



SOLVE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

BACKGROUND

iSCAN envisions a world in which young people live free from violent conflicts. Joining the international community in taking action to address the impact of conflicts on young people and help them build a better life, iSCAN developed the SOLVE Initiative (see also: The SOLVE Story)

Through its SOLVE Initiative, iSCAN aims to build a community of high-impact young conflict solvers (SOLVERS) at the forefront of conflict prevention and maintenance and promotion of peace and security. iSCAN is well positioned to contribute to ensuring that young people in conflict-affected settings and communities are empowered and put at the center of conflict prevention.



GOAL

To enable young people (SOLVERS) to become peacebuilding agents through capacity building, supporting peacebuilding projects, facilitating networking with peace enablers (SOLVE Enablers) and providing a platform for exchange.

>>>This document sets out the details of the engagement process between iSCAN, the SOLVER, the partnering organisations at local level, supporting and facilitating the SOLVE Initiative (SOLVE enabler).

WHAT iSCAN OFFERS

- ▲ **Internal resources & expertise** ranging from theoretical and analytical expertise to practical tools, field experience and implementation (SOLVE Academy, iSEDI Security Dialogue, Conferences, workshops) to help achieve the SOLVER's specific peace building objectives.
- ▲ **Exchange platform to connect with the community:** practitioners and students from all over the world from the fields of Political Sciences, Diplomacy, Peace and Conflict Studies, International Conflict Management, International Relations, International Security, International Relations, Education and Peace Building, Advocacy, Public Administration, Governance, Advocacy and many more.
- ▲ **A platform to present ideas,** challenges and projects on international security and peace building topics. Our initiative iSEDI provides opportunities to learn about, exchange experiences, and discuss selected topics in an open, informal, inclusive, and participatory atmosphere.
- ▲ **Access to internal network,** partners and our partner's resources (SOLVE enablers): Our network of experts and partners are set up internationally and are able to provide assistance in all sorts of specific conflict situations. The experts work in a wide variety of fields relating to peace and conflict.
- ▲ **Knowledge on conflict analysis** both theoretically and applied to the specific conflict case. We provide a professional platform for systemic analysis of international security challenges. SOLVERs themselves can become a source of evidence-based understanding of conflicts and strategies for interventions and thereby generate value-added resources on international security and possible solution scenarios.
- ▲ **Support with the conceptualisation** and implementation of sustainable peace-building projects. Only adequate knowledge and tools allow to create impactful interventions and to apply conflict management & resolution successfully in practice.
- ▲ **Support to increase the international security toolbox** and develop a professional community of security practitioners, experts from public institutions, civil society organisations, business community and young professionals & students.
- ▲ **Support with the procurement** of financial support (grants, scholarships, research applications) and services (technical devices, internet access) as a prerequisite for the successful implementation of initiatives
- ▲ **A yearly SOLVE Conference** with an award. The annual conference covers a wide range of topics and offers the opportunity to discuss relevant peace and security challenges, showcase good practices in conflict prevention and draft a declaration with recommendations for conflict prevention.



WHO MAY BECOME A SOLVER?



Youth with high-impact potential to carry out initiatives aimed at resolving conflicts in their settings and communities, living in countries affected by violent conflict (current or past), working on projects related to conflict prevention and peace building or has the potential and vision to do so with the view to improve the situation for themselves, their community or country.



Young people from socially deprived communities.

Challenges such as the lack of resources (i.e. money, technical devices, access to the Internet) can hinder the engagement process between the SOLVER and iSCAN. A joint assessment of the SOLVER situation between iSCAN and the partner will be essential in determining whether solutions can be found to remove substantial roadblocks.



Language: a pre-intermediate level of English is recommended. At this level, a SOLVER can communicate simply and understand in familiar situations but only with some difficulty. If English is not spoken, currently iSCAN is also able to engage with French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic and Russian speaking SOLVERS. Candidates who cannot communicate in either of the above languages are also welcome to express interest if someone from a partner or community can facilitate the communication with iSCAN.



Occupation: there is no prerequisite of employment or education to become a SOLVER candidate.

SOLVER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

iSCAN lays out a set of recommendations for Partners/ ENABLERS to consider, estimated on the ground that they will create a favourable environment for a SOLVER as well as ensure a maximum use of the services and platform that iSCAN and its local partners will offer. Solve enablers can be organizations or individuals.



WHAT TO DO TO BECOME A SOLVER?

- ▲ SOLVERs need to complete an online application form available [here](#).
- ▲ Be of young age as defined by the United Nations (between 15 and 24), the African Union (15 to 30) and other regional and international bodies
- ▲ Affected by violent conflicts or be living in countries affected by violent conflict (current or past)
- ▲ Be working on projects or having the potential to work on projects related to conflict prevention and peacebuilding
- ▲ Have a vision to improve the situation for yourself, your community, country and region

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SOLVER?

A SOLVER is expected to be a peace builder, an ambassador, and champion of peace, carrying out activities as described above, specific to her or his local context. An activity example could be organizing recreational activities for young people affected by conflicts, organizing peace dialogues. Ultimately, SOLVERs are expected to contribute to solving conflicts.



EXPECTED IMPACT OF SOLVE

For the SOLVERS (immediate impact):

- ▲ Alternative to conflict is given
- ▲ Hope and life purpose is provided
- ▲ The ability to live a youthful life is provided
- ▲ The potential to engage in crime and other violent activities is reduced
- ▲ The potential for social and psychological impact of conflict is reduced
- ▲ Potential to fall in a continuous cycle of conflict is reduced

For the affected communities/country (short-term impact):

- ▲ Resilient communities are created and an environment free of violent conflicts and conditions conducive to peace, security and development in the country are established.

For the affected region (medium-term impact):

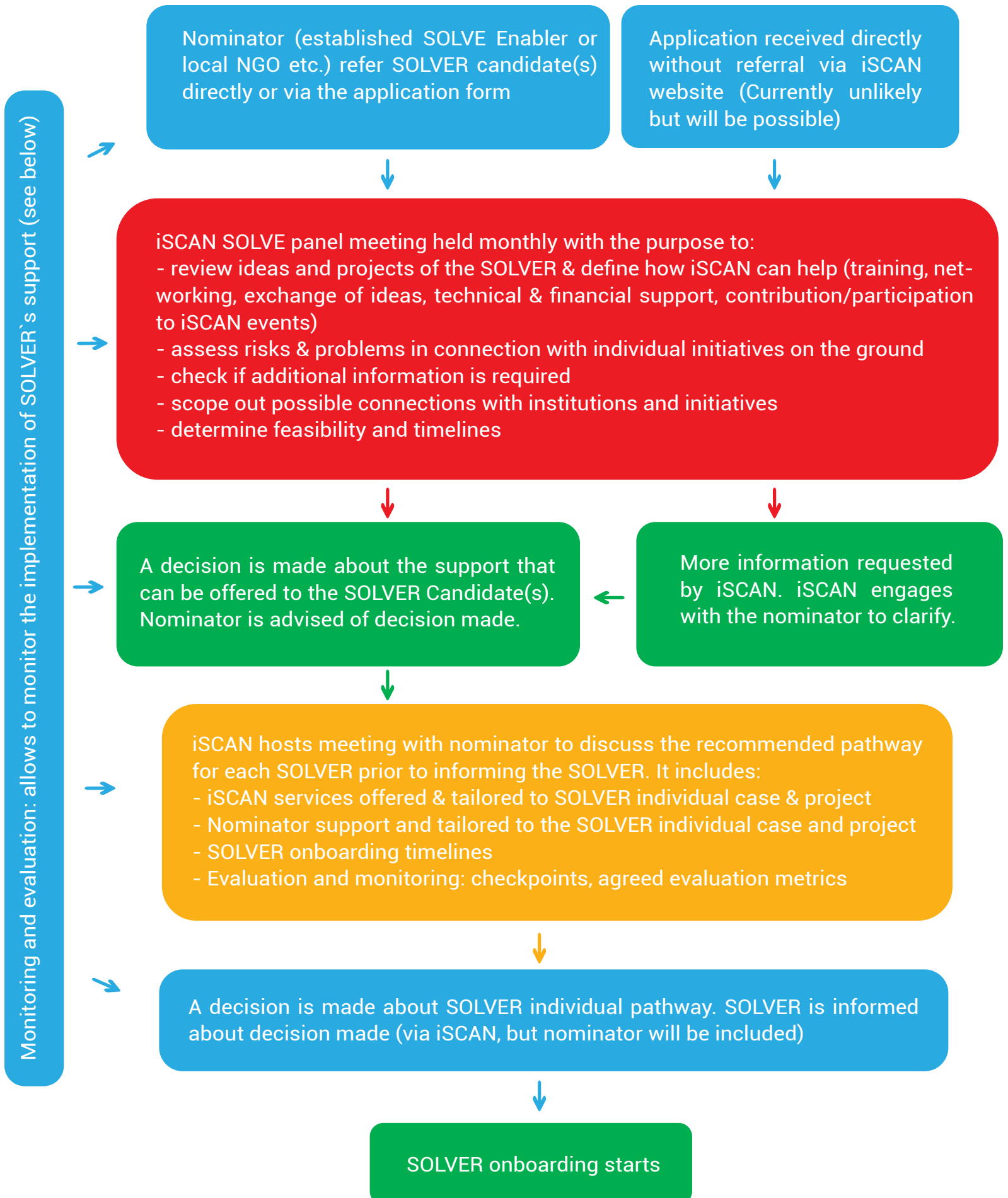
- ▲ Peace in the region is achieved, allowing societies to live free from violent conflicts and creating conditions conducive to peace, security, and development in the region.

For the international community (long-term impact):

- ▲ Global peace and security is maintained
- ▲ A contribution to the implementation of international instruments such as resolution 2250, and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals is made.



SOLVE NOMINATION PROCESS



iSCAN SOLVER PANEL MEETING

The key purpose is to consider and reach a final agreement on the SOLVER applications received. The panellists identify applicants who have the greatest potential to impact the life of SOLVERs and their affected communities in reducing social, economic and psychological effects of conflicts, reducing the potential to engage in crime and other violent activities. The panel discussions will also feed into the recommended pathway of each SOLVER that will be submitted to the Nominator once a decision has been reached.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW METHODOLOGY

- ▲ Prior to the panel meeting the SOLVE Initiative team will conduct a brief research into the SOLVER environment in close consultation with the Nominator and local partners to understand the nature of the conflict in a country or community, and the possible challenges and opportunities.
- ▲ Scope out iSCAN existing activities & programmes that a SOLVER could benefit from immediately or that could be adjusted to the needs of a SOLVER: example develop a theme of an iSEDI dialogue that resonates with a SOLVER problematic
- ▲ Scope out ad hoc support and services iSCAN can offer: mentoring, soft skills training, networking (facilitating introduction with other initiatives and organisations).
- ▲ Local partner support: discuss what knowledge, expertise and assistance on the ground is required for a successful engagement with a SOLVER.
- ▲ Assess SOLVER available and needed resources: financial, logistical, technical (internet, computer). During this review, iSCAN may find that additional insights into the SOLVER environment is required. Liaising with the Nominator and local partners will be key in assessing the potential of each SOLVER application.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

An essential component of the SOLVE Initiative and the empowerment of SOLVERs is to provide evidence that the activities and services delivered through iSCAN and involved partners work to support young people in achieving their peace building objectives.

EVALUATION SCOPE

Each initiative and project will be evaluated separately to address the SOLVER's specific goals. The schedule of evaluation for each SOLVER will be specified in the SOLVER pathway shared with the SOLVER and the Nominator. Evaluations will be scheduled as follows:

- ▲ Year 1: 6 months after SOLVER onboarding + 12 months after SOLVER onboarding
- ▲ Year 2: Mid-term report
- ▲ Year 3: Final evaluation report

The SOLVE initiative is designed to support a SOLVER for a duration of maximum three years, after which iSCAN expects a SOLVER to be able to continue with their initiative(s) self-sustainably. iSCAN encourages SOLVERs to remain part of the iSCAN community and if desired contribute as volunteers to the organisation.



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