

Research across sectors has evidenced the necessity to take stronger steps towards the accomplishment of the 2030 agenda. The achievement of a peaceful world where no one is left behind continues to be a promise, without a clear strategy, in a world that is facing challenges based on social inequalities, geopolitical interests and economic dominance.

I have been working on the peacebuilding agenda, from an intersectional approach, with a special focus in youth. The main theme that must guide the SDG summit 2030 forum is exploring how to build peace from the communities to the international level. Reducing hunger and increasing access to education, is translated into less criminality, less intolerance, and less discrimination, for example. Tackling climate change and increasing access to green energies and natural resources would prevent territorial disputes. Addressing SDGs at the local level can bring peace upon the international level.

Committing to the youth, peace and security agenda consists on investing in young people for building peace at the local level. It is an agenda that must be embraced by countries and supported by the UN System. If you're interested to know more about the role of young people in addressing current challenges, please join the in-person side event organized by Active Help Organization happening after this session. Thank you very much for your attention.

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