

CONCEPT NOTE

**Side event in the margins of High-level Conference on
the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar**

MYANMAR GEN Z IN CRISIS: VOICES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND WAYS FORWARD

Date: Monday 29 September 2025

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

Venue: Conference Room 8, UN Headquarters, New York

The event will be streamed on [UN Web TV](#).

Co-sponsors: The Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai University, Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN

Background

This event builds on extensive youth consultations facilitated by Co-Chair partners of the Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security and Chiang Mai University (CMU), which engaged more than 100 youth leaders and youth-led organizations from across Myanmar, as well as displaced youth in Cox's Bazar and Chiang Mai. These consultations identified priorities around education, safety and protection, livelihoods, and social inclusion.

The event provides a platform for Myanmar's Gen Z — particularly minority and Rohingya youth voices — to share their perspectives directly with international stakeholders ahead of the UN High-Level Conference on the Situation of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar. The event aims at amplifying youth perspectives from Myanmar, particularly Rohingya and minority voices, and providing youth-informed priorities on education, safety, livelihoods, and pathways toward solutions.

Programme

- **Welcome**

Ambassador, Mr. Lauri Voionmaa, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN

- **Opening Remarks**

H.E. Mr. Anders Adlercreutz, Minister of Education of Finland

- **Panel Presentations**

- Ms. Naw Moo Moo Paw, Youth leader from Karen State
- Mr. Pekka Shemeikka, Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland in Yangon
- Mr. Maung Sawyeddollah, Executive Director of Rohingya Student's Network
- Ms. Kunthida Rungruengkiat, Director of the Progressive Movement Foundation

- **Moderated Discussion & Q&A**

Open discussion with participants (missions, regional actors, UN, CSOs) moderated by Mr. Ishaan Shah, UN Foundation's Lead Next Generation Fellow

- **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Stefan Schroeer, Human Rights Counsellor, European Union Delegation to the United Nations