

UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE.**SIDE EVENT: YOUTH PEACEBUILDING IN THE DIGITAL SPACE; Exploring the Place of Digital Platforms in Countering Violent Extremism****DATE: 8th MAY 2023****VENUE: ONLINE MEETING****<https://bit.ly/3xWiJGB>**

This event will explore the intersection of youth, peace, and security within the context of leveraging digital platforms and innovation for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE).

Objectives:

- Identify effective strategies, tools, methods, and approaches for youth engagement in PCVE efforts utilising digital innovative technologies.
- Highlight the opportunities and challenges presented by the digital landscape in promoting peace and security among young people in Africa.
- Enhance understanding and capacity to harness the potential of digital platforms and innovation in fostering resilience, promoting dialogue, and countering violent extremism among the youth.

	11:00-12:30 PM. EAT
Moderator: Lavina Oluoch_ Save the Children East and Southern Africa Regional Office AU-ECOSSOCC Representative (TBC)	Opening Remarks: Madam Kijala Shako_ Regional Director of Advocacy, Campaigns, Communications and Media, Save the Children East and Southern Africa Regional Office. Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yvonne Ododah - UN Women advisory CSO committee member, Researcher and independent consultant on Countering Violent Extremism2. Mohamed Abdirizak Abdullahi - Director -at the Agents of Peace a Somalia-based organisation focusing on Youth Peace Security and Countering Violent Extremism3. Diana Ouma - Head of Programmes and Communication _Horn of Africa Youth Network4. Agnes Airo - Regional Youth Advisor at Save the Children International5. Global Tech company representative - Meta Africa (TBC)6. Q&A