PEACE AND SECURITY:
How can youth build peace and prevent violent extremism and exclusion in a post-COVID context?

Introduction
The COVID-19 outbreak is exposing the deeply rooted social inequalities in our societies, across Europe and Africa. Social and health inequalities have exposed many people to risks during the pandemic, leading to further marginalization and threatening peaceful co-existence and stability in a number of countries. In addition, post-conflict settings have been hit hard by the effects of COVID-19 due to the lack of strong institutions and public services. While national governments and multilateral organizations seek to address the immediate consequences of this global pandemic, this historical moment represents an opportunity to think together of innovative ways to address the socio-economic inequalities driving marginalisation, exclusion and instability during these exceptional times. The future after COVID-19 will be the ‘new normal’, in which the role of young people will be critical to building peace and preventing violence with mutual respect and decreasing mass inequalities. In light of this new context, the panel will bring together a number of EU and AU Officials together with young activists to address the topic.

Speakers
- **Imrana Buba**, Founder, Youth Coalition Against Terrorism. A peacebuilder and activist working to unite youth against violent extremism through peace education programs in schools and villages which has affected hundreds of young people, who was once kidnapped by Boko Haram.
- **H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and previous Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain from 2004 to 2010, who succeeded in fostering the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Moderator:
**Ines Seddiki**, Founder of Ghett’Up, a young French-Moroccan activist and Corporate Social Responsibility professional. Since 2016, Ghett’up has impacted more than 2,000 young people in the suburbs of Paris
Or **Yasmine Ouirhane**, AU-EU Youth Hub member

Backup Panelists:
- **Michel Chikwanine**, Former Child Soldier and Author
- **Christian Acheleke**, Global Coordinator, CYPAN

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