Youth inequalities framework

There is no globally accepted international legal instrument specifically referring to this age group.

But there does exist a regional instrument on the human rights of young people: the Ibero-American Convention on the Rights of Youth sets forth the commitment to recognize the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of young people.

The Convention also serves as a guide for the design and implementation of policies, programmes, projects and other types of initiatives.

There are a number of studies in the region that provide a variety of perspectives on the characterization and problematization of the youth population.

For example, the Ibero-American Youth Organization has carried out studies in conjunction with ECLAC on such subjects as gender differences, identities and attitudes around discrimination and tolerance, and the right to a quality education.

Another example is the Ibero-American Youth Observatory, which has also done work in similar areas on the basis of the studies carried out by the Fundación SM with a view to fostering further research on youth, education and culture in the region.
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