



YOUNG LEADERS VOICE THEIR VISION - NARRATIVES OF TOMORROW PRESENTED AT YOUTH EVENT

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Some voices from off the ground:

The Youth Event kicked off the 7th UNAOC Global Forum yesterday. A diverse group of 150 global young leaders discussed and jointly identified their Narratives of Tomorrow for Living Together in Inclusive Societies. The Narratives were then presented to high-level representatives of the UN and the Government of Azerbaijan.



Ana Marquez Escobedo, Mexico:
"As young leaders we come together today and worked on our joint vision. I'm particularly concerned with rural women and children in Mexico and to ensure that they are not left behind."



Yvonne Akoth, Kenya:
"It is important to me that the new and different Narratives we defined are leading us towards a more inclusive community, as outlined in the UN's 2030 Agenda. I want to contribute to implementing this international vision on a local level."



Elkhan Heydarli, Azerbaijan:
"I came here to learn about the vision and projects of other young changemakers. I am keen on building on the experience from my global fellows for the benefit of my local community."




**At 7th UNAOC Global Forum,
private sector engages
for peace and interfaith
understanding**


“We encourage young people to play an active role in the protection of our planet.”


Leyla Aliyeva
Goodwill Ambassador of Food and Agricultural Association of the United Nations, at Youth Event's Opening session



TWEETS FROM THE YOUTH EVENT

 Wise advice from @UNAOC High Rep: “Remember, the magic always happens outside your comfort zone.” #UNAOCYouth #ChangetheStory
(The World Federation of United Nations Associations Youth Network)

 We the Youth need to be actively working on issues that matters to us @unaoc #UNAOCyouth #UNAOCBaku2016 #ChangeTheStory #Youth4Peace
(Dadzie Akrasi, from Ghana, based in South Korea)

 We are not leaders of tomorrow but leaders of today #changethestory #UNAOCYouth @UNAOC. Youths are key actors to achieving the #SDGs
(Ornella Nsoki, DRC)

UNAOC and the Government of Azerbaijan address the press corps at Press Conference

“The Forum will help strengthen and create global and cross-sector partnerships as a major step towards inspiring us to work for inclusion, peace, and justice to implement and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”



Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
United Nations High Representative



Business Symposium convenes 250 business representatives for inclusive societies

With the announcement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development last year, the UN set the stage for enhanced global and cross-sector engagement for peace, justice, and social inclusion. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, in particular, calls for revitalization of partnerships for sustainable development.

At the 7th UNAOC Global Forum yesterday, 250 global business leaders came together to discuss how the private sector can contribute to the achievement of the Agenda's SDGs.

UNAOC High Representative Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser said: “UNAOC fully supports a New Global Partnership between the sectors to eradicate poverty and transform economies.”

In networking sessions, business leaders gathered in smaller groups and discussed concrete engagement and solutions to address the refugee crisis and business contributions towards greater interfaith understanding and peace.



PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

07:00-09:00	Departure from the hotels to the Forum's venue	
06:00-09:30	Collection of ID/badges and security screening	Baku Convention Centre
09:30-10:00	Family Photo (Heads of Official Delegations)	Baku Convention Centre
10:00-11:00	The 7th Global Forum Official Opening Ceremony	Baku Convention Centre, Plenary Hall
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	Baku Convention Centre
11:30-13:00	Plenary Session 1: Platforms and Partnerships for the Prevention of Violent Extremism	Baku Convention Centre, Plenary Hall
13:00-14:30	Official lunch hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan (by invitation) Lunch (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
15:00-18:30	UNAOC Group of Friends High Level Meeting	Heydar Aliyev Centre (opposite to Baku Convention Centre)
14:30-16:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel):	
	#SpreadNoHate: Sharing Good Practices of Preventing and Countering Hate Speech	Baku Convention Centre, A8
	Religious Leaders and Violent Extremism: The Challenges of Prevention	Baku Convention Centre, A6
	Civil Society and Business: Working Together for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development	Baku Convention Centre, B2
	Global Citizenship Education	Baku Convention Centre, A7
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	Baku Convention Centre
16:30-18:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel):	
	Counter-Narratives to Cyber extremism Through Apps and Video Games	Baku Convention Centre, B2
	Women and Peace-building in Conflict Zones in Africa	Baku Convention Centre, A8
	Save the Dream: Sport for Peace, Sustainable and Inclusive Development	Baku Convention Centre, A6
	The Role of Cities in Global Migration	Baku Convention Centre, A7
18:00	Dinner (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
18:30-20:30	Cocktail Reception Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony (UNAOC - BMW Group) Azerbaijan Children Orchestra Concert "Children for Peace"	Heydar Aliyev Centre (opposite to Baku Convention Centre)
21:00-23:30	Departure from the Forum venues to the hotels	

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