



Wilton Park  
USA

## Provisional programme

### Youth, Peace and Security and CVE

Wednesday 10 April 2019 | WP1689

To be held in Washington DC

This dialogue aims to address counterproductive approaches that tend to see young people as ‘challenges’. It will feature the findings and recommendations of two important new publications: the 2018 UN report, [The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security](#) and [Youth and the Field of Countering Violent Extremism](#), (2019, published by Promundo US).

The goal of the dialogue is to broaden the policy discussion about youth – how they are regarded, and how to address the opportunities that youth populations present more effectively – with influential individuals and organizations working in the fields of peace and security. Although the overwhelming majority of youth are peaceful, strong correlations exist between nations with ‘youth bulge’ populations and state repression, and between increased state repression and increased violent extremism.

This dialogue is part of Wilton Park’s Youth Dialogues series: Powering the Future, a series of dialogues held over the past two years exploring how best to harness the energy and imagination of young people, while ensuring that they are equipped with the education, skills and tools that will allow them to become resilient and thriving citizens in a challenging world.

In partnership with FHi360, Search for Common Ground, and Promundo

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0830

Registration open and participants arrive. Refreshments available.

0900-0915

### Welcome and introduction

0915-1015

### 1. The Missing Peace: Policy Implications

Introducing and assessing the primary findings and recommendations in the ‘The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace & Security’ report (2018) that are directly relevant to meaningful policy reform. What is new and insightful about the report? What are the implications of the report on the policies of states, regional institutions, and international institutions? How can the report inform fresh approaches to peace and security work?

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1015-1115	<b>2. Youth and the state: Current policy challenges</b>
	<p>What is the position and nature of youth in current policy relating to peace and security; and what is the context for the debate? What are the driving themes and challenges? Where and what are the gaps that need to be addressed? How does the current political climate add urgency to this debate?</p>
1115-1145	Tea/coffee break
1145-1300	<b>3. Field implementation</b>
	<p>Are there new approaches to youth, peace and security work that point a way forward in the light of 'The Missing Peace'? What regional level and country-led efforts are underway and how can they be supported? What policy changes are needed in today's global environment? How can these be used as guides or precedents for additional institutional and legislative reform?</p>
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	<b>4. Youth and CVE: Policy implications</b>
	<p>This session introduces and assesses the primary findings and recommendations in the 'Youth and the Field of CVE' report that are directly relevant to meaningful policy reform. What is new and insightful about this report? What are the implications of the report on the policies of states, regional institutions, and international institutions? How can the report inform new approaches to efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism?</p>
1530-1645	<b>5. Youth, gender and policy</b>
	<p>Restrictive concepts of masculinity and femininity are being reinforced and utilised in driving violent extremism and CVE, potentially putting the gender equality agenda at risk. What do these two reports tell us about the importance of linking youth, gender and policy?</p>
1645-1715	Tea/coffee
1715-1830	<b>6. Challenges, constraints and next steps: the road ahead</b>
	<p>Discussion on practical recommendations for policy reform. What can be drawn from the reports and discussion that can be applied to advance policy and practice reform? Based on the learning and new ideas arising from today's discussion, what commitments can participants make to advance substantive practice and policy reform?</p>
1800	<b>7. Closing remarks</b>
1815	Reception followed by Conference dinner
2030	Participants depart

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This is an invitation only conference.