GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON PEACE & SECURITY

28 January 2026 at 9am ET

The objective of this global dialogue is to deepen understanding of peace and security as lived, interconnected, and actionable realities. By centering youth perspectives alongside global leadership, the session aims to connect local experiences of conflict and insecurity with broader political, social, and systemic dynamics, explore the roles of trust, dialogue, technology, and institutions, and identify concrete pathways for youth-led action toward peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

(9:00 - 9:05 AM ET) Welcome & Interactive Word Cloud on Peace & Security

Objective: Open the dialogue collectively, surface shared and contrasting perceptions of peace and security, and set a participatory tone.

- Amanda Abrom, Director of the Global Schools Program at the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

(9:05 - 9:15 AM ET) Youth Kick Off

Objective: Anchor the dialogue in lived realities, highlight the urgency and complexity of peace and security across contexts, and position youth not as future actors, but as present-day leaders and analysts.

- Juhi Adhikari, Youth Researcher, Nepal
- Rachel Kamana, Founder and Executive director PAWA Foundation (DR Congo) and member of the SDG 4 Youth & Student Network
- Musa Carew, Founder of Peace Drive (Sierra Leone) and member of the SDG 4 Youth & Student Network
- Moderator: Zlata Paslon, Youth Leader, Ukraine

Discussion questions:

- From where you live and work, what feels most urgent right now when we talk about peace and security? Share one concrete example from your context.
- What do you see as the deeper root causes of conflict and insecurity in your context, and how do local realities connect to national or global dynamics?

(9:15 - 9:20 AM ET) Interactive Poll

Objective: Bring in the collective voice of participants and create a bridge between youth perspectives and global discussion. Participants respond to a live poll on what peace means to them, key drivers of conflict and insecurity, who they see as key peacebuilders, and how they would like to engage.

- Moderator: Zlata Paslon, Youth Leader, Ukraine

(9:20 - 9:40 AM ET) Discussion Round I

Objective: Situate youth experiences within the current global context, explore how trust, dialogue, and tools like technology shape peace and security today, and examine how global dynamics are felt at the community level.

- H.E. Miguel Moratinos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the UN Alliance of Civilizations, UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia
- Juhi Adhikari, Youth Researcher, Nepal
- Rachel Kamana, Founder and Executive director PAWA Foundation (DR Congo) and member of the SDG 4 Youth & Student Network
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- Moderator: Amanda Abrom, Director of the Global Schools Program at the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Discussion questions:

- Why do peace and security matter now?
- How do trust, dialogue, and technology influence peace today?
- How are global challenges felt in local communities?

(9:40 - 9:55 AM ET) Discussion Round II

Objective: Examine the structural and systemic dimensions of peace and security, clarify where power and responsibility lie, and identify what must change for youth-led peacebuilding to be sustained and scaled.

- H.E. Miguel Moratinos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the UN Alliance of Civilizations, UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia
- Professor Jeffrey Sachs, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network & Professor at Columbia University
- Juhi Adhikari, Youth Researcher, Nepal
- Rachel Kamana, Founder and Executive director PAWA Foundation (DR Congo) and member of the SDG 4 Youth & Student Network
- Musa Carew, Founder of Peace Drive (Sierra Leone) and member of the SDG 4 Youth & Student Network
- Moderator: Malia Spence, Student & Young Reporter for the Environment, Bermuda

Discussion Questions:

- Where do systems and structures block peace today?
- Who holds power and responsibility for change?
- What must change for youth-led peacebuilding to be sustained and scaled?

(9:50 - 9:55 AM ET) Interactive Action Brainstorm

Objective: Translate dialogue into action by inviting participants to identify concrete, youth-led steps they can take to advance peace and security in their schools, communities, and networks via mentimeter.

- Moderator: Katja Anger-Delimi, Education Specialist, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

(9:55 - 10:00 AM ET) Closing & Call to Action

Objective: Synthesize key insights from the dialogue, connect them to broader learning and collaboration pathways, and inspire participants to continue engaging in peacebuilding efforts through concrete opportunities at the local and global levels.

- François Taddei, Founder and President of the Learning Planet Institute

Optional Peer Exchange (10:00 - 10:20 AM ET)

Objective: To create space for participants to reflect on key takeaways, exchange perspectives with peers from different contexts, and deepen connections that can support ongoing dialogue and collective action beyond the event.

- Moderator: Katja Anger-Delimi, Education Specialist, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network