Experiences of Working Together

Youth Inputs to Youth 2030 Briefing to UN IANYD
15th September 2020
Youth Strategy
Overview

- What worked well
- What are the good practices
- What can be better
- Compliance with Principles & Barriers of Meaningful Youth Engagement
- Summary
- Questions
What Has Worked Well?

Summary

**Overall**
- The Existence of the Strategy Itself
- Provides a Framework for Joint Action and Holding UN Entities Accountable

**HLSC (High Level Steering Committee)**
- Youth Co Facilitating HLSC Meetings
- Expanded Presence to UN IANYD Youth Caucus and Young UN

**JWG (Joint Working Group)**
- Youth as Co Leads on JWG Task Teams (Excellent)
  - In conceptualization and Rollout and Delivery
  - Specially important, as the Devil is in the Details
- Respective Formal Self Organised Youth Constituencies as Leads for the the respective priority areas
What Can be Better?

- Composition of Youth Parties
  - Direct Access to Thematic Voices (like with UN Entities)
  - Stronger Focus on Youth Led as opposed to Youth Focused and Youth Led
    - If there is value in different roles, it could be discussed
  - Ending Privileged/Enhanced Direct Access to only International Orgs
    - More Universality and Equity
    - Resolutions also talk about coordination and engagement mechanisms ‘by type’ of organisations
- Bringing in Youth Parties Linked with the Scope and Deliverables of the Strategy
  - National Level Actors (several models exist, could look at youth platforms from fast track countries)
  - Grassroots Actors (the UN, as per resolution has a grassroots stakeholder group-Youth)
  - Rightsholder/Person Centric/ Minority Groups (the UN, as per resolution has these groups- eg-Migrants, Refugees-Displaced People, LGBTQI+, Disability, Indigenous)
What Can be Better?

- **Sharing Responsibility with UN Members of HLSC for Youth Engagement**
  - UN Entities to engage youth constituencies associated (engagement or programmatic) with them in their work in the HLSC *(Eg- UN AIDS- PACT, CBD-GYBN, UNEP- UNEP MGCY, UNDRR- Sendai Stakeholders Youth Group, DGC- Youth Reps Steering Committee, UNPFA- Youth leads from Compact, GCYPS, ICPD )*

- **Youth Co Convening/Chairing the HLSC and JWS**
  - Modality borrowed from UN IANYD, JWG-TTs, GCYPS and Several Other Initiatives

- **Joint OSGEY- UN MGCY Secretariat**
  - Precedent- Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action
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Summary,
Next Steps for Strengthening Youth Engagement in Youth 2030

Keep ‘What has worked well’
- Designated role for youth
- Legally Mandated seat for youth
- Thematic Constituencies Coordinating Priority Areas
- Youth Co leading Task Teams
- Youth Co facilitating HLSC Meeting

Change the ‘What can be better’
- Composition of Youth Parties
- Sharing Responsibility with UN Members of HLSC for Youth Engagement
- Youth Co Convening/Chairing the HLSC and JWG
- Joint OSGEY- UN MGCY Secretariat

When? No Better Place than Here, No Better Time than Now :-) Realistically Ambitious - By Next HLSC !!
Thank you!
Questions?
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