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UN Secretary-General's message for International Youth Day | 12 August 2025

12 August – “On International Youth Day, we celebrate the determination, creativity and leadership of young people everywhere. This year's theme – Local Youth Action for the SDGs and Beyond – reminds us that global progress begins in communities. And in every corner of the world young people are leading the way.” [Read More](#)



UN-AU Partnership

Informal monthly meeting of UNSC President and AUPSC Chairperson for August 2025

On 5 August, Ambassador Eloy Alfaro de Alba, Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations and President of the Security Council for the month of August, and Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Khaled, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the African Union and Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council for August, convened their informal monthly consultative meeting. This meeting was facilitated by the United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU). [Read More](#)



UNOAU Participates in AU-UN-NATO Workshop on Technological Support to AU Peace Support Operations

From 11–15 August, UNOAU in collaboration with the UN C4ISR Academy for Peace Operations (UNCAP), the AU, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), held a joint team development and coaching workshop in Entebbe, Uganda.

The workshop aimed to strengthen strategic cooperation among the AU, UN and NATO by fostering mutual understanding, enhancing collaboration and building leadership capacity. It also focused on improving strategic and operational coordination between the AU and the UN in peacekeeping and peace support operations (PSOs), in line with the priorities outlined in the Action for Peace (A4P) and A4P+ initiatives. [Read more](#)



UNOAU supports workshop on the African Union Military Observers Training Curriculum Development

From 25-29 August, the AU Military Observers Training Curriculum Development Workshop was held in Nairobi, Kenya. It brought together subject matter experts on international peacekeeping, alongside specialists from the Peace Support Operations Division of the African Union Commission, UNOAU, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, and the International Peace Support Training Centre.

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UNOAU Highlights

International Youth Day 2025: Youth Voices in Multilateral Work | Reflections from UNOAU's Communications & Gender Intern, Ms. Betesayda Bezabeh

"This year's International Youth Day theme, "Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond," underscores the transformative role of young people in adapting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to local realities. It is a reminder that youth are not merely beneficiaries of development; they are innovators, decision makers, and active agents of change in their communities and beyond". [Read More](#)



International Youth Day 2025: Youth for Peace and Development | Insights from UNOAU's Digital Communications Intern, Ms. Sumire Hayakawa-Ivanovic

"As a young intern with the Communications team at UNOAU, I have had the opportunity to contribute directly to multilateral work at the intersection of youth, peace, and development. Whether supporting communication strategies, drafting event materials, or engaging with partners, I have witnessed how youth perspectives strengthen inclusive and sustainable peace initiatives. This year's theme, "Youth for Peace and Development," resonates deeply with that journey". [Read More](#)



Podcast: She Stands for Peace - Available in French

Dans cet épisode, nous sommes rejoints par Carole Baudoin, chef de la réforme du secteur de la sécurité (RSS) à la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en République centrafricaine (MINUSCA). Ensemble, nous explorons l'intersection entre la réforme du secteur de la sécurité et l'agenda FPS.

Carole partage sa vaste expérience en République centrafricaine, discutant du rôle essentiel du secteur de la sécurité dans la mise en œuvre de l'agenda FPS. Elle souligne les défis liés au changement des perceptions sur la sécurité, qui est souvent considérée de manière étroite comme le domaine des forces de défense nationales. Carole souligne l'importance de la bonne gouvernance, de la réforme institutionnelle et de l'appropriation nationale pour parvenir à une paix et une stabilité durables.



Happy Ethiopian New Year from all of us at UNOAU

