
The Weekly Pulse

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Quick Summary

The **United States Institute of Peace** hosted a forum on Lessons Learned for developing national action plans on Youth Peace and Security, including specific recommendations for governments around the world. “An estimated 60 percent of the world’s youth live in the Indo-Pacific — meaning the effective engagement and participation of youth in decision-making will be crucial for preventing violent conflicts in the region...the development of national action plans based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) will provide a roadmap for the implementation of these priorities at the country level, defining the objectives, activities and indicators that a country will use to promote peace in ways that are inclusive of youth.” [Saji Prellis](#), Director of Child & Youth Programs at Search for Common Ground and co-chair of the Global Coalition for Youth, Peace and Security was among the presenters. To view the event, click [here](#).

UNICEF is celebrating its 75th anniversary this December and to mark this milestone, [Senator Coons \(D-DE\)](#) and [Senator Collins \(R-ME\)](#) introduced Senate Resolution 458 ([S.Res.458](#)). This bipartisan bill “applauds UNICEF for the critical role it plays in helping protect the rights and lives of vulnerable children around the world, including the global fight against COVID-19,” “recommits to the United States’ partnership with and support for UNICEF,” and “pledges to work with UNICEF to reimagine the future for every child, as the world recovers and rebuilds from the global pandemic.” To read the Senate Resolution, click [here](#). To send an email to urge your representatives to sign onto this resolution, click [here](#).

Administer Samantha Power spoke at the Summit for Democracy event

“Community of Democracies YouthLeads.” This event was designed to allow young people to give input to high-level global representatives, including to the U.S. Government. When asked why youth and why now when it comes to democracy, rights and governance, Administer Power explained that “...you're the future, you're the present. Not only the future, 65 percent of the global population right now is under 35. In some parts of the world, it's even higher than that. It is vital that governments and civil society take steps to enlist young people to make sure that they are engaged. I think on a lot of issues, young people are frustrated by the planet they are inheriting and frustrated with what they perceive to be insufficient leadership on issues, for example, like climate change. But frustration doesn't take you very far. We really need young people to be part of coming up with the solutions.” Administer Power also emphasized the importance of young people voting and using online and offline forms of activism. She recommended that young people “Not only start their own NGO or their own company and to be entrepreneurial, but to think about being entrepreneurial within institutions. And so, how do we develop a whole-of-community approach to support and encourage young people to engage in civic and political life.” To learn more about this event, click [here](#). To read more of Administer’s Powers comments from this event, click [here](#).

The RewirEd Summit was convened over three days with the purpose of being “a catalyst in redefining education to ensure a future that is prosperous, sustainable, innovative and accessible to all.” The gathering, led by Dubai Cares, brought together government, civil society, and private sector leaders from around the world on a myriad of education issues, including inclusive education, young people in humanitarian and protracted crisis settings, resiliency, and equitable futures. The RewirEd Summit presented “an opportunity for the global education community to come together to scale and jumpstart some of the positive change we want to see in education.” Education is a pathway to enable better futures, and a factor to prevent poverty, discrimination, child

sexual exploitation and other forms of violence. The participants shared best practices and offered recommendations to improve programs and policies. To read more about the Summit, click [here](#).

Virtual Events

- Alliance for Peacebuilding & United States Institute of Peace (USIP) [event](#) “**PeaceCon@10**” January 26-28, 2022.
- United Nations Association of the United States of America [virtual summit](#) “**2022 Global Engagement Summit**” February 24, 2022 at 1pm EST.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- USAID & ReLAB-HS [report](#) “Rehabilitation through a gender lens”
- Nonviolent Peaceforce [article](#) “Protection for youth by youth: Youth, Peace and Security and Unarmed Civilian Protection”
- World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe [policy brief](#) “Policy brief on disability-inclusive health systems”
- Better Care Network [YouTube video](#) on “Recommendations to Policymakers on Children's Rights and Alternative Care”
- Better Care Network [report](#) on “The State of the World’s Fathers 2021”
- Scientific American [article](#) “COVID Is Driving a Children’s Mental Health Emergency”
- United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI) [publication](#) “A whole school approach to prevent school related gender-based violence”
- Pluto Journals & Disability Rights International Founder and Executive Director Eric Rosenthal [journal article](#) “Residential Care Controversy: The Promise of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Protect All Children”

This week's newsletter will be the **last one for the year** with updates resuming Monday, January 10th, 2022. I hope everyone has an amazing holiday season and a Happy New Year!



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