An Integrated, Prosperous and Peaceful Africa

10-Year Implementation Plan

for the Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) 2020-2029

1) This matrix will be updated on a yearly basis to reflect the realities of implementation.
### Outcome 1 – Participation: Youth participate equally in decision-making processes and implementation of peace and security interventions at national, regional and continental levels.

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| 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 | • 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 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 | • Member States  
• Youth | Relevant RECs/RMs and AUC to provide technical and financial support |
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Advocacy for the implementation of 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</td>
<td>*20 percent Member States implement NAPs&lt;br&gt;*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</td>
<td>*40 percent Member States implement NAPs&lt;br&gt;*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</td>
<td>Member States&lt;br&gt;RECs/RMs&lt;br&gt;AUC</td>
<td>We are mindful of challenges that may abound on implementation</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Capacity building 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</td>
<td>*At least 250 people, especially youth capacitated on leadership and peacebuilding skills</td>
<td>*At least 750 youth capacitated on leadership and peacebuilding skills</td>
<td>Member States&lt;br&gt;RECs/RMs&lt;br&gt;AUC</td>
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**Outcome 2 – Prevention:** Enhanced contribution of youth to conflict prevention and mediation efforts at national, regional and continental levels

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| 5.  | Capacity building\(^\text{2}\) 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* | • 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* | • RECs/RMs  
• AUC  
• Youth  
• Member States | REC\(s/RMs and\) 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* | • AUC  
• RECs/RMs  
• Member States  
• Youth | In collaboration with relevant departments with AUC and RECs/ RMs and concerned Member States, provides skills and mobilizes resources to support the start-up of their business. |

\(^2\)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
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| 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 | • 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

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| 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 | • 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 | • 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 |
### Outcome 4 – Partnership and Coordination: Enhanced coordination and collaboration between youth and relevant stakeholders on planning, implementation and evaluation

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<td>11.</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>*At least 5 Member States sign, ratify and report protocol for protection of young peacebuilders</td>
<td>*At least 10 Member States sign, ratify and report protocol for protection of young peacebuilders</td>
<td>• AUC</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Development, advocacy and implementation of communication 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</td>
<td>*At least 20 percent partners aware and implementing communication strategy</td>
<td>*At least 40 percent partners aware and implementing communication strategy</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Development of continental toolkit/peace education guidelines and advocacy for its implementation in formal and informal schools and spaces</td>
<td>*10 percent Member States adopt and implement peace education in school curriculums and informal spaces</td>
<td>*30 percent Member States adopt and implement peace education in school curriculums and informal spaces</td>
<td>• AUC</td>
<td>Relevant AUC departments/ RECs/RMs and CSOs to collaborate on the development of the toolkit</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Sensitization campaigns including use of social and traditional media against hate speech and genocidal ideologies as part of contributions to silence the guns</td>
<td>*At least 5 regional and 10 national sensitization campaigns conducted</td>
<td>*At least 10 regional and 20 national sensitization campaigns conducted</td>
<td>• RECs/RMs</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>Capacity building of youth – female and male including displaced persons and persons living with disabilities on peace-building program design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.</td>
<td>*At least 300 youth trained on peacebuilding program design and implementation</td>
<td>*At least 750 youth trained on peacebuilding program design and implementation</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>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 the guns</td>
<td>*At least 10 coordination and joint planning meetings held with relevant stakeholders</td>
<td>*At least 20 coordination and joint planning meetings held with relevant stakeholders</td>
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| 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 | • AUC  
• REC/RMs  
• Member States | *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 | • 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 | *Collaboration with most continental media platforms to promote and highlight youth contributions to peace and security | • AUC  
• REC/RMs  
• Member States  
• Youth | *Collaboration with at least 10 media agencies to highlight youth contributions to peace and security | *Collaboration with most continental media platforms to promote and highlight youth contributions to peace and security | • AUC  
• REC/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 | • AUC  
• REC/RMs  
• Member States | *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 | • AUC  
• REC/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 | • AUC  
• REC/RMs  
• Member States  
• Youth | *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 | • AUC  
• REC/RMs  
• Member States  
• Youth | Engage with national/regional focal points on YPS to identify champions |
## Outcome 5 – Disengagement and Reintegation: Enhanced youth-sensitive DDR/SSR, reconstruction and stabilization policies and programmes

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| 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 | • 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 | • 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 counselling, psychosocial 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 | • Member States  
• RECs/RMs  
• AUC | |