

## **Expert-level Strategic Capacity-Building Workshop on Youth, Peace and Security**

participation can take shape in practice. This session further examined the current engagement with young women and men. Participants argued that the Commission occasionally engages with youth in a consultative manner, including through inviting youth briefers at its meetings, noting that engagement with youth and follow ups to their participation could be improved. They emphasized the importance for the Commission to ensure meaningful participation of youth and make effort to take voices of diverse youth in a country or region into account. They also emphasized the importance of avoiding tokenistic practices, and strengthening follow up and feedback to young people engaged.

### **Session 3: Applying a youth lens and mainstreaming a youth perspective**

In the third session, facilitators introduced the youth lens as a key tool for mainstreaming a youth perspective into activities and advice of the Commission to carry out youth-sensitive analysis and explore ways to formulate youth-sensitive language. In a group case study exercise, participants assessed a fictional advice of the Commission from a YPS perspective. Participants shared suggestions to youth-sensitive, including through utilizing available data regarding youth and describing ways young people are disproportionately affected by conflict and crisis. Furthermore, participants emphasized the importance not to lump women and youth together and to avoid reinforcing negative stereotypes of youth as violent. They stressed the need to recognize young pe

### **Session 4: Advancing the implementation of the PBC Strategic Action Plan on Youth and Peacebuilding**

The last session of the workshop

On ways to

