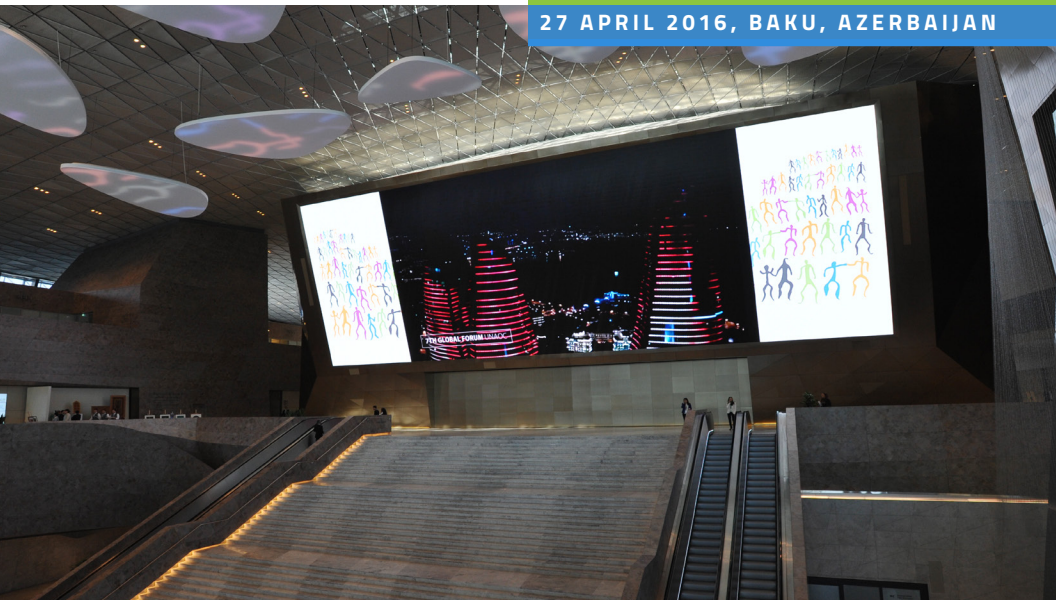


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## 7th UNAOC Global Forum concludes with a series of new partnerships & initiatives for fostering social inclusion

After 2 days of inspiring and vibrant discussions and exchanges, the UNAOC 7th Global Forum ends with a series of new partnerships and joint initiatives to facilitate social inclusion, peace, and justice. The most critical outcomes being the adoption of the Baku Declaration by the Group of Friends; the launch of The High Representative Advisory Council; as well as a number of signed Memoranda of Understanding between UNAOC and various organizations.

"The Forum provided an excellent platform for exchanging ideas, engaging with existing and potential partners, and re-affirming the commitment of various stakeholders representing governments, civil society, religious leaders and academia", said UNAOC High Representative Al-Nasser at the Closing Ceremony. "The future we want is made of opportunities and security for everyone. And we can have it. But it will only happen if we work together, as we did through constructive debates over the last two days." He concluded: "We live in a world of extraordinary change. Change that's reshaping the way we live and the way we think. Let's make sure we change for the better to ensure social inclusion and security for generations to come."



*"Through our programmes and with your collaboration, UNAOC builds knowledge on cultural diversity, enhances tolerance and peace across religions, and develops intercultural partnerships."*

**UNAOC High Representative Al-Nasser**  
addressing Alumni of UNAOC programs and projects

## Breakout session on Constructing Peace, Deconstructing Terror



The Session on "Constructing Peace, Deconstructing terror" was the opportunity to further explore the roots of terrorism and express concrete ideas on how to achieve peace and stability worldwide, but also at local and regional levels. The session focused on the importance of dialogue and understanding, as well as the role of narratives in deconstructing terror. Among the recommendations, the participants formulated the need for a fairer and more equitable representation of the world through a reform of the United Nations. The African proverb quoted by Nas-harudin Mat Isa from the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation summarizes quite well the general idea of the session: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together".

## Room Packed for Diverse Panelists at D-Goals session

The session on "D-Goals of education to prevent violent extremism: educating for development, dialogue and diversity" drew a standing-room only crowd.

Speakers from Azerbaijan, the US, Indonesia, Italy, Tunisia, and Spain spoke frankly about the challenges and goals of educating to prevent violent extremism.

Outcomes for the session included illustrations of good practices, various recommendations, and conversations to further consolidate a partnership between Spain and a Tunisian NGO.



## German non-profit emerges on top in Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony

### THE INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD

A partnership between  
United Nations Alliance of Civilizations & BMW Group



A grassroots neighborhood organization, Give Something Back to Berlin received the first prize at the Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony that took place at the Hayder Aliyev Centre yesterday.

"At UNAOC, we harness multiple perspectives and determine creative solutions to move towards living inclusively together," said Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, UNAOC High Representative. "That we are doing this in partnership with BMW Group is further evidence of the innovative approaches we pursue."

"In our centenary year, the BMW Group is particularly emphasizing our focus on the future and innovative solutions to the challenges of tomorrow," said Bill McAndrews, Vice President BMW Group Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications. "It is with great pleasure that we, together with UNAOC, foster the development of initiatives that share our pioneering spirit."

### FEATURED TWEETS:



Al-Farabi's idea of a virtuous civilization emphasizes cooperation leading to happiness, defined as achievement of wisdom #UNAOCBaku2016  
[@reneehobbs](https://twitter.com/reneehobbs) Renee Hobbs



Sport changed my life. Taught me values & life lessons #UNAOCBaku2016  
[@Karembu](https://twitter.com/Karembu) Christian Karembu



We are messengers of #peace as the High Representative of the UN says at the @unaoc alumni showcase.  
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## PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, 27 April 2016**

07:30-08:30	Departure from the hotels to the Forum's venue	
09:30- 11:00	UNAOC Group of Friends High Level Meeting <i>(continuation of the meeting)</i>	Heydar Aliyev Centre (opposite to Baku Convention Centre)
09:30-11:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel):	
	Constructing Peace, Deconstructing Terror	Baku Convention Centre, A6
	Reporting in Times of Crisis: Telling Migrant Tales through Creative Storytelling	Baku Convention Centre, A7
	Youth Participation for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: the Crucial Role of Partnerships Across Generations and Sectors	Baku Convention Centre, B2
	Fostering Inclusiveness and Integration through Global Education	Baku Convention Centre, A8
11:00- 11:30	Coffee Break (all participants)	Baku Convention Centre
	Signature of Memoranda of Understanding (Heads of Organizations)	
11:30- 13:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel):	
	Alumni Showcase: Impact Across UNAOC Pillars	Baku Convention Centre, A6
	D-Goals of Preventing Violent Extremism through Education: Educating for Development, Diversity and Dialogue	Baku Convention Centre, B1
	Baku Process: Responding to New Challenge for Global Intercultural Dialogue	Baku Convention Centre, A7
	Media Literacy: Tools for Building Resilience to Violent Extremist Propaganda	Baku Convention Centre, A8
13:00-13:30	Press Conference	Baku Convention Centre, B5+B6
13:00- 15:00	Lunch (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
14:30- 16:30	Plenary Session 2: Good Practices in Social Inclusion	Baku Convention Centre, Plenary Hall
16:30- 17:00	Closing Ceremony	Baku Convention Centre, Plenary Hall
17:30-19:00	Dinner (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
18:30- 19:00	Departure from the Forum venues to the Heydar Aliyev Palace	
19:30-21:30	'Musical Alliance of Civilizations' Concert	Heydar Aliyev Palace