

Category 6. Security

Flagship: The Community Peace and Security Compact – CPSC:

A national movement for peace and resilience, guided by visionary leadership and strengthened by the institutional excellence of the Nigeria Police Force. The Compact restores trust between communities and institutions, empowers youth at the frontline of peace and intelligence, and positions Nigeria as a continental leader in security innovation.

Strategic Partnership Highlight

The **Community Peace and Security Compact** has already demonstrated its transformative potential by catalysing **landmark partnerships**. At the forefront of this momentum is **UNESCO REF**, a **visionary institute of global standing**, recognized for its pioneering role in advancing the **Culture of Peace**, youth empowerment, and knowledge-driven security innovation.

In strategic alignment, the **Nigeria Police Force**, under the **distinguished leadership of the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, Ph.D.**, has emerged as a **national anchor of institutional strength and operational excellence**.

In 2024, **UNESCO REF** partnered with the **Nigeria Police Force** to convene a National Summit under the **theme: Enhancing the Nigerian Youths' Value for National Security Intelligence**.

The Summit was graced by the presence of **His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ably represented by the Honourable Minister of Youth, **Dr. Jamila Bio Ibrahim**.

In his address, the President commended the brilliance, vision, and importance of **UNESCO REF** and the **Nigeria Police Force** for their strategic efforts in mitigating national security threats. He emphasized that their collaboration represents a model of institutional innovation and international best practice, capable of restoring trust between communities and institutions, while empowering Nigerian youth as frontline actors in peacebuilding and intelligence gathering.

This high-level dialogue brought together **youth leaders, sister security agencies, civil society, and international partners** to:

- Elevate the role of young people in **national security intelligence and peace building**.
- Strengthen **inter-agency collaboration** across Nigeria's security architecture.
- Build a **shared vision of security as a collective responsibility**.

This milestone partnership positions **UNESCO REF** as a **global institute to be reckoned with**, while affirming the **Nigeria Police Force under IGP Egbetokun's leadership** as a **pillar of national security transformation**.

Core Framework

The **SECURITY** pillar of **SIP-ALPHA** is conceived as a **comprehensive framework for peace building, conflict prevention, and institutional resilience**. It strengthens **grassroots security networks**, enhances **community-based intelligence systems** and drives **justice reforms** to ensure that security is not only a **state function** but also a **shared societal responsibility**.

- **Community Security Networks:** Establishing **peace committees, local intelligence platforms, and early-warning systems** to prevent escalation of conflicts.
- **Conflict Prevention & Mediation:** Deploying **inclusive dialogue platforms and restorative justice mechanisms** to resolve disputes before they become violent.
- **Justice Reforms:** Enhancing **rule of law, access to justice, and accountability**, aligned with **international human rights standards**.
- **Youth as Agents of Peace:** Empowering young people as **peace ambassadors and intelligence partners**, reducing their vulnerability to radicalization.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Leveraging **government, civil society, private sector, and international partners** to co-finance and co-implement scalable solutions.
- **Technology-Enabled Security:** Integrating ***digital surveillance, data analytics, and AI-driven early-warning systems** to enhance intelligence gathering and rapid response.

Global Alignment & Positioning

The **Community Peace and Security Compact** is aligned with:

- **SDG 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice, and build effective, accountable institutions.
- **UNESCO's Culture of Peace Framework**
- **African Union Agenda 2063 (Aspiration 4: A Peaceful and Secure Africa)**

It is also structured as a **globally bankable and donor-ready programme**, with transparent monitoring, strong accountability, and scalable models that can be replicated across Africa.

It is a framework that any Head of State would be proud to champion:

- It **empowers youth** as the frontline of peace and intelligence.
- It **restores trust** between communities and institutions.
- It **positions Nigeria** as a continental leader in peacebuilding and security innovation.

This is not just about security, it is about **nation-building, resilience, and inclusive prosperity**.