Peace Fun Run, a 5km public jogging event held from Mnazi Mmoja playgrounds, where different youth groups participated to run for peace, while carrying important peace messages to address local, national and international voices of peace. #Youth4Peace Fun Run in Zanzibar engaged 195 participants from jogging clubs, schools, youth groups and media.

The #Youth4Peace Fun Run in Zanzibar was graced by Mr. Shaibu Mohamed, Director of Youth Development in Zanzibar who was accompanied by Sports Commissioner of Zanzibar. In his address to the participants after the fun run, he urged young people to continuously promoting peace in the society and understanding their vital role in ensuring peace and stability of Zanzibar.



Pictures showing participants of the fun run engaging in warm down activities and group pictures.

3. Pwani Region

In Pwani Region, The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact – A.L.I.I worked together with Tanzania Scouts Association – TSA, Ladies Joint Forum and Youth Partnership Countrywide to implement Youth4Peace Caravan activities which included Educational Outreaches in Schools.

From August 27 – 29, 2024, we successfully conducted educational outreaches in Bagamoyo District, visiting NiaNjema Secondary School, whereby over 2,000 students were engaged in a face-to-face educational outreaches, sports and games which aimed at raising awareness on their role as youth in promoting peace from family levels, community levels and national at large.

Other topics addressed included resilience to gender-based violence, avoiding use of drugs and taking actions to promote unity, peace and love among each other.



Pictures showing educational outreach activity in Pwani Region schools.

4. Lindi Region

In Lindi Region, The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact – A.L.I.I worked together with Tanzania Scouts Association – TSA and Mpingo Conservation to implement Youth4Peace Caravan activities.

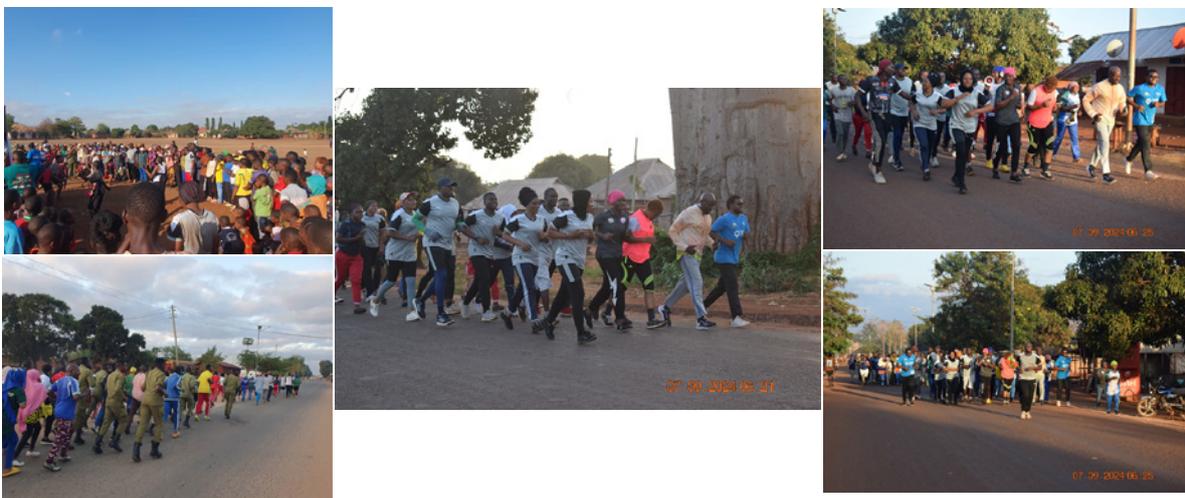
On September 6, 2024, we successfully conveyed a Youth4Peace Dialogue, held at Ruangwa Municipal Council, bringing together over 100 attendees to reflect their engagement in the peace agenda, available opportunities, challenges and best ways to ensure effective participation of youth in peace processes.

The dialogue was graced by the District Executive Director – DED of Ruangwa Council. This platform, first of its kind in Ruangwa District, gave an opportunity for youth to learn, network and explore available economic opportunities for youth development. Facilitators of the dialogue included representatives from Police, Representatives from PCCB and representatives from civil societies.



Pictures showing participants of the dialogue engaging during the session in Lindi Region.

On September 7, 2024, we successfully mobilized over 300 attendees, in a Youth4Peace Fun Run, held from Kwa-Wanyumbani playground, Ruangwa District. This event involved youth from jogging clubs, civil societies, political parties, media, police, and government officials, to exchange information, knowledge and raise awareness on taking actions to promote a culture of peace in Tanzania. Community radios were used to amplify the message of peace.



Pictures showing participants of the fun run activity in Lindi Region.

Major Outputs of the Youth4Peace Caravan

- Over 7,500 students reached primary and secondary schools and raised awareness on SDGs and Peace.
- Over 1,300 youth participated in the Youth4Peace Fun Run and raised awareness on their role to promote peace.
- Over 300 youth engaged through youth4peace dialogues to get youth Voices on youth participation in promoting a culture of peace and security in Tanzania to Inform the national forum of YPS
- Received a commitment of support for 20 (GIZ Tanzania - 10, WEZA Organization - 10) youth of Zanzibar to be sponsored to attend the national forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Dar es Salaam.
- Received commitment of local governments to continue engaging youth on peace agenda through peace clubs in their areas.



Implementation of Activities

Activity 2: National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda 2024

Implementing Partners:



Introduction

National forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda held on September 20th – 22nd 2024 at Julius Nyerere International Conventions Centre, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania gathered over 700 young people across the country to reflect their position in promoting national peace and security as well as reflecting national strategies that safeguard their sustainably engagement to peace and development. The forum aimed to amplify youth voices in peace building efforts and strategies actionable solutions for enhancing security in communities.

The Forum was jointly coordinated by a youth-led Joint Steering Committee of Youth4PeaceAgenda from Youth-Focused CSO's (including The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact, Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre, Save the Children, Weza Organization, GIZ, We World, Centre for Youth Dialogue, Ladies Joint Forum, Mulika Tanzania, Scout Tanzania, YUNA Tanzania, Caliber Media and Kilimanjaro Institute Dialogue) in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities, and Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports – Zanzibar.

The main theme of National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda 2024 was **"YOUTH TAKING ACTION IN CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF PEACE IN TANZANIA"**.

The Forum came up with youth resolutions on four discussed thematic areas "Youth, Peace and Security in The Digital Era, Building Youth Resilience to Global Security Challenges, Economic Security impact to Peaceful and meaningful participation of youth in Decision Making Processes.

Objectives

- To mobilize effective youth participation in promoting peace and security in Tanzania.
- To coordinate and document youth views in shaping national strategies of youth inclusion in promoting sustainable peace and development.
- To recognize and promote youth efforts in the peace building process.

Outputs of the Forum

- Raised awareness of over 700 youth about youth, peace and security agenda.
- A resolution documentation with youth voices on their inclusion in Peace agenda in Tanzania.
- Government and stakeholders' commitment to support the process of formulating National Action Plan on Youth, Peace & Security in Tanzania.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Three days of National Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda was packed with significant contributions to youth-led initiatives for peace, keynote address presentations, thematic discussions, and high-level engagements with key national figures. The followings are detailed account of the days' proceedings:

Day 1: 20th September, 2024



The National Forum on Youth Peace and Security began with prayers led by religious leaders from both Christianity and Islam religions. The forum started with welcoming remarks from Mr. Paschal Massalu, Board Member of the African Leadership Initiatives for Impact - A.L.I.I. who encouraged all guests to participate fully in discussions on how youth can contribute to cultivate the culture of peace in Tanzania.

On his remarks, **Mr. Paschal Massalu** insisted on utilizing this important forum to forge partnerships, networking and explore opportunities for collaborations in promoting peace and unity in Tanzania. Furthermore, Mr. Massalu emphasized A.L.I.I.'s ongoing commitment to fostering peace and security through youth-focused initiatives.

Paschal Massalu, Board Member of the African Leadership Initiatives for Impact

Afterward, **Ms. Suzan Sylvester** National Chairperson of YUNA Tanzania, on behalf of Youth-Led Organizations participated in the Forum congratulated the participants for showing up in this important occasion, which is a Manifestation of how young people are willing to be catalysts of change for sustainable development.

Ms. Suzane reaffirmed the commitment of youth organizations involved in this forum to continue working together, in shaping voiced of youth on matters pertaining to their welfare and national development.



Ms. Susan Sylvester National Chairperson of YUNA Tanzania



**First Panel Discussion:
"Voices from the field: Peace Champions making change at the grassroots".**

This panel aimed at reflecting what efforts are done by young people initiatives in the grassroots levels to promote peace; what are the key lesson learned and how other young people can be inspired to take actions in promoting peace by learning from these peace champions. The panel was moderated by Ms. Sylvia Mkomwa, member of the AU Youth Reference Committee.

Key Panelists and Discussions:

1 Reshagara Pantaleo (Secretary of Tanzania Scouts Association):

He addressed how the Scout Association promotes peace by instilling fear of God and love for one's country, fostering patriotism as a foundation for peace for young people. He highlighted the "Messenger of Peace" program, which inspires youth to protect and promote peace in their communities.



2 Namajojo Elvis (Program Officer of Tanzania Building Future Organization - TABUFO):

Shared the grassroots works they are doing under KUJENGA AMANI PROJECT implemented by TABUFO organization and by support of WeWorld through European Union Funding. Elvis shared the strategies used in reaching to young people, raising awareness on their role in promoting peace and creating peace ambassadors who consistently take part to promote peace in the grassroots communities of Mtwara Region.



3 Mohamed Shamte from Centre for Youth Dialogue:

Addressed the challenges that prevent young people from fully participating in peace-building initiatives. Sharing the experience of his organization of CYD and the work done under DUMISHA AMANI Project funded by UNDP, Shamte shared how they work to address the challenge of minimum participation of youth in peace processes, by reaching to the grassroots, providing trainings using friendly approaches and fostering Multistakeholders dialogue for a meaningful youth participation to building sustainable peace and development.



4 Mr. John, Save the Children:

Spoke about their work in educating children to protect themselves from abuse, promoting human rights, and supporting proper parental guidance for safe and peaceful development. Through The work done by Save the Children in Tanzania, they are able to mobilize individuals, stakeholders and institutions to ensure safe environment for children and youth against harm and violence. He insisted on investing in the potential of children and youth talents, to harness their fully capacity in building a better future for all.



5 Khadijah Abdallah Mohamed, Program Officer of Strong Cities Network of Kenya;

Shared the work done in the swahili coast, to empower the cities resilience in addressing challenges of insecurities, terrorism and prevention of violent extremism. Khadija shared how they empower youth and women to take actions promoting a culture of peace in East African Coast.



Questions from Participants:

1. Why is peace often promoted among youth and women, while it should be a universal concern?
2. Is there any policy in place to guide collective peace and security efforts?



Responses:

1. Youth and Women's involvement in peace initiatives has been emphasized due to gaps in their participation in development activities. Empowering youth and women ensures they can also contribute to peacekeeping within families and communities.
2. Peace violations often stem from individual interests or areas lacking good governance. Therefore, peacekeeping must be everyone's responsibility.
3. In Tanzania, the lack of coordination framework to guide the work of Youth, Peace and security makes it difficult to align stakeholders efforts and bring a durable impact. Tanzania needs to have a framework that will define, coordinate and provide a direction of works around the field of Youth, Peace and Security.

Technical Presentations

Presentation 1: Understanding the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.

Mr. Raymond Maro, an Expert of Peace and Security and Regional Interintegration made a presentation focused on a broader understanding of the agenda of Youth, Peace and Security as articulated by United Nations, African Union and East African Community. He addressed the establishment of the African Union's Peace and Security Council, which plays a crucial role in resolving the various conflicts across the continent, emphasizing that youth are at the heart of these peace efforts. Additionally, he highlighted the "African Peace and Security Architecture" (APSA), a framework guiding peace discussions in Africa. " AU has already established a continental framework

on Youth, Peace and Security which guides its actions of engaging youth in peace process. Currently, AU emphasizes all member states to establish national level frameworks for the same. These efforts demonstrate Africa's collective commitment to maintaining and promoting peace throughout the continent".



Presentation 2: The role of Tanzania in international Peace and Security.

Brigadier General George Itan'gale – Commandant of Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre addressed the significant contribution of Tanzania in promoting peace and security at the International level. He began by emphasizing that youth have a critical role in ensuring the protection of both national and international peace. He also highlighted Arusha's recognition as "The Geneva of Africa," reflecting a pivotal role of Tanzania in peace and diplomacy.

General Itang'ale further explained Tanzania's active involvement in resolving conflicts in neighboring countries. He proudly mentioned that Tanzania ranks 12th globally in contributing to peacekeeping missions and

TPTC as a mandated institution ensures that peacekeepers from Tanzaniaas well prepared to undertake noble duty in a highest level of integrity. He stressed that "resilience is key for the youth, noting that challenges will arise, and it is essential to remain steadfast in the face of adversity. As the youth represent the primary workforce for development, building resilience will aid in sustaining peace". He concluded by cautioning that once peace is lost, it is not easy to restore, making it imperative to safeguard our most valuable peace that exists in Tanzania.

Technical Presentations

Presentation 3: Youth, Patriotism, Ethics, Peace and Development in Tanzania: An inter-generational reflection.

Ambassador Charles Sanga - Former Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania, emphasized the challenges youth face today in understanding the concept of freedom they are striving for. He compared this to the previous generation, where the youth of time by leadership of the late President Mwalimu Nyerere had a clear vision of the freedom they sought from ignorance, disease, and poverty. This clarity made it easier for them to ensure that every action contributed is focused toward achieving these goals. Ambassador Sanga urged the youth to ensure their path to freedom is well-defined and aligned with the broader goals of national development.

In ensuring a smooth transfer of knowledge between generations, Amb. Sanga emphasized the importance of young people to seek knowledge and continue learning from elders so that to get that valuable information on important values, principles and directions they have embraced to build a strong foundation of the nation we see today.



Opening Ceremony

The official opening ceremony of National Forum on Youth Peace, and Security Agenda was marked by the presence of guest of honor Hon. Doto Mashaka Biteko Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy who represented H.E Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of United Republic of Tanzania.

Mr. Joseph Malekela - Executive Director of The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact - A.L.I.I & Coordinator of Youth4PeaceAgenda provided Introductory Remarks by introducing all the distinguished guests in attendance. He also provided an overview of the Youth4Peace Agenda, objectives of the forum and emphasizing its importance. "This forum aims to promote the participation and inclusion of youth in the peace and security agenda, recognizing that young people constitute the majority of our population, as indicated by the 2022 Population and Housing Census. We also acknowledge that youth are often easily drawn into activities that disrupt peace, primarily due to lack of awareness or information. However, we also understand that this demographic, if given the opportunity, can play a crucial role in promoting and sustaining peace in Tanzania."



Mark Bryan Schreiner - Resident Coordinator (ai) of United Nations System in Tanzania commended the great work done to realize this forum with participation of youth in large numbers. He further lauded the high level representation of Tanzania Government Officials, which signifies the importance of this forum.

UN recognizes the efforts of the Tanzanian government in maintaining peace. He also emphasized the UN in Tanzania will continue to collaborate with the government and civil societies to safeguard peace and foster sustainable development in Tanzania.

Moreover, UN will continue to invest in Youth, to ensure they are empowered, not as leaders of tomorrow, but as leaders of today who defines their bright future.



Hon. Saad Mtambule - Kinondoni District Commissioner (who represented the Regional Commissioner of Dar es Salaam), assured the audience that the local government authorities in Dar es Salaam are making all necessary efforts to ensure the City is peaceful and conducive for business and prosperity of citizens.

He emphasized that “young people should focus on leveraging economic opportunities to improve their livelihoods, thus avoiding engagement in activities or incidents that could potentially lead to the disruption of peace”.



Hon. William Lukuvi - Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, and Coordination) addressed the audience with gratitude to the Deputy Prime Minister for inviting him to participate in this important forum. He encouraged the youth, stating that if they aspire to lead and reach the levels of the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Dotto Biteko, or even himself, they must preserve the peace that they currently enjoy. He emphasized that their success is a result of peace being upheld over time, understanding the national values and engaging in development efforts of the country.. Hon. Lukuvi then invited the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Dotto Biteko, to deliver the keynote speech and officially open the forum.

The Guest of Honor, Hon. Doto Mashaka Biteko (MP) - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy started by conveying greetings from the President of Tanzania, H.E Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, and the Vice President, who recognizes the convening of the Forum and with its high importance, sent him to represent on her behalf. He emphasized young people to understand the importance of unity among citizens, urging them not to let religious, ethnic, racial, political or any differences to divide them, but to instead stand together as a nation and protect the peace of Tanzania.



Dr. Biteko further noted that “statistics show over 77% of our population is below the age of 35 years, while 34.5% of Tanzania's population consists of between 18 - 35 years, and globally 46% of the population is under 25 years old. This signifies that peace relies on hands of young people, their action matters and they should act responsibly maintaining peace both in Tanzania and worldwide”.

Also, Dr. Biteko encouraged young people to use technology responsibly, particularly to combat and prevent crime, misinformation, violent incitement, online gender-based violence, and any form of

peace disruption. He concluded by calling on the youth to actively participate and unite in promoting and safeguarding peace in the country. Dr. Biteko concluded by declaring the official opening of the National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda 2024.



Group Photos of high table with Panelist, and Heads of Organizing Committee

Second Panel Discussion: “Young People Aspirations towards Tanzania Development Vision 2050: A Peaceful and Prosperous Nation”.



This panel aimed at providing an opportunity for young people to provide their voices on the nation they want to see by 2050. The panel was conducted in presence of representatives from National Planning Commission's Taskforce of preparing Development Vision 2050, so that to see valuable inputs of young people to be included in TDV 2050. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Kamala Dickson Head of Pan-Africanism at SADC Youth Forum.

Deliberations from Panelists:

Mr. Given Edward - Founder and C.E.O of Kinara Technologies; emphasized the importance of Tanzanian youth utilizing their creativity and innovation to create the future they desire in 25 years. He acknowledged the significant challenges within the surrounding community but encouraged the youth to think differently despite these circumstances. He urged young people not to compare themselves to others or their environments, highlighting that African youth are expected to become the largest workforce of the world by 2050. On the same note, Given thinks that it's important TDV 2050 to include the emphasis of National investment to youth innovation in technology so that we fit the competitive world.





Ms. Fransisca Mboya - Executive Director of Ladies Joint Forum; discussed contributions to the development vision 2050, particularly focusing on food security and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. She wants to see there is equitable access to competitive education and ensuring equal opportunities for all genders.

Mr. Adam Anthony - Executive Director of Hakirasilimali; addressed the importance of youth inclusion in leadership opportunities and decision-making processes. He also proposed strategies to guide and mentor youth to achieve their significant goals. He wishes to see by 2050 there is free education from primary to universities so that every Tanzanian can have assurance of getting education wiyhoit any bearer, while making all necessary efforts to have access to universal health coverage for all to address health security. He also expressed the significance for national resources, such as minerals, oil, and gas, to contribute at least 25% to the national income, and addressing the potential conflict over these resources. Additionally, he proposed a fund to reserve revenues from the processing and sale of mineral resources for future use.



Mr. Ismail Biro - Executive Director of Tanzania Bora Initiative; emphasized the need of having educational curricula and systems that align with the skills required in the 21st-century job market, to enable youth to generate their own employment amid the world unemployment crisis. Also, the importance of increasing healthcare facilities for timely access to services and universal health insurance, especially for low-income individuals.. Furthermore, he called for enhanced efforts to ensure access to modern agricultural inputs and the development of robust industrial infrastructure to process agricultural resources domestically. He stressed the importance of maintaining peace amidst diversity and prioritizing the arts, culture, and sports approaches to promote peace while nurturing talents for job creation and an inclusive economy.



Open Flow Discussion:

participants the forum had an opportunity to contribute their ideas and share their Aspirations as young people to the country they want to see by 2050. Reflections were centered on building a safer and peaceful state, with opportunities for young people to thrive and abilities to compete in a fast-growing world economy. Participants emphasized use of empowerment approach to peace-building, rather than protective approach, because empowerment will reduce incidences of conflict and violence.



Pictures showing participants of the dialogue engaging during the session.

Vote of Thanks:

Mr. Hashim Pondeza, Executive Director of Centre for Youth Dialogue and Co-coordinator of Youth4PeaceAgenda in Tanzania expressed gratitude to the participants for their effective participation to all schedules of the day and invited all to attend the 2nd day schedules of the forum.



Day 2: 21st September, 2024

The second day of the National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda was marked by a Peace Walk from Tanzanite Bridge to Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre - JNICC, to commemorate the International Day of Peace. The Peace Walk was led by guest of honor, Hon. Tabia Mwita (MP), Minister of Information, Youth, Culture and Sport from the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

The Peace Walk was accompanied by a Brass Band of Tanzania Peace-Keeping Training Centre - TPTC. Over 200 youth participated, carrying peace messages that reminds the importance of peace in Tanzania and involvement of youth to promote peace.



Group Photos of Peace Walk Participants Marched from Tanzanite Bridge to JNICC

The Peace walk was warmly received at JNICC (Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre), with a protocol of Guest of Honor to receive a National Leaders Scaff from Tanzania Scouts Association students.

On the 2nd Day, we had a privilege also to receive Hon. Ridhiwani Jakaya Kikwete (MP), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities who came to show solidarity with Minister of Youth of Zanzibar. Hon. Ridhiwani expressed his sincere gratitude to Minister of Youth in Zanzibar for taking time to attend this event, starting with peace walk which inspires young people to take actions promoting a culture of peace.



The 2nd Day Conference began with prayers led by religious leaders from both Islam and Christianity. After the prayers, Mr. Joseph Malekela - Executive Director of A.L.I.I and Coordinator of the Youth4Peace Agenda provided an introductory remark, which included introducing the participants, and introducing the general purpose of the forum. "Thank you very much Honorable Minister for joining us in this forum, which reflects our understanding on peace agenda, our participation to peace process and our resilience to challenges of peace and security in Tanzania and Globally. Your presence is important as this forum includes Youth of Zanzibar who joins with Fellows in Maninland to learn, share experience and recommend better mechanism of their engagement to peace process".



Ms. Zuhura Yunus, the Deputy Permanent Secretary from the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities addressed the forum by emphasizing young people to ensure by end of the forum they learn important matters of peace including how they can promote peace from the family levels, communities and nation at large. She further invited the Guest of honor to address the audience.

In her Speech Hon. Tabia Mwita (MP), Minister of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, congratulated youth for celebrating this important day of peace, which started with a Peace walk carried out with peace messages, energy and dedication of youth to promote peace. The Minister elaborated that the Ministry of Youth in Zanzibar works hand-in-hand with Prime Minister's Office (YLED) through joint programs to empower youth in areas of economy, talents and skills development. The goal is to ensure young people utilize their full potential and participate in bringing national development of both parties. She encouraged youth to take action in maintaining peace, as the majority of Tanzania's population consists of young people, making them key guardians of peace in the nation.



Hon. Mwita emphasized the need for a shift in mindset, urging the youth to start thinking about self-employment, instead of relying solely on government jobs, which are limited everywhere in the world. She assured the youth that the government through the Ministry of Youth in zanzibar will continue creating favorable environment for youth empowerment and is open to receive youth voices in creating a better future for all.



Caucus Sessions

This sessions were convened to provide a wide understanding of youth on specific issues and topics of the forum relating to peace and security. Also, to provide opportunity for young people to share their ideas, and recommendations of what they think should be done to ensure sustainable peace in Tanzania in respect to thematic areas.

Caucus Sessions 1:

Youth, Peace and Security in the Digital Era: Building Youth Resilience to Global Security Challenges.

Ms. Fausta Musokwa from International Media Support provided a technical presentation of this session on the topic of Youth, Peace and Security in the Digital Era by briefing participants that “Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace is the creation of an environment where all can flourish, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, class, caste, or any other social markers of difference.” Furthermore she explained that “religion, ethnicity, language, social and cultural practices are elements which enrich human civilization, adding to the wealth of our diversity and not causing division and violence in our common humanity”.



In her presentation Fausta posed a question to the audience, asking what specific indicators demonstrate that we are in the digital era. Participants pointed out that “We came from the industrial age and now we are in the information age, where information is disseminated and accessed at a rapid pace”. Furthermore Fausta categorized the threats of peace into three major areas; Misinformation & Disinformation, Violent Extremism & Surveillance and Gendered Online Violence. The presentation also discussed legal frameworks in place to regulate and promote digital peace and security which includes Cybercrimes Act 2015, Electronic Transactions Act and Electronic and Postal Communication Act 2010.

Contributor 1:

Winifrida Mponzi - Program Officer from Mulika Tanzania was a contributor in this session. She shared insights from Mulika’s brief study on online security and protection, focusing on youth perspectives. The study involved 160 participants and explored their understanding of online safety and the threats they face. The findings revealed that most participants spent an average of 8 hours online, primarily on social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, and X.



However, a significant portion of users lacked awareness of their digital rights, and Women were particularly vulnerable to online threats and harassment. The importance of online safety training was emphasized, with calls for enhanced research involving both organizations and the government.

Contributor 2:

Major Rashidi Mpambuka from Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Center - TPTC, discussed child protection and civilian protection training in the context of peacekeeping, drawing from his experience in the DRC peacekeeping mission 2014-2015. He stressed the importance of empowering and protecting youth navigating online information and opportunities, particularly in relation to terrorism and extremist groups that take advantage of recruiting the uninformed youth to violent groups. Various strategies used by recruiters to violent groups includes attracting by using Job opportunities information.



You who doesn't have knowledge of verifying information especially on validity of international oppprtunities might end in the hands of violent groups.



In this session participants provided valuable insights into the critical intersections of youth, peace, and security in the digital age, highlighting the importance of proactive engagement, education, and the creation of supportive policies that can create youth resilience to online violence, acts of recruitment and misinformation which poses threat to national peace and security. Youth participants had opportunity to contribute to ideas on how best to create youth resilience to challenges of online safety and security.

Caucus Sessions 2:

Economic Security impact to Peaceful and meaningful participation of youth in Decision Making Processes.

Presentation by Francisca Mboya - Executive Director of Ladies Joint Forum.

In this session, Francisca Mboya emphasized the crucial role of economic empowerment in fostering youth participation in decision-making processes. She highlighted the need for youth to develop employment and entrepreneurial skills as key pathways to economic independence. "Economic stability is seen as a cornerstone for peace and meaningful youth engagement in leadership and governance".

Francisca outlined challenges facing Youth are; Unemployment, Lack of education and skills, Limited access to financial resources, Health and social challenges and Rural-urban migration. Furthermore Strategies for Youth Empowerment are Education and Training, Entrepreneurship Support, Policy Initiatives and Public-Private Partnership.



Contributor 1:

Judith Urio from United Nations Association - UNA highlighted that youth are natural innovators and agents of change. She urged the youth to recognize their economic rights and take proactive steps towards accessing government loans and other resources.

She emphasized that youth must take ownership of their development, rather than relying solely on government initiatives. On the other hand, she shared work done by UNA in championing youth development in Tanzania.



Contributor 2:

Alfred from Tanzania Bora Initiative, encouraged youth to actively participate in leadership and decision-making processes, particularly through voting and civic engagement. He stressed the importance of youth involvement in discussions around economic policies and leadership, urging them to take responsibility for shaping their futures. Statistics were presented from the 2019/2020 general elections, which indicates a low turnout of youth in election processes, which limits our voices in decision-making.



After presentations participants offered different points of views concerning economic empowerment and meaningful youth participation in peace-building and decision-making as well as offering concrete strategies to overcome barriers, ensure inclusivity and promote development. Matters raised during this discussion were taken for inclusion in the recommendation document of the forum.



Day 3: 22nd September, 2024

This was last day of the forum, involved presentations from partner organizations, adoption of resolutions, technical Presentations and closing ceremony.

Youth Actions for Peace - WEZA Organization

The day commenced with a session on Youth Actions for Peace, facilitated by the WEZA Organization. This session focused on showcasing how youth are taking active roles in peace-building initiatives across Tanzania and beyond. WEZA, in particular, highlighted key activities and projects aimed at engaging young people in community-level peace initiatives, promoting conflict resolution, and fostering intercultural dialogue by using the approaches like sports and games.

Adoption of Forum Resolutions:



Participants reconvened to adopt the resolutions developed in the thematic caucuses from previous sessions. These resolutions were aimed at guiding youth actions on peace and security, ensuring youth empowerment, and addressing the critical issues discussed, such as economic empowerment, digital security, and leadership participation.

Participants of the forum had an opportunity to listen from drafting team, compilation of key issues raised during the forum, recommendations provided to address the issues and general resolutions of young people in the forum. This was an important session, as it keeps in record, what are the youth voices of peace, what are their commitment on peace and what do they want to see done by government and partners to ensure sustainable peace. On each topic presented, youth had an opportunity to amend, add or remove a point so that to get a good document. Every member of the forum had access to the document, to facilitate effective participation.

The session was chaired by Mr. Joseph Brighton Malekela, Director of A.L.I.I and Coordinator of Youth4PeaceAgenda in Tanzania. Members approved the recommendation document and gave a task-force team a chance to refine the language before submission to the government and stakeholders.

Presentation by Dr. Lucy Shule - Representative from National Defense College - NDC.

Dr. Lucy Shule delivered an impactful presentation on the topic of Building Youth Resilience to Global Security Challenges. She emphasized the increasing vulnerabilities that young people face in the context of global security threats, such as terrorism, violent extremism, and climate change. Dr. Shule stressed the importance of equipping youth with knowledge, skills, and the capacity to adapt and overcome these challenges. Dr. Shule shared the work done by National Defense College of Tanzania in assisting the country to build strategies of peace and development. Through questions and contributions, The session called for the development of resilience-building programs at both local and national levels.



Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony of National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda was officiated by Hon. Ridhiwani Jakaya Kikwete (MP), Minister of State, Prime Minister’s Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities. The closing ceremony involved peace prayers, presentation of resolutions, word from partners and closing statement of the Guest of honor.





Summit Report and Presentation of Forum Resolutions on Youth, Peace, and Security

Mr. Joseph Brighton Malekela, Executive Director of The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (A.L.I.I) & Coordinator of Youth4Peace Agenda presented the Summit Report, summarizing key discussions and outcomes from the forum's deliberations. He also presented the Forum Resolutions on Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda, which captured the action points agreed upon during the caucus sessions.

These resolutions aim to guide future youth-led peace-building activities, policy formulation, and collaborations with government and development partners.

Mr. Joseph also extended his sincere gratitude to the government of Tanzania for their support to realize the forum. He further assured the government leaders and participants that, those resolutions of the forum which are within capacity of youth and of civil societies will be implemented immediately to contribute in creating a future we want to see.

Remarks by Development Partners



On behalf of Youth4Peace Agenda Development Partners, Brig. Gen. George Itang'ale - Commandant of Tanzania Peace-Keeping Training Center (TPTC) provided insightful remarks on the role of the international community and development partners in supporting youth peace initiatives. He emphasized the need for continued collaboration between development partners, the government, and youth organizations to ensure sustainable peace in Tanzania and in the region.

Remarks by Development Partners

Ms. Zuhura Yunus, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disabilities) warmly welcomed the Guest of Honor, highlighting the government's commitment to empowering youth as agents of peace and development. She recognized the critical role that young people play in safeguarding Tanzania's stability and security.





Keynote Address by the Guest of Honor

Hon. Ridhiwani Jakaya Kikwete Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disabilities) delivered the keynote address, focusing on the importance of Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda in Tanzania. He emphasized that peace is a collective responsibility, and youth are at the forefront of this mission. He called on young people to take charge of their future by engaging in meaningful activities that promote peace and discourage violence.

Hon. Kikwete reiterated the government's support in creating platforms for youth to participate in peace-building, decision-making processes, and employment opportunities.

Furthermore Hon. Kikwete assured the forum that his ministry will take into consideration this forum's resolutions "My commitment to you is that the government has heard your resolutions. Once you are ready, the leader of this forum may submit these resolutions to my office, and I assure you that, in collaboration with my colleagues, we will address them and provide feedback where necessary." Hon. Kikwete concluded his speech by declaring that the National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda 2024 is officially closed.



Group photos of high table and Participants representatives



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