

# CONCEPT NOTE

## A Human Security and Youth Leadership Approach to Preventing Violent Extremism

*Examples from Jordan, Libya, Mali, Morocco, The Netherlands, and Tunisia*  
*UNESCO, Human Security Collective and United Network of Young Peacebuilders*

**Friday 29 June - 1.15 pm – 2.30 pm, UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8**

Co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of Canada and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN

### CONTEXT

On the occasion of the sixth review of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy Review and the High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States, Human Security Collective (HSC) and UNESCO, together with UNOY and the Permanent Missions of Canada and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN, are organizing an event that brings together young practitioners from Jordan, Libya, Mali, Morocco, The Netherlands and Tunisia to discuss common issues they have encountered in their work contributing to Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) on the ground.

The young leaders are active in the areas of peacebuilding, youth empowerment and mentoring. Their work ranges from on-the-ground mentoring of young people through after-school educational, artistic and sport programs, to fostering dialogue and mediation through debate and advocacy. Some are active in research and engagement with local and national decision-makers on the topic of PVE while others play an active role in peacebuilding initiatives in their community. From these different experiences and backgrounds, they can bring valuable insights on concerns of young people in their communities as well as on the positive role of young people as active agents for change in the society.

This side event also builds upon findings from the recently published Progress Study on UN Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) "The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security". It also tackles more specifically the theme of the third session of the High Level Conference, namely strengthening global action to prevent violent extremism.



## FORMAT

The 1 hour and 15 minutes event will take the form of an exchange with six young leaders working, in various ways, on contributing to preventing violent extremism in Jordan, Libya, Mali, Morocco, The Netherlands and Tunisia, moderated by United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) Leading Coordinator Lorraine Degruson. The young leaders will discuss concrete examples of the work they are doing contributing to peacebuilding, good practices, as well as lessons learned. Furthermore, they will share recommendations on issues important to them as young practitioners. The UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake, will provide the closing remarks.



## PANELISTS

- **Hamza Boulaiz** from Morocco is director of the company “Spectacle pour tous” (Spectacle for all), where he is leading experimental theater that is open to dialogue and diversity.
- **Khalid El Yaakoubi** from the Netherlands is a volunteer at Stichting Jong, active as a mentor, coaching youth through the use of football and other activities in his neighborhood in the city of Gouda.
- **Malek Cherni** from Tunisia is a volunteer at the Arab Institute for Human Rights, active as mentor, coaching teenagers through homework tutoring and other activities, in neighborhoods of Tunis.
- **Mohamed E. Abu Snaina** from Libya is co-founder and CEO of the Dialogue & Debate Association. His activities focus on debate, youth empowerment and national reconciliation.
- **Rahama Nantoumé** from Mali is Team leader Project and Media at Think Peace, a Malian organization working on the issues of governance, peace and security with a focus on preventing and countering violent extremism.
- **Saddam Sayyaleh** from Jordan is social entrepreneur at IlearnJo.com, which employs a community-based approach to empower youth and children in disenfranchised communities.

# PROGRAMME

- 13.15 – 13.25 | Short introduction on the context and background of the approaches and projects by HSC and UNESCO
- 13.25 – 14.05 | Main session, informal exchange (“armchair style dialogue”) between the six young leaders on their work contributing to the prevention of violent extremism - moderated by UNOY
- 14.05 – 14.25 | Exchange with the audience
- 14.25 – 14.30 | Closing remarks by UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake

# REGISTRATION

Participants are kindly requested to register for this event before 22 June via [this link](#).



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