

7TH UNAOC GLOBAL FORUM TO KICK OFF WITH YOUTH EVENT

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Youth to deliver vision of inclusive society

When diverse youth from around the world gather, what is their vision of an inclusive society? This will be the main focus of the participants at today's Youth Event of UNAOC's 7th Global Forum. For the 150 young leaders, selected from more than 6000 applications from 160 countries, the goal is to finalize a joint vision on "Living Together in Inclusive Societies: Narratives of Tomorrow."

As the culmination of an online collaboration over the last two months, Narratives of Tomorrow will be shared with VIPs at the Youth Event and Forum attendees, and released to the public. It will serve as a base for further collaboration and concrete actions by youth in their local contexts to promote inclusion.

YOUTH EVENT SPEAKERS



Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
United Nations
High Representative
for the Alliance of Civilizations



Abulfas Garayev
Minister of Culture and Tourism
of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Ahmad Alhendawi
United Nations Secretary-
General's Envoy on Youth



Leyla Aliyeva
Vice-President of the Heydar
Aliyev Foundation, Azerbaijan



Meghann Villanueva
International Peace Advocate
and Peace Education Trainer



Rashid Zuberu
Founder, Young Peace
Brigades and member of
United Network of Young
Peacebuilders



LAST NIGHT, YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED
AT THE WELCOME SESSION FOR THE YOUTH EVENT

"The Forum will represent the incredible and unique opportunity to harness the multiple perspectives of various actors and determine innovative solutions to move forward towards living inclusively together."

His Excellency Al-Nasser
UNAOC High Representative



High-level speakers from governments and civil society to attend the Forum

After months of preparation, the 7th UNAOC Global Forum is opening today. We are looking forward to fruitful discussions, exchanging viewpoints and finding joint solutions to Living Together in Inclusive Societies.

Speakers at the Forum will include:



H.E. Ilham Aliyev
President of the
Republic of Azerbaijan



H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
United Nations High Representative
for the Alliance of Civilizations



H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President of Turkey



Dominique de Villepin
Former Prime Minister and former
Minister of Foreign Affairs of France



Letizia Moratti
Co-Founder and Representative of the
Community of San Patrignano



Christian Karembeu
French Football Champion



Evelyn Watta
Journalist, AIPS



Claudia Nunez
Digital Director, Los Angeles Times en
Español, Founder, Migrahack, Institute for
Justice & Journalism



Pan Guang
Ambassador for UNAOC, Shanghai
Academy of Social Sciences (SASS)

Marketplace of Ideas to open tonight; Photo Youth Contest Awards at Opening Ceremony

The Forum will feature a Marketplace of Ideas, to be inaugurated tonight at 7 pm in the Baku Convention Center. In this dedicated space, international organizations will have their own booths to showcase their work.



Booths will also be devoted to UNAOC programs and the 58 Alumni from 35 countries invited for the occasion. Their impactful work will be presented through a poster exhibition on the main floor.

During the opening ceremony, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan will award the 2016 winners of the Youth Photo Contest organized specially for the Forum. The photos will be exhibited at the Marketplace.

In the same space, Youth Event participants will display their "Narratives of Tomorrow".

Book launch: "Me, We, Us" lets key actors speak on their vision for Inclusive Societies

Dedicated to the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the book "Me, We, Us" collected the hopes and visions of inclusive societies from different global entrepreneurs, philanthropists, artists and humanitarians. The book will be launched during a cocktail reception tonight (by invitation only).

Among the contributors, Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd calls to 'reflect on others' perspectives'; African singer-songwriter Rokia Traoré shares her perspectives on 'breaking the chains' in her home continent; and Iyad Ameen Madani, General Secretary of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, demands rapprochement between cultures and civilizations.



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PROGRAMME

Monday, 25 April 2016

08:00	Departure from hotels to the Forum venue	
09:00-21:00	Confirmation of accreditation and collection of the Forum ID/badges	Baku Business Center
10:00-11:00	UNAOC Youth Event (by invitation only)	Baku Convention Centre, A8
11:00-18:00	UNAOC Youth Event sessions	Baku Convention Centre, A1/A2/B1/B2/A7
14:00-18:00	Business Symposium	Baku Convention Centre, A6
	Business Symposium networking sessions	Baku Convention Centre, A3/A4/A5
17:00-18:00	UNAOC Youth Event (by invitation only)	Baku Convention Centre, A8
18:00-19:00	Press Conference	Baku Convention Centre, B5+B6
19:00-19:30	Opening of the Marketplace of Ideas and Youth Photo Contest Award Ceremony	Baku Convention Centre
20:30	Cocktail Reception: Presentation of the book "Me, We, Us" dedicated to Alliance of Civilizations (by invitation only)	JW Marriott Absheron hotel