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**Accountability on the eyes of
youth**

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#CIVICUSyouth

CIVICUS Strategy on Youth Engagement

Approach

- Consultations
- Collaboration
- Leadership

Enabling Factors

- Access to information
- Convenings



Opening dedicated Spaces for Youth

- World Assemblies and International Civil Society Weeks
 - Youth Assemblies (since 2007)

Youth Assembly 2017!

“Our. Planet. Our Struggles.
Our Future” Suva, Fiji

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#ICSW2017



Youth Advisory Group 2013 - 2016

The primary role of the YAG is to **provide strategic, informed advice:**

- on how youth participation issues can be better mainstreamed within **CIVICUS'** programmes
- on how CIVICUS can develop new activities aimed specifically at strengthening youth participation in civil society



Youth Action Team 2016 – 2019

YAT Strategic Priorities 2017 - 2019

- Widening the space for young human Rights defenders
- Access to meaningful participation for all youth in CSOs
- Networking and movement building
- Resource mobilization for youth civic engagement



YOUTH WORKING GROUP: Opportunities of engagement

- #CIVICUSyouth in the UN
- Global Citizen Day of Action
- Innovation Awards Youth Category – Nelson Mandela and Graça Machel
- Youth Day
- Mentorship Programme
- Youth news and opportunities



[CIVICUS Youth United!](#)

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WIDENING SPACE BY YOUNG HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

SIDE-EVENT
21 NOVEMBER
13:15-14:45 CET

PALAIS DES NATIONS
GENEVA
ROOM XXIII

Young leaders share their experiences standing up for human rights and creating an environment where young people can participate in public decision-making



"All young people have potential, if we realise this we can move forward together, creating a world of endless opportunity and possibilities."

Chaeli Mycroft
Ability activist from South Africa

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money – Cree Proverb."

Carlos Andres Santiago
Environmental rights defender from Colombia

"I advocate for the people who have no voice. My strength comes from my people, and for the future of my people."

Madeline Wells
Indigenous Peoples rights defender from Australia's Aboriginal Community

"I have laughed with and I have cried with them. This is what I want to do with my life until that day comes when no girl is left out ever again."

Aisha Munu
Girls' human rights defender from Sierra Leone

Joined by **Mr Ahmad Alhendawi**, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Youth and **Ms Peggy Hicks**, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division at OHCHR

Moderated by **Jane Connors** Director of International Advocacy of Amnesty International's International Advocacy Programme

Livestream on the CIVICUS Facebook page
 Questions to #YoungHRDs

• Sandwiches provided
• French/Spanish interpretation available

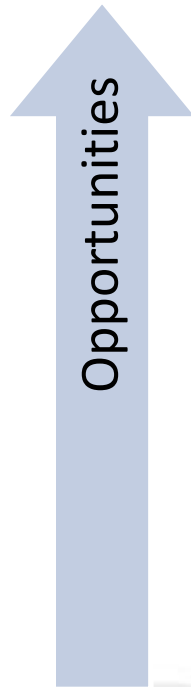
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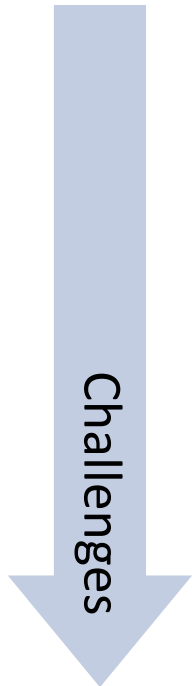


Youth Participation in Governance Structures



Provide a voice on behalf of youth in the organisation
Bring a new network
New perspectives
Develop the next generation of leaders

Few youth interested to be nominated
Lack of orientation or training for young people about how to participate in Boards of Directors
Legal implications



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Resources

- Accountability for civil society by civil society: A Guide to Self-Regulation Initiatives, CIVICUS 2014 <http://bit.ly/2mXajWS>
- CIVICUS – INGO Accountability Charter Report 2014 <http://bit.ly/2mF6HH9>
- Enabling Environment Index, CIVICUS 2013 <http://civicus.org/eei/>
- From Rhetoric to Action, Case for Space Report, Restless Development 2015 <http://bit.ly/2nFk4J0>
- The New Global Citizen Report, Rhize 2016 <http://bit.ly/2nFxZPk>