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WELCOME MESSAGES



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcome you in Azerbaijan on the occasion of the 7th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilization. It is our pleasure to host guests from all over the world for responding to challenges on how to build better corporation, better understanding, peace and peaceful co-existence of different nations, civilizations, religions and people. It is the reality that the humanity needs to be more educated about what builds better understanding in the world. In this context Azerbaijan is an example of the country which is very much committed to the promotion of intercultural dialogue both at home and all around the world and has already proved by tangible actions its intention to play an active role in building bridges and trust among civilizations and cultures.. Azerbaijan is a special and unique place where different cultures and civilizations meet at a crossroad between the East and West, North and South.

Based on these traditions we have built a deep cooperation with UN Alliance of Civilizations and other international institutions for promoting values of acceptance and respect for different cultures, traditions and beliefs. In

this regard Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan has launched the Baku Process in 2008 for the purpose of creating a collaboration platform between countries, nations, communities and civilizations. In the framework of the Baku Process Azerbaijan hosted World Forum on Intercultural Dialogues in 2011, 2013, 2015 in partnership with UN Alliance of Civilizations, UNESCO, UNWTO, Council of Europe and ISESCO.

I am sure that as a world's top intercultural and inter-civilizational event, the 7th Global Forum of United Nations Alliance of Civilizations under the motto of "Living Together In Inclusive Societies" A Challenge and A Goal" will play a key role for finding solutions to the problems, such as terrorism, hatred, intolerance etc, the factors that damage the idea of societies living peacefully together regardless of their individual beliefs, cultures, traditions and customs.

Once again I welcome you to Baku, and the 7th Global Forum of United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.



H.E. NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER

UN HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR
THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you all to our 7th Global Forum in the beautiful city of Baku. Our Forum's theme "Living Together in Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal" could not better describe Azerbaijan, our host. Visibly and historically the East and West have met and collaborated in this country for centuries. This reflects a key objective for UNAOC: to build mutual respect and collaboration among peoples of different background and identities, highlighting the will of the world's majority to embrace diversity and to create inclusive, peaceful and thriving communities.

Both the overarching theme of this Forum as well as the sub-themes in the breakout sessions remain at the core of the international agenda: In January, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon released his Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism. The approach emphasizes Pillars I and IV of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288): "tackling conditions conducive to terrorism," and "ensuring respect for human rights for all and the rule of law while countering terrorism." This implies good governance to foster inclusive societies based on

the full respect of human rights. By addressing the conditions conducive to the multiple routes to violent extremism including exclusion and marginalization, the Plan of Action engages actors across sectors over the long term. The plan also incorporates the "One UN approach".

All of the above make up the DNA of UNAOC as well as the rationale behind bringing you all together for our 7th Global Forum: in our joint and universal search for peace and stability, it is essential that we engage, empower, and connect across all sectors of society and around the globe. To do so we need to understand and trust each other. We can only reach that end through peaceful dialogue.

Dialogue helps us realize that the so called "other" can be our source of inspiration, our partner, friend, and supporter in our joint venture towards living together in inclusive, peaceful, and just societies.

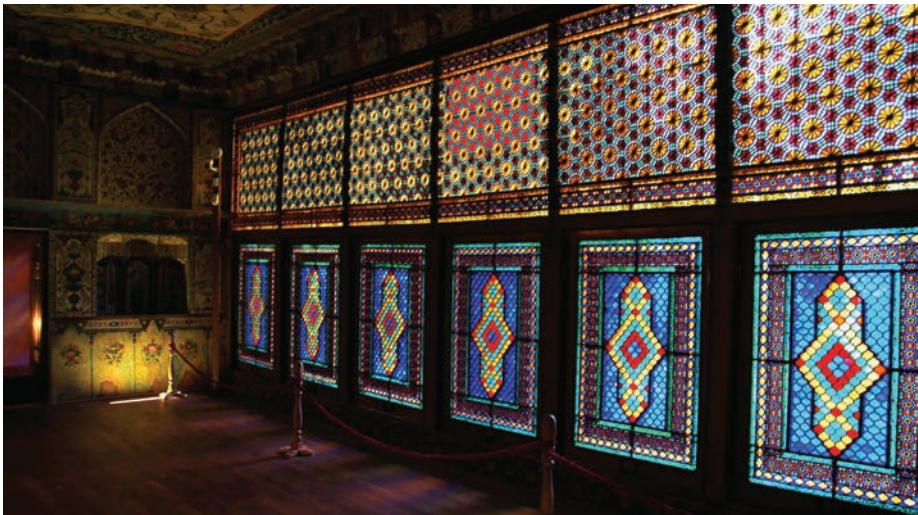
Providing the foundation for such societies is an essential component of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and here in

particular of Sustainable Development Goal 16. We are facing one of the most opportune times to act towards our shared objectives. In a world in which wars and regional instabilities create a humanitarian crisis of almost unrivalled dimension and cause millions of people to migrate to distant places, we can no longer afford to disregard the fact that conflicts as well as their resolution only happen in our diverse collectivity.

To speak with one of my most favorite quotes by the grand Mahatma Gandhi: "Civilization is the encouragement of differences."

In this spirit, here in Baku and with the participation of youth, political, religious, and business leaders, researchers, media, and members of civil society, we want to deepen our dialogue, share our perspectives and create an understanding of what constitutes inclusive societies.

I call on us all to work hard yet enjoy this unique three-day opportunity to find common ground in our humanity and to define practical and effective solutions and partnerships for implementing societies that are stable, inclusive, and creative enough to embrace all of us in our differences.



PALACE OF SHAKI KHANS

UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS



ABOUT UNAOC

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) was established in 2005, at the political initiative of Mr. Kofi Annan, former United Nations Secretary General, and co-sponsored by the governments of Spain and Turkey. A High-Level Group of experts was formed to explore the roots of polarization between societies and cultures today, and to recommend a practical programme of action to address the issue, which formed the basis for the implementation plan of UNAOC.

In 2013, Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser assumed the position of UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, succeeding President Jorge Sampaio.

The Alliance maintains a global network of partners including states, international and regional organizations, civil society groups, foundations, and the private sector to improve cross-cultural relations between diverse nations and communities.

VISION

Guided by the principles of the UN Charter, the report of the High-Level Group, and the priorities of the UN Secretary-General, UNAOC works towards a more peaceful and socially inclusive world, by building mutual respect among people of different cultural and

religious identities, and highlighting the will of the world's majority to reject extremism and embrace diversity. UNAOC seeks to operate in situations where it can contribute to broader efforts to ameliorate identity-based crises and promote culturally sensitive development policies.

MISSION

UNAOC projects are fashioned around four pillars: Education, Youth, Migration, and Media, which all play a critical role in reducing cross-cultural tensions and in building bridges between communities.

UNAOC pursues its objectives through a variety of activities:

- Contact and dialogues between stakeholders (governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental)
- Development of targeted projects
- Advocacy by the High Representative and UNAOC staff
- Interventions to defuse religious and cultural tensions by mobilizing third parties that can act as forces of moderation and understanding such as religious leaders, grassroots organizations, youth and women leaders.

AZERBAIJAN: A BRIDGE BETWEEN CIVILIZATIONS

Situated at the cross-roads of cultures and civilizations, Azerbaijan represents a juncture between East and West and between North and South. Through its location, history, traditions and its strong presence in the international arena, Azerbaijan has gained the reputation of being a bridge between civilizations and a unique place for intercultural dialogue.

Azerbaijan's historical development as an example of a Muslim-majority democratic and secular republic, its geographical position, and its multi-ethnic population created favourable conditions for the spread of different religions and beliefs around the country in different periods of time. Azerbaijan's experience, despite challenges, is an example of a country moving forward to substantive progress through inclusion.

Today, Azerbaijan is a dynamically developing country that is building a modern secular state, based on strong cultural traditions. It is an energy-rich country whose standard of living and economy continues to grow, exemplified by the construction boom in Baku, the capital. An interesting blend of modernity and ancient

history, Baku is not only a city with a large industrial complex, but it's also a city with a rich cultural and scientific life and a multicultural city with broadcasts and newspapers published in various languages. Hosting the first ever European Games in 2015, Azerbaijan will conduct the Islamic Solidarity Games in 2017.

Azerbaijan has a tradition of welcoming guests from all over the world to engage them in dialogue for better understanding and peaceful cooperation. Since 2011 Azerbaijan has hosted the World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, in partnership with UNAOC, UNESCO, UN World Tourism Organization, Council of Europe and ISESCO. Through this initiative known as the "Baku process", Azerbaijan acknowledges the power of intercultural dialogue and demonstrates that such meetings bring all people closer and create the conditions for positive intercultural and inclusive relations.

At the same time, being a member of both Islamic and European organizations, Azerbaijan absorbs the values of both civilizations, thus enabling it to assume a role of genuine bridge.

LIVING IN INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: A CHALLENGE AND A GOAL

The 7th Global Forum will explore the features of and promote solutions to “Living Together In Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal”.

Living together in inclusive societies converges with the three major pillars of the United Nations: Peace and Security, Human rights, and Development. Societies that provide avenues for political and economic inclusion reduce the rationale for violent approaches to seeking power and wealth. In contrast, marginalization and discontent foster a sense of being lost. They can therefore fuel radicalization and push people, in particular youth, towards violent extremism.

Over the course of the past few years, the world has witnessed a staggering rise in violent extremism, religious intolerance and radicalization. Extremist groups seek to undermine humanity’s shared values of peace, justice and human dignity. Furthermore, countries in many regions of the world are facing challenges to integrating migrants and refugees, at least partly due to the large numbers. The resultant nativist and xenophobic rhetoric are themselves potent drivers of polarization, extremism and marginalization.

The promotion of just, peaceful and inclusive societies requires overcoming challenges in the areas of migration and education. Youth and media are particularly key actors in moving forward to the goal of an inclusive society. These notions are factored into UNAOC’s four pillars, namely Education, Youth, Migration, and Media.

As an agile United Nations entity, UNAOC will utilize this forum to address these challenges by focusing on “Preventing Violent Extremism” and “Best Practices in Social Inclusion” in two plenaries. The Forum will provide a platform to discuss the way forward to build societies based on genuine respect for everyone’s rights including freedom of belief, equal opportunities, and good governance as well as an inclusive framework of tolerance and respect for diversity. These sub-themes have obvious resonance with UNAOC activities, which will be further explored in breakout sessions and networking sessions with current and potential partners.



PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2016

09:00-21:00	Confirmation of accreditation and collection of the Forum ID/badges	Baku Business Center
10:00-18:00	Youth Event (by invitation only)	Baku Convention Centre
14:00-18:00	Business Symposium	Baku Convention Centre
18:00-19:00	Press Conference	Baku Convention Centre
19:00-19:30	Opening of the Marketplace of Ideas and Youth Photo Contest Award Ceremony	Baku Convention Centre
	Presentation of the book "Me. We. Us" dedicated to Alliance of Civilizations	JW Marriott Absheron hotel

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2016

06:00-08:30	Departure from the hotels to the Forum's venue	Baku Convention Centre
06:00-09:30	Collection of ID/badges and security screening	
	Opening Ceremony:	Baku Convention Centre
10:30-11:00	Azerbaijan (Host Government of the Forum)	
	United Nations Secretary-General	
	United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations	
	Spain and Turkey (co-sponsors)	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break (all participants)	Baku Convention Centre
	Plenary Session I:	
11:30-13:00	Platforms and Partnerships for the Prevention of Violent Extremism	Baku Convention Centre
	Official lunch hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan (by invitation)	
13:00-14:30	Lunch (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
14:30-16:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel):	Baku Convention Centre
	• #SpreadNoHate:	
	Sharing Good Practices of Preventing and Countering Hate Speech	
	• Religious Leaders and Violent Extremism:	
	The Challenges of Prevention	
	• Civil Society and Business:	
	Working Together for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development	
	• Global Citizenship Education	
15:00-18:30	UNAOC Group of Friends High Level Meeting	Heydar Aliyev Center
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	Baku Convention Centre

16:30-18:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter-Narratives to Cyberextremism Through Apps and Video Games • Women and Peace building in Conflict Zones • Save the Dream: Sport for Peace, Sustainable and Inclusive Development • The Role of Cities in Global Migration 	Baku Convention Centre
18:00-19:00	Dinner (open buffet)	Baku Convention Centre
19:00-20:30	Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony (UNAOC-BMW Group) Azerbaijan Children Orchestra Concert	Heydar Aliyev Centre
21:00-23:30	Departure from the Forum venues to the hotels	

WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2016

07:30-08:30	Departure from the hotels to the Forum's venue		
09:30-11:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constructing Peace, Deconstructing Terror• Reporting in Times of Crisis: Telling Migrant Tales through Creative Storytelling• Youth Participation for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: the Crucial Role of Partnerships Across Generations and Sectors• Fostering Inclusiveness and Integration through Global Education	Networking Sessions (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLURAL+: Celebrating Youth Produced Media on Migration and Social Inclusion (led by UNAOC and IOM)• The Role of Azerbaijan in Building a Multicultural Society (led by Baku International Multiculturalism Centre)• Learning to Live Together: the Challenge of Insecurity and Conflict (led by Education Above All)• Alliance of Civilizations and Al-Farabi, A Civilization Philosopher (led by National Turkish Coordination Council of the Alliance of Civilizations)	Baku Convention Centre
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break (all participants) Signature of Memoranda of Understanding (Heads of Organizations)		Baku Convention Centre

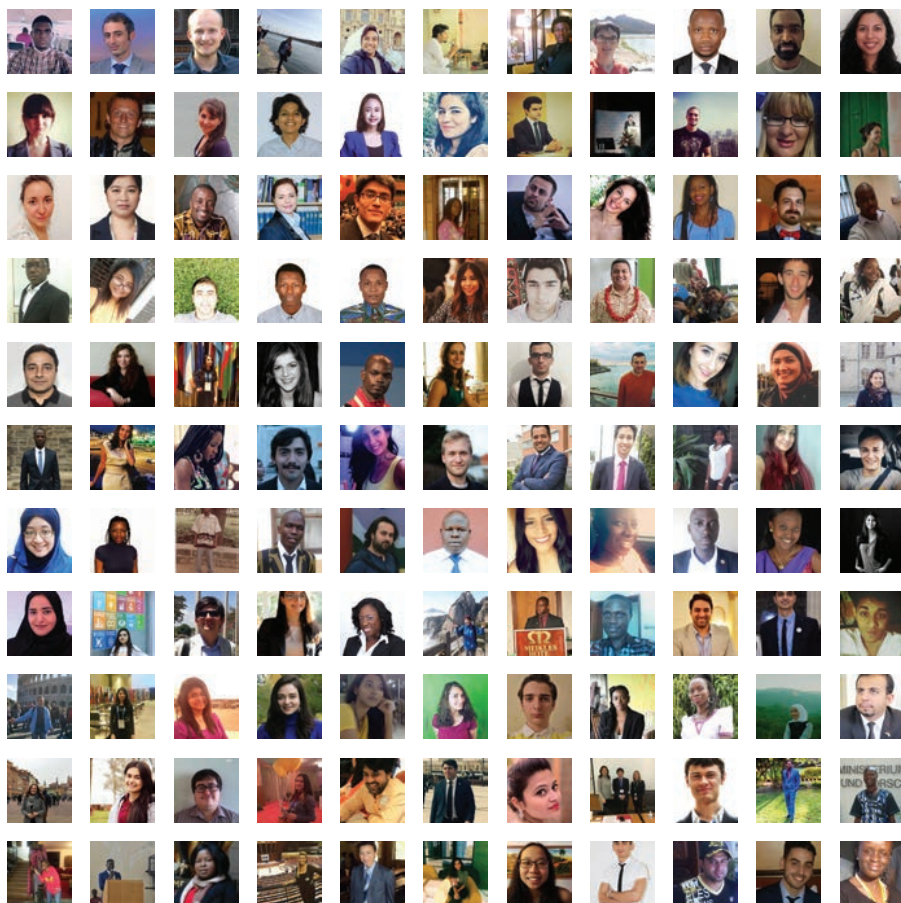
11:30-13:00	Breakout Sessions (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Showcase: Impact Across UNAOC Pillars • D-Goals of Preventing Violent Extremism through Education: Educating for Development, Diversity and Dialogue • Baku Process: Responding to New Challenge for Global Intercultural Dialogue • Media & Information Literacy: Tools for Building Resilience to Violent Extremist Propaganda 	Networking Sessions (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Silk Road: A Route of Peace (led by Nexos-Allianza) • Promoting Multicultural Perspectives to Prevent Extremism (led by IRCICA) • Italy and the Alliance of Civilizations: Four Proposals for an Innovative Cultural Dialogue (led by the Government of Italy) 	Baku Convention Centre
13:00-13:30	Press Conference		Baku Convention Centre
13:00-14:30	Lunch (open buffet)		Baku Convention Centre
14:30-16:30	Plenary Session 2: Good Practices in Social Inclusion		Baku Convention Centre
16:30-17:00	Closing Ceremony: Azerbaijan (Host Government of the Forum) United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (Outcomes of the Forum)		Baku Convention Centre
17:30-19:00	Dinner (open buffet)		Baku Convention Centre
19:00-19:30	Departure from the Forum venues to the Heydar Aliyev Palace		
20:00-22:00	“Musical alliance of civilizations” concert		Heydar Aliyev Palace



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YOUTH EVENT

LIVING TOGETHER IN INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: NARRATIVES OF TOMORROW

APRIL 25, 2016

The Youth Event is a unique international opportunity for civic and intercultural participation offered to 150 leaders between the ages of 18-35 from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds with outstanding track records in intercultural dialogue and youth work. The program is built on participants' contribution during a two-month online engagement phase before the event, on their vision and solutions for a world in which people "live together in inclusive societies". The outcome of the Youth Event is a series of Narratives of Tomorrow, which articulate youth's vision for inclusive societies, building on the positive contributions youth are already making in this regard and offering a compelling alternative for countering polarization and exclusion.

Conceived as a youth- and participant-centred platform, the Youth Event aims to:

- Increase competences of young people to act as agents of social transformation (increased knowledge about intercultural dialogue and social action for inclusive societies, exposure to international event/policy discussion; awareness of the global youth movement for peace);
- Promote the SDGs and discuss the role of youth in achieving them by 2030;
- Offer access to resources and networks, including possibilities of partnerships;
- Support and provide a framework for selected participants to contribute to the Global Forum and related policy and programming discussions that are inclusive of diverse youth voices and perspectives;
- Develop the Narratives of Tomorrow – A reference to be used during and after the Forum by youth organizations, other civil society organizations, UNAOC, and interested stakeholders.

150 PARTICIPANTS TO THE YOUTH EVENT AND THE 7TH UNAOC GLOBAL FORUM:

Abdulaziz Ramadan – Union of Kurdish Students in Syria and Germany e. V.
Adam Bucko – MuniMUN, Slovak Republic
Ainagul Amatbekova – Public Union “Novi Ritm”, Kyrgyzstan
Aizat Bin Shamsuddin – Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV), Malaysia
Akash Jaiswal – The Blue Ribbon Movement, India
Akrasi Dadzie – Emerging Leaders in Technology and Engineering, Ghana
Aldiyar Auyezbek – Central Asian Youth Network, Kazakhstan
Amos Odong – East African Community Youth Union (EACYU), Uganda
Amro Hussain – Restless Development/ Action2015 Youth/ UK Youth Panel
Ana Lucia Marquez Escobedo – The Hunger Project Mexico
Anastasia Yanina – Youth Included, Czech Republic
Andrii Tymofeiuk – AIESEC Ukraine
Anina Hristova Yovkova – United Nations Association of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Youth Delegate to the United Nations
Arushi Mittal – People for Parity Foundation, India
Asma Hassan Abdalrahman Abdalfatah – Sudanese Development Initiative
Asmaa El Messnaoui – The Moroccan Witness Association
Avon Palaca Sinajon – National Youth Parliament (Davao Chapter), Philippines
Aytan Aliyeva – “Great Silk Way” International Youth Union
Aytan Huseynli – ADA University, Azerbaijan
Bakhtiyar Islamov – ASAN Volunteers Youth Organization, Azerbaijan
Bojana Rajic – Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Serbia
Bolun Li – Asia Pacific Young Leaders Partnership, China
Bruno Garcia Lopes Cruz – Centre for Human Rights and Immigrant Citizenship, Brazil
Caitlin Rose Smart – Safe Mind Space, New Zealand
Camila Batista Pinto – Presente! / CDI Global
Carina Anna Autengruber – Austrian National Youth Council
Chanthalangsy Sisouvanh – Rural Development Agency (RDA), Laos
Chipiliro Ray Kalonde – African Union Youth Volunteer Corps, Ethiopia
Christian Cito Cirhigiri – Bukavu Youth Action Center, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Cristina Turcu – GLOW Moldova
David Sebastian Vasquez Leon – Enseña Ecuador
Dede Rita Youlo Yillia – Youth Partnership for Peace and Development (YPPD) Liberia, Inc.
Deniz Memedi – Center for Intercultural Dialogue, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Despoina Kiltsopoulou – Elix, Greece
Diane Ishimwe – Youth Service Organization (YSO), Rwanda
Dmitri Romanovski – European Youth Press, Poland
Dumiso Gatsha – Success Capital Organisation, Botswana
Edrissa Baldeh – Fulbe Africa, The Gambia
Ei Pwint Rhi Zan – Yangon Based Youth Volunteers Network, Third Story Project Myanmar
Elkhan Heydarli – European Law Students’ Association, Azerbaijan
Emmanuel Nshimiyimana – Milky Way Youth Movement, Rwanda
Emmanuel Wakana – Youth Empowerment and Leadership Initiative (YELI), Burundi
Enayatullah Nasir – Youth Coordination and Empowerment Network, Afghanistan
Erhan Arslan – Co-Opinion Youth Network, Turkey
Erly Roxana Munoz Hernandez – World Federation of United Nations Associations Youth Network, Venezuela
Etibar Etibarli Qudrat – Azerbaijan State University of Economics MUN
Fale Andrew Lesa – ACWAY (A Common Word Among the Youth), Samoa
Farid Suleyman – Azerbaijan Scout Association

Fatou Jeng – Children Advocacy Network, The Gambia
 Fatoumata Kebe – Ephemerides, France
 Federico Jose Wynter Litwin – The Shoah Project, Uruguay
 Firhaana Bint S Bulbulia – Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Barbados
 Gatien Aba Mbabe – School Without Borders (E.S.F), Cameroon
 Gelila Biresaw Sime – Young Africa Leaders Initiative (YALI) Network, Ethiopia
 Govinda Pathak – Pace Youth Nepal
 Grace Alden Patterson – World Faith, United States of America
 Guljannat Huseynli – ASAN Volunteers Youth Organization, Azerbaijan
 Hadeye Maiga – Yellen Africa, Mali
 Hannah Manuela Keim – Neue Nachbarschaft, Germany
 Harry Chikasamba – Students for Liberty Malawi
 Hind Jamal Farah Farahat – Tech Tribes, Jordan
 Huseyn Ibadov – oikos Baku, Azerbaijan
 Hussein Itani – Adyan, Lebanon
 Hussein Zaitoon – Aljana Center for Cultural and Social Development, Israel
 Ilesha Yasser Moustafa – Sports Against Racism Ireland
 Ileana Daniela Rabbat Braganza – Amani Institute, Argentina
 Issana Meria Burhan – Polyglot Indonesia
 Iulia Khlynova – The Center for Interethnic Cooperation, Russian Federation
 James Thuch Madhier – ACWAY (A Common Word Among the Youth), South Sudan
 Jamila Poladova – University of Economics (UNEC), Azerbaijan
 Jane Talingana Chirwa – African Union Youth Volunteer Corps, Malawi
 Javier Nicolas Pineda Olcay – Latin American and Caribbean Youth Alliance
 Jessica Kastoun – International Youth Leadership Conference/ Civics Concepts International, Australia
 Jonathan Oliver Bror Otto – Council for International Conflict Resolution (RIKO), Denmark
 Jorge Antonio Chavez Mazuelos – San Ignacio de Loyola Organization, Peru
 Julian David Rodriguez Sastoque – My World Colombia
 Juliet Chinyere Aniagu – Youth Interfaith Council, Nigeria
 Karishma Kaajal Kumar – Aspire Network, Fiji
 Kerim Somun – Youth Initiative for Human Rights Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Khairunnisa Ash'ari – Brunei Youth Council
 Khayala Mammadova – Azerbaijan Young Entrepreneurs Network Public Union
 Khishigjargal Enkhbayar – UN Youth Advisory Panel
 Kholoud Ahamd Mohammad Al Ajarma – Laje'oon Center, State of Palestine, and Peace Revolution
 Kudzai Chimbaira – Integrationsteatern, Sweden
 Lawrence Otieno Dieto – CRESS Kenya
 Liyanaarachchige Neluni Suninika Tillekeratne – Sri Lanka Unites
 Lizwi Njani – Umthombo Wekamva, South Africa
 Loizos Loukaidis – Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, Cyprus
 Lou Louis Koboji Loboka – Kajo-Keji Health Training Institute, South Sudan
 Louiza Hadjivasilou – Cyprus Youth Council
 Lyne Vanessa Alexandre – Association des jeunes impliqués socialement (AJIS), Haiti
 Madina Abdullaeva – The Youth Civic Movement of Uzbekistan "KAMOLOT"
 Malick Lingani – BEOG NEERE (For a better future), Burkina Faso
 Manal Harrouche – African Youth Movement, Algeria
 Margaret Idowu Bolaji – UNFPA Youth Advisory Group (YAG), Nigeria
 Maria Jose Velasquez Flores – United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)
 Maria Lourdes Zapata Miranda – AIESEC Nicaragua
 Maryam Ahmed E N Al-Nasr – Education Above All Foundation (EAA), Qatar
 Maryam Majidova – AIESEC Azerbaijan
 Massimiliano Maria Verri – European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL) and AFS Intercultural Programs

Mersila Ballo – Children’s Human Rights Centre of Albania (CRCA)
 Michelle Alexis Thomas – Jamaican Youth Empowerment through Culture, Arts and Nationalism (JAYECAN)
 Minh Anh Thu Le – STEP Forward Exchange, Vietnam
 Misheck Gondo – National Association of Youth Organisations (NAYO), Zimbabwe
 Moboladji Constant Benjamin Odounfa – One African Child International, Benin
 Mohamed Elsayed Gamal Ali Haggag – Safarni - Intercultural Children’s Workshop, Egypt
 Mohammadshoaib Nasiri – Fast Relief and Development (FRD), Afghanistan
 Nadir Mehdiyev – ELSA Azerbaijan
 Najeeb Ahmad Fokeerbux – Young Queer Alliance, Mauritius
 Namaz Karimov – Time for Development Program, Azerbaijan
 Negar Reisi – AIESEC Iran
 Narmin Eminova – European Youth Parliament Azerbaijan
 Nigar Ibrahimova – Surakhani Youth House, Azerbaijan
 Nousheen Nower Zoarder – Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative
 Nuriyya Guliyeva – Great Silk Way International Youth Union
 Nurlan Jahangirli – AIESEC Azerbaijan
 Ornella Malanda Nsoki – Nzolani, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Parvin Rahimli – Khazar University MUN, Azerbaijan
 Portia Dery – African Youth Writers Organization-AYWO, Ghana
 Ranim Asfahani – MOBADEROON, Syria
 Rashida M. Namulondo – The Sophie Muwanika Institute of Art for Change, Uganda
 Rebaz Khorsheed Mohammed – People’s Development Organization (PDO), Iraq
 Rusudan Zabakhidze – Youth Voices Georgia-The World Bank Group
 Ruxandra Sorina Tanase – PATRIR, Romania and United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)
 Samira Gasimova – AAA, US Educated Azerbaijan Alumni Association
 Sean David Moyes Turnbull – 3FF (Three Faiths Forum), United Kingdom
 Sevda Shikhaliyeva – AIESEC Azerbaijan
 Seyed Iman Ziabari Seyedin – Fair Observer, Iran
 Shahid Rehmat – Youth Development Foundation (YDF), Pakistan
 Shamsi Gulverdiyev – Azerbaijan Student Youth Organizations’ Union (ASYOU)
 Shuheji Sakoguchi – Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Japan America Student Conference (JASC)
 Shukur Guliyev – European Youth Parliament Azerbaijan
 Siarhei Bartalevich – World in Peace, Belarus
 Sitraka Faniry Nantenaina Ratsimba – Focus Development Association, Madagascar
 Solomon Abebe Addis – Millennium Youth Coalition, Ethiopia
 Sougourounoma Henri Kabore – Jeunesse Etudiante Catholique (JEC) / Young Catholic Students (YCS), Burkina Faso
 Syrah Aissatou Ahidra – AIESEC Cote d’Ivoire
 Thando Gwinji – Youths for Innovation Trust, Zimbabwe
 Tina Hocevar – National Youth Council of Slovenia
 Tshewang Gyeltshen – Youth Initiative for Debate, Deliberation and Development (YIDDD), Bhutan
 Turkan Mukhtarova – Azerbaijani Youth Euro-Atlantic Organization
 Ulkar Zaidova – “Common Sense” Youth Organization, Sumgait, Azerbaijan
 Vanessa Ngoc Bui – Vancouver Youth Food Policy Council, Canada
 Vusal Abasov – oikos Baku, Azerbaijan
 Yvonne Bellys Akoth – Impart Change, Kenya
 Waleed Abdo Mohammed Althujry – Generations for Peace, Yemen
 Warda El-Kaddouri – Flemish Youth Council, Belgium
 Weldetensae Yetbarek – Vancouver Foundation, Fresh Voices, Canada
 Yasin Chaib Rodriguez – Ibn Battuta Foundation, Spain



**H.E. NASSIR
ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER**

UN HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser has been UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations since 2013. Previously, he held the Presidency of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly. From 1998-2011, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN, which he represented as a non-permanent member to the Security Council in 2006-2007. Mr. Al-Nasser was Ambassador to Jordan from 1993-1998. He was first posted to the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the UN as Minister Plenipotentiary from 1986-1993. The recipient of numerous decorations and awards, Mr. Al-Nasser was made an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association in New York in 2009. He also holds three honorary doctorates in international affairs, recognizing his efforts to foster cross-cultural understanding.



LEYLA ALIYEVA

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HEYDAR ALIYEV
FOUNDATION, GOODWILL AMBASSADOR
OF UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDER OF
INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION.

Leyla İlkhəm qızı Aliyeva was born on 3rd July 1985, in Moscow. From 2006 until 2008 Leyla Aliyeva studied for her Master's degree at MGIMO. Since the 10th of May 2007 Leyla Aliyeva has headed the representation of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in the Russian Federation.

In May 2008 she became the General Coordinator of the O.I.C. Youth Forum for international dialogue. Leyla Aliyeva was made the Chair of AYOR – the Azerbaijan Youth Organization of Russia – in April 2009.

On November 22nd 2011 Leyla Aliyeva received a special Certificate and Commendation from the United Nations.



AZAD RAHIMOV

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF
AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC

Mr. Azad Rahimov was born in October 10, 1964, in Baku. In 1986 he graduated from the Azerbaijan University of Languages.

In 1987-1989 he has been the head the department of the Khatai district Committee of the Youth Union (Komsomol) of Azerbaijan and in 1989-1990 the head the Khatai district Committee of the Youth Union (Komsomol) of Azerbaijan. In 1994-1998 he has been the chief director of "Ros-IMESKO" LLC and from 1998 till February 7, 2006 the chief director of "İtaldizayn" Closed Joint Stock Company. During 2005 – 2006 was at the position of President of the Azerbaijan Dance Sport Federation. Between 2013 – 2015 was the CEO of the First European Games "Baku 2015".

Since 2006 Minister of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan Republic and Vice-president of the National Olympic Committee.



AHMAD ALHENDAWI

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
ENVOY ON YOUTH

Ahmad Alhendawi of Jordan is the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. He assumed office in February 2013. Born in 1984, Mr. Alhendawi holds a Master's degree in Advanced European and International Relations, a diploma as "Policy Officer in European and International Organizations" from the Institut Européen in Nice, and a Bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan. He is a youth expert and advocate at the national, regional and international levels. He has studied and worked in Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, France, and Germany. His current office is based at the UN Headquarters in New York.



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Rashid Zuberu founded Young Peace Brigades in Ghana at the age of 17. The organization has a comprehensive peacebuilding programme for communities affected by conflicts in West Africa. Rashid is a trainer on conflict transformation, peacebuilding, human rights and he advocates on contemporary issues. He represents West & Central African member organizations on the UNOY Peacebuilders' ISG, which decides on the network's strategy and activities. Rashid played a key role in UNOY Peacebuilders Youth Advocacy Team that led a successful global civil society effort for the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth Peace and Security in 2015.



SÖLVI KARLSSON

UNITED NETWORK OF YOUNG
PEACEBUILDERS

Sölvi Karlsson is a leading coordinator at the United Network of Young Peacebuilders, the global network of youth peace organisations. In this role he leads a network of 70 youth organisations in 45 countries, working to create a world where young people have the opportunity and skills to contribute to peace. Sölvi was a key part of the lead-up to the historic UN Security Council resolution 2250, the first UNSC resolution on youth, peace and security. He is a passionate advocate for the role of young people in creating positive social change, and the importance of actively building a more peaceful world.



SHARON LO

REGIONAL FOCAL POINT (NORTH AND
SOUTHEAST ASIA), UNITED NATIONS
MAJOR GROUP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HABITAT III WORKING GROUP

Sharon is the Regional Focal Point (North and Southeast Asia) for the UNMGCY Habitat III working group. She has previously advocated for human rights with Amnesty International from a grassroots through national level, is a former World Vision Youth Ambassador and currently works at the Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response (CCOUC). She has also recently established Youth EMPact, a platform to empower ethnic minority youth in Hong Kong, under the Clinton Global University Initiative. She holds a first class MA in International Relations from The University of St Andrews.



MARI ULLMANN

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS
ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA)

Mari Ullmann is Sustainable Development Officer at the New York headquarters of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, where she is responsible for the organization's work to promote the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining WFUNA, she was Advocacy Advisor with Plan International, leading their post-2015 advocacy at the UN, with a particular focus on youth participation. Previous positions include the Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution and Save the Children in Ethiopia, where she managed education programs for Somali refugees. Mari holds an M.A. in International Education from New York University, and a B.A. in Anthropology from McGill University.

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**H.E. NASSIR
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SHAHIN MUSTAFAYEV
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Shahin Mustafayev began his career as the Chief Accountant at the Baku Head Construction Office, from 1990 to 1991. From 1991 he moved over into the public sector full time, eventually becoming Chief in the Office of Economic Analysis and Organization of Accounting, attached to the Ministry of Taxes. From 2003 he joined SOCAR, eventually becoming a Vice-President. In September 2006 he joined the government as First Deputy Minister of Taxes, and since October 2008 he has been the Minister of Economic Development (the Minister of Economy since January 2016).



BILL MCANDREWS
**VICE PRESIDENT BMW GROUP
COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY, CORPORATE
AND MARKET COMMUNICATIONS**

Bill McAndrews, a US native, joined the BMW Group Corporate and Governmental Affairs Division in 2006 and is currently Vice President of BMW Group Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications. His previous positions include Head of Group Press Relations and Deputy Head of Corporate Communications at RWE, as well as leading International Corporate Communications at Deutsche Telekom AG and working in corporate communications for various other leading DAX-listed international corporations.

Bill McAndrews received his B.A. and M.A. from Boston University and Middlebury College, respectively. Before moving to Germany in 1988, he lived and worked in the Middle East for 5 years and prior to this, he worked a few years in Madrid, Spain.



VLADIMIR YAKUNIN

**CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENTAL
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Vladimir Yakunin was born in 1948. In 1972, he graduated from Leningrad Mechanical University, Department for Aircraft Construction. Doctor of Political Science. He started his career as a junior scientist at the State Institute for Applied Chemistry. Then he proceeded with state service and worked as an engineer, then senior engineer for foreign relations at the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of USSR and head of a Division at the Abraham Ioffe Institute for Physics and Technology of the Academy of Sciences of USSR. Later on Mr. Yakunin was first and then second secretary of the Soviet Diplomatic Mission to the United Nations. Then he headed the North-Western Inspectorate of the Presidential Control Directorate of the Russian Federation. Since 2000 Mr. Yakunin was Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation. Since February of 2002 he worked as first Deputy Minister of Railway Transport and since October of 2003 as first Vice-President of Joint Stock Company Russian Railways. During 2005 - 2015 Mr. Yakunin was appointed President of JSC Russian Railways. He is Co-President of the French-Russian Dialogue Association. He is also a visiting professor of the Stockholm School of Economics and a professor of the Lomonosov Moscow State University.



HOLGER HEIMS

MANAGING PARTNER OF FALCON GROUP

Holger Heims is a Managing Partner of Falcon Group (www.falcongroup.net), an international private equity and corporate finance group, with offices in Switzerland, South America and opening in Iran. Over the last 25 years he raised and managed more than \$2bn with his partners for investments in technology, infrastructure and renewable energy. Holger has been Managing Partner for several funds of Deutsche Bank, as well as funds, where Hilti, Schindler, Novartis, ABB, Nestle and other global industrials had invested. His experience includes CEO, CFO and board positions in both U.S. and European public companies. A German national, he graduated from the University of Munich, with post graduate education at INSEAD in France.



JONATHAN SHEN

**FOUNDER AND THE CEO OF SHINWORK
MEDIA**

Jonathan SHEN is the founder and the CEO of Shinework Media, a leading Chinese production company dedicated to international cultural exchange in the domain of film, television, musical, gaming, and show business. He is also the producer of the TV series World Film Report, aired on China Movie Channel, that has interviewed 5,000 film celebrities and explored 1,500 film locations over 80 countries in the past 15 years.

Mr. SHEN was selected as TOP 100 producers of China by the Chinese government and the first Chinese producer to be admitted into l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by France.



BRIAN J. GRIM

**FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM & BUSINESS FOUNDATION**

Brian J. Grim, Ph.D., is founding president of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation (RFBF) and chair of the World Economic Forum's global agenda council on the role of faith. Brian also supports and works closely with the "Business for Peace" platform of the United Nations Global Compact, and is an advisor for the religion & geopolitics project of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. Brian holds a visiting professorship at St. Mary's University, London, where he is developing the RFBF's Empowerment+ initiative to help those experiencing various socio-economic risks – including displacement, unemployment, isolation, crime, addiction and extremism – to become self-reliant.



KAREN MAHLAB AM

PRO BONO AUSTRALIA

Karen Mahlab AM has been an innovator in opening the channels of connection between business, communities, not-for-profit organisations, volunteers, philanthropy. She was awarded a prestigious Order of Australia in 2015 for her work in philanthropy and civil society organisations. In 1999 after a career in the corporate sector she established Pro Bono Australia as a social purpose business. Since then it has developed into the Australian "hub for the Common Good" engaging over one million Australians through media and education. Karen has long and broad experience on boards and in initiating social change programs. She was named as one of the Top 100 Women of Influence Awards in the Financial Review/Westpac Awards in 2012.

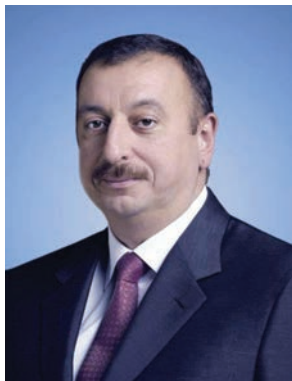


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H.E. ILHAM ALIYEV

**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN**

Ilham Heydar oğlu Aliyev was born on December 24, 1961, in Baku. In 1982, he graduated from Moscow State University of International Relations (MSUIR) and continued his education as a postgraduate student in MSUIR. In 1985, he received a PhD degree in History. In 1994-2003, he was the First Vice-President of the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR). In 1995 and 2000, he was twice elected to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In August 4, 2003, following the approval of the Milli Majlis (Parliament), he was appointed as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In 2003, 2008, 2013 he was elected the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Mr. Aliyev is fluent in Azerbaijani, English, Russian, French, and Turkish. Mr. Aliyev is married with three children and three grandchildren. He is an author of numerous research works on geopolitical aspects of oil strategy of Azerbaijan.



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H.E. BAN KI-MOON

**SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS**

At the time of his election as Secretary-General, Mr. Ban was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. His 37 years of service with the Ministry included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C. and Vienna, and responsibility for a variety of portfolios, including Foreign Policy Adviser to the President, Chief National Security Adviser to the President, Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and Director-General of American Affairs. He received a bachelor's degree in international relations from Seoul National University in 1970 and earned a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1985.



RECEP TAYYIP
ERDOGAN

PRESIDENT OF TURKEY

Born in Istanbul in 1954, Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been the President of Turkey since 2014. He established the Justice and Development Party (AKP) in 2001 and served as prime minister from 2003-2014. In that role, Recep Tayyip Erdogan implemented a number of reforms of crucial importance to progress the democratization and transparency of Turkey. He also served as mayor of Istanbul from 1994-1998. Mr. Erdogan graduated from Marmara University's Faculty of Economics and Commercial Sciences.



JOSÉ MANUEL GARCÍA-
MARGALLO Y MARFIL

**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
COOPERATION OF SPAIN**

Mr. José Manuel García-Margallo is the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. He was a member of the Spanish Parliament and the European Parliament for almost 20 years. He held various official positions, incl. the Deputy Chairman of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the Intergroup on Financial Services and the Deputy Chairman of the Delegation for Central America and Cuba. He has also been President of the Petitions Committee of the Spanish Congress. Mr. García-Margallo joined the Finance Inspectorate in 1968 and was Director General of Community Development at the Ministry of Culture. He was awarded the Gran Cross for Civil Merit and the Order of Constitutional Merit. He holds a Doctorate in Law from Miguel Hernández University and a Master of Laws from Harvard University.

THE INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD

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ORGANIZATIONS & PROJECTS (in alphabetical order)

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Girls Education Promotion Program (Kenya)

Give Something Back To Berlin e.V.

Give Something Back To Berlin (Germany)

International Council for Cultural Centers

Bakers without Borders - Game and Network (Bulgaria)

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From the Margins to the Front Page (United Kingdom)

Red Dot Foundation

Safecity (India)

Routes 2 Roots

Student Exchange Program (India)

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ABOUT THE AWARD

Since 2011, UNAOC and the BMW Group have engaged in a historic partnership geared towards creating a unique model for collaboration between the private sector and the UN system. Together, they have established the BMW Group Award for Intercultural Innovation, in support of the Alliance of Civilizations, under the auspices of the United Nations (otherwise known as "The Intercultural Innovation Award"), whose mandate is to select and support highly innovative grassroots projects that promote intercultural dialogue and understanding, making vital contributions to peace, cultural diversity and more inclusive societies. Ten organizations will receive the Intercultural Innovation Award

following a highly competitive selection process with close to 1000 applications received from 120 countries. In addition to a monetary prize, finalists will receive customized support and mentoring to help their projects expand and replicate in other contexts.

By the end of 2015, the Award impacted organizations operating in 98 countries, benefiting more than 1 million individuals around the world since its establishment.

Final rankings will be announced at the Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony, to be held at the Heydar Aliyev Centre on Tuesday, 26 April 2016. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, and Bill McAndrews, Vice President

THE AWARD CEREMONY

BMW Group Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications, will chair the ceremony in the presence of a number of officials from the host Government and the United Nations.



UNAOC GROUP OF FRIENDS

UNAOC benefits from a political support of the Group of Friends, a community of countries and international organizations, which actively promotes UNAOC's objectives and work at the global, regional, and local levels. The Group is a driving force of UNAOC and plays a vital role UNAOC's strategic planning and implementation process.

UNAOC's Group of Friends currently includes 145 member states and organizations, which represent all continents, societies, and cultures:

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PLENARY SESSION I

“PLATFORMS AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM”

Violent extremism presents grave challenges to peace and security, sustainable development, human rights, and humanitarian action. While the world has always had to deal with terrorism, today's rise in violent extremism has drawn larger groups of people into its orbit, both as agents and objects. Over the last few years, several UN programs and agencies, governments, and NGOs have constructed plans to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

“Countering” violent extremism implies an immediate response to actions that occurred, while “preventing,” or thwarting, violent extremism refers to efforts that prevent actions from occurring. This approach takes a longer-term view in addressing some of the conditions conducive to the emergence of violent extremism. These conditions include political instability and conflict, violations of human rights, discrimination and marginalization, and lack of economic opportunity. All of these issues are strongly linked to the UN pillars of peace and security, human rights, and development.

Therefore, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has led an effort to create a UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism. The approach emphasizes Pillars I and IV of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy: “tackling conditions conducive to terrorism,” and “ensuring respect for human rights for all and the rule of law while countering terrorism.” This implies good governance to foster inclusive societies based on the full respect of human rights. By addressing the conditions conducive to the multiple routes to violent extremism, the Plan of Action engages actors across sectors over the long term.

UNAOC is an ideal convening platform and catalyst for discussions and good practices on preventing violent extremism for two major reasons. First, since its inception and particularly under High Representative Nassir Al-Nasser, UNAOC has focused on partnerships across the UN family and multiple sectors in society. Second, its four pillars of education, migration, media and youth are key areas in the prevention of violent extremism.

In keeping with the “One UN” approach advocated by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UNAOC has participated actively with UN offices involved with countering extremism and terrorism, and in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) and the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED). In recent years, UNAOC has convened meetings involving multiple actors to address the conditions that are conducive to the rise of violent extremism. These conditions include clashes between - and among - cultures, and a lack of respect for human rights.

However, these conditions do not just impinge on UNAOC's mission of bridging cultures and countering polarization. They are significant obstacles themselves to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNAOC projects in youth, education, migration and media can help inoculate societies against violent extremism.

UNAOC has learned that a focus on youth as the critical target audience for all programming is essential – it is the next generation that must build positive values today that can translate into better policy development in the future. A focus on recognizing and empowering civil society ensures that project activity will have a multiplier effect, since civil society organizations have a deep and broad reach into societies and communities. UNAOC education projects encourage the creation of positive environments for respect and acceptance of the other by emphasizing learning across and about identity groups. The focus on migrant images and good practices in social inclusion can help prevent the polarization and marginalization that contributes to the rise of violent extremism. Media projects engage journalists and youth in using communications tools to resist polarization and encourage inclusion. They expose professional journalists and consumers of the media to best practices in the field by exploring means of curbing hate speech that can lead to incitement and violence. This session's objective is to come up with concrete suggestions for strengthening UNAOC's work on preventing violent extremism.



NIHAL SAAD

CHIEF OF CABINET & SPOKESPERSON FOR
HIGH-REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNAOC

Nihal Saad is Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for High-Representative for UNAOC. Previously, she was the Spokesperson for the 66th President of the UN General Assembly. With more than 22 years of experience in journalism, Ms. Saad was the Head of the Press & Information Bureau at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN. Before moving to New York, she was Senior Political Correspondent and TV host for Egypt's TV. She holds a Master degree in TV Journalism from the American University (Cairo) and a Diploma in Linguistics from Ain Shams University (Cairo). She has moderated several panel discussions in international and regional meetings. Ms. Saad has appeared on several TV shows as a commentator on international affairs, incl. Larry King (CNN), Al Arabyia TV, France 24 and Egypt's TV.

Moderator



**JOSÉ LUIS RODRÍGUEZ
ZAPATERO**

FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SPAIN

José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero is a member of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE). He was elected for two terms as Prime Minister of Spain, in the 2004 and 2008 general elections. Among the main actions taken by the Zapatero administration were the withdrawal of Spanish troops from the Iraq war; the increase of Spanish troops in Afghanistan; the idea of an Alliance of Civilizations, co-sponsored by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan; the legalization of same-sex marriage; reform of abortion law; a controversial attempt at peace negotiation with ETA; the increase of tobacco restrictions; and the reform of various autonomous statutes, particularly the Statute of Catalonia.



ELMAR MAMMADYAROV

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov is the Foreign Minister in the Government of Azerbaijan since 2004. Mr. Mammadyarov started his diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan SSR in 1982. He served there as second and first secretary until 1988. In 1991-1992 he was the Director of the State Protocol Division of Azerbaijan Republic. In 1992-1995, Mr. Mammadyarov worked in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN in New York.

In 1995-1998 he was the deputy director of the Department of International Organizations in the Ministry. In 1998-2003 he served as counselor at the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the USA. In 2003 Mr. Mammadyarov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Italy.



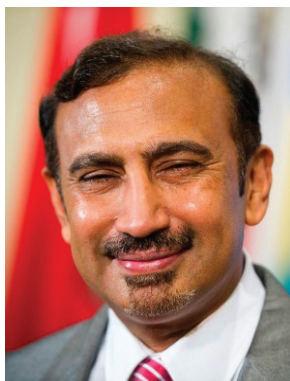
**DOMINIQUE DE
VILLEPIN**

**FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE (2005-2007)**

Dominique de Villepin was the Prime Minister of the Republic of France from 2005 to 2007, and Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2004. Before becoming head of French diplomacy, he was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also held diplomatic positions at the French embassies in Washington and New Delhi (1980-1993). From 1993 to 1995, he was Chief of Staff to Foreign Minister Alain Juppe (1993-1995) and Chief of Staff (Head of the Presidential Administration) to the President of the Republic (1995 – 2002).

Selected publications: *Les Cent-Jours ou l'esprit de sacrifice* (2001); *Le cri de la gargouille* (2002).

Awards: Grand Cross with Star of the Order of Merit (2000)



DR. JEHANGIR KHAN

**DIRECTOR OF THE UN COUNTER-
TERRORISM IMPLEMENTATION TASK
FORCE, DIRECTOR UN COUNTER-
TERRORISM CENTRE**

Dr. Jehangir Khan has served in different capacities at the UN for over 30 years. Dr. Khan is currently the Director of the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) and the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) in the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) in the UN Secretariat. He also served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of DPA's Middle East and West Asia Division (MEWAD) and, before that, of the Asia and the Pacific Division (APD), and several other UN positions. Before joining the UN Secretariat in 1992, Dr. Khan served as Chef de Cabinet to the President of the UN General Assembly.



JEAN-PAUL LABORDE

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN
COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE (CTED)**

Mr. Laborde served for 22 years in the French criminal justice system as judge, Assistant Prosecutor-General, Chief Prosecutor, and Head of the National Service for the Inspection of Penitentiary Services. From December 2010 until his appointment to CTED, Mr. Laborde served as a judge in the Criminal Chamber of France's Supreme Judicial Court. He had served with the UN for 18 years, holding senior positions in counter-terrorism and criminal justice with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (1993-2008). Mr. Laborde also served as Head of the Secretariat Unit supporting the negotiations on the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, Special Adviser of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (2009-2010).

PLENARY SESSION 2

“GOOD PRACTICES IN SOCIAL INCLUSION”

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, represented the culmination of a global and lengthy process that resulted in the announcement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to “stimulate action over the next fifteen years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.” At the outset, the document explicitly makes the connection between inclusion, development and peace by stating: “We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.

Inclusion is explicitly or implicitly (the latter often through the use of “for all/all”) addressed in many of the SDGs. Many of these goals also touch on the UNAOC mission of building bridges between communities and countering polarization between cultures. In reality or perception, cultural factors -- ethnicity, religion, language or combinations thereof – play an important role in the majority of conflicts. UNAOC High Representative H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser noted in his address to the 2015 Baku Forum on Intercultural Dialogue: “The challenge is how to forge a united and harmonious society which respects, not just tolerates, differences, especially of the minorities. In our world today, inclusiveness has become a pre-requisite for a peaceful society – all societies”.

To stamp out the sparks of conflict, cultivate respect for human rights, and harness the energy of people towards sustainable development in an inclusive manner are not mutually exclusive; rather, they are interdependent. Further, inclusion is not just a matter for developing societies; it is also a challenge and a goal for developed societies. Most recently, this has been exhibited in the challenges of integrating migrants, which is a key area within the UNAOC migration program.

Many good practices of inclusion exist at the local and national level. The objective of this session goes beyond cataloguing good practices of inclusion. Panelists are invited to suggest ways in which UNAOC and/or partners could be a platform to systematically exchange good practices of inclusion in UNAOC areas. This would enable all stakeholders to replicate, after potential adjustment, those good practices that might be applicable in their local context.



MEHRIBAN ALIYEVA

**FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN**

First Lady of Azerbaijan Mdm. Mehriban Aliyeva obtained diploma from the 1st Moscow State Medical Institute named after M.Sechenov with distinction in 1988. In 1988-1992 she worked at the Eye Diseases Scientific-Research Institute in Moscow under the leadership of academician Krasnov. Since 2002 Mehriban Aliyeva was elected the President of Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation. She is acting President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and Azerbaijan Culture Foundation, member of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ISESCO.



DR. DANILO TÜRK

**FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SLOVENIA (2007-2012)**

Dr. Danilo Türk is a professor of international law, diplomat and politician. He is Chairman of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace. Prior to his term as the third President of the Republic of Slovenia (2007-2012) he was Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, University in Ljubljana (2006-2007). In 2000-2005 he served as the UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Political Affairs. In the years 1992-2000 he was Ambassador of Slovenia to the UN in New York and served on the UN Security Council in 1999-2000.



LETIZIA MORATTI

**PRESIDENT E4IMPACT FOUNDATION, CO-
FOUNDER SAN PATRIGNANO FOUNDATION,
GRANDE UFFICIALE AL MERITO DELLA
REPUBBLICA ITALIANA**

Letizia Moratti is a businesswoman with international activities in insurance, risk management, communications services and news media. From 1994-1996, she was President of RAI (Radio Televisione Italiana). In 2001, she was appointed Italian Minister for Education, University, Scientific Research and was elected Mayor of Milan in 2006. In 2008, she successfully won the Expo 2015 for the City of Milan. In 2000, she was appointed UN Civic Ambassador against Drug and Crime. She was a member of the Italian Advisory Board of Social Impact Investment Taskforce established by the G8. Ms. Moratti is a member of the International Board of the Movement for Positive Economy, and responsible for Italy. In 2015, she founded and currently chairs the E4Impact Foundation.



MIGUEL ÁNGEL
MORATINOS

FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER OF SPAIN

Miguel Ángel Moratinos is a Spanish diplomat and politician. He has committed his professional activity to international relationships and development cooperation. In 2004, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. In his term at the head of the department, he held the presidency of the UN Security Council and the chairmanships-in-office of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the Council of the European Union. From 2012 to 2013, he was a member of the High-level advisory panel of the President of the 67th UN General Assembly. During his career, he has been awarded numerous distinctions and decorations acknowledging his political and diplomatic career.



SHAYKH ABDULLAH
BIN BAYYAH

PRESIDENT OF THE FORUM FOR
PROMOTING PEACE IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

Shaykh Abdullah Bin Bayyah is a Mauritanian professor of Islamic studies at the King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He is a specialist in all four traditional Sunni schools. Currently, he is the President of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies. He is involved in a number of scholarly councils including The Islamic Fiqh Council, a Saudi-based Institute. He also was the Vice-President of the International Union of Muslim Scholars. He is a member of the Dublin-based European Council for Fatwa and Research, a council of Muslim clerics that aims at explaining Islamic law in a way that is sensitive to the realities of European Muslims.



SHAHDAG NATIONAL PARK

BREAKOUT SESSION

"#SPREADNOHATE: SHARING GOOD PRACTICES ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING HATE SPEECH"

More than three billion people today connect to the Internet globally, and almost 68% of them are active on social networks, representing 28% of the world population. In the United States alone, almost three-quarters of adults use social networking sites, and more than half of Facebook and Twitter users get their news through those sites.

With the number of users constantly growing, social networks have become a target for the spread of hate speech and extremist propaganda. Never before in history have people been able to propagate incendiary speech in such effective way. At the same time, news organizations have had to publish content as quickly as possible, often with less editorial oversight and fact checking, which results in more generalization, dehumanizing language, and the mixing of facts and opinions.

As history has shown, rhetorical excesses can give rise to a climate of prejudice, discrimination and violence. The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) launched on 2 December 2015 a campaign against hate speech in the media (traditional media, online media and social media), with senior officials calling for a global mobilization of citizens as foot soldiers in the battle against hate speech. The launch consisted of a one-day symposium at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with various speakers who examined the different measures taken globally to counter hate speech and cyberterrorism, and discussed their limitations. The breakout session will be an opportunity to:



SUSAN SACHS

AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST AND
EDITOR SPECIALIZING IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Susan Sachs is an award-winning journalist and editor who specializes in international affairs. She has reported on conflict, mass migration, and the social and digital revolutions that are transforming global communication. Ms. Sachs recently retired as Foreign Editor of The Globe and Mail newspaper of Canada, and has worked for major newspapers including The New York Times as a correspondent based in Cairo, Moscow, Baghdad, Istanbul and Kabul. She also taught global reporting at the Graduate School of Journalism of Sciences Po in Paris and news literacy at Bosphorus University in Istanbul.

Moderator



MENNO ETTEMA

NO HATE SPEECH MOVEMENT
COORDINATOR, COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Mr. Menno Ettema, is the European coordinator of the No Hate Speech Movement, a youth campaign of the Council of Europe mobilizing young people for human rights online, freedom of speech and against hate speech. He works closely with the national campaign committees, European partners and online activist on the implementation of the campaign, by securing the coordination of the campaign website nohatespeechmovement.org, Twitter and Facebook, European trainings, seminars and the various awareness-raising and training activities at national level. Mr. Ettema has previously worked as an educational advisor for the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, supporting European Youth Organizations to develop their human rights education programmes.



RAPHAEL MINDER

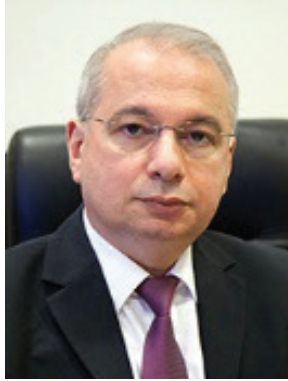
SPAIN AND PORTUGAL CORRESPONDENT
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Raphael Minder has been based in Madrid as the Spain and Portugal correspondent for the International New York Times since April 2010. He has written extensively on the impact of the financial crisis on Spain and Portugal and the resulting political tensions, including the secessionist drive in Catalonia. He has also covered social issues such as illegal migration and domestic violence in Spain, and writes about sports and culture. Born in Geneva, Raphael has been a full-time journalist since 1993, when he started working in Switzerland for Bloomberg News. He spent 10 years as a staff correspondent for the Financial Times, working in Paris, Brussels, Sydney and in Hong Kong as the FT's Asia regional correspondent.



DR. KEMAL ILTER

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AZER KHALILOV

GENERAL-DIRECTOR OF THE CBC TV



**DR. WAKAR UDDIN,
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

ARAKAN ROHINGYA UNION

Dr. Kemal Ilter holds a PhD from the Faculty of Security Sciences of the Police Academy of Ankara. He wrote his thesis on the Impact of Social Media on National Security. He has worked as a journalist in several of the leading dailies in Istanbul and Ankara. In 2001, he began working for the Information and Communications Technologies Authority (ICTA, the Turkish equivalent of the FCC), as a communication expert, and has also served at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, where he prepared the 2008 World Information Society Development Report. In 2009, he became Head of Corporate Communications in the office of the Turkish Presidency. He established and developed this office personally.

Azer Khalilov was appointed General-Director of the CBC TV ("Caspian International Broadcasting Company") – first international TB of Azerbaijan – in October, 2012.

Prior to this, Azer Khalilov was Chief Executive of ATV-International TB channel from September, 2011 until October, 2012.

Prior to this, he was Head of the BBC Azeri Service in London since September, 2001 until September, 2011. Worked for BBC as a producer and correspondent since 1991 until 1996.

Azer Khalilov graduated from Lomonosov Moscow State University where he obtained PhD degree.

Dr. Wakar Uddin is a Rohingya American, born in Maungdaw, Arakan State Burma/Myanmar. He is currently a Professor at The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Uddin is the Director General of Arakan Rohingya Union, which is a federation of 61 Rohingya organizations worldwide. He is also the Founding Chairman of The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America, and the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Muslim Aid America. Arakan Rohingya Union is an international NGO registered in the United States and maintains 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. It is recognized by all the 57 OIC-member countries and the international community as an official voice of Rohingya people.



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MUD VOLCANO - GOBUSTAN



YANAR DAG

BREAKOUT SESSION

“RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM: THE CHALLENGES OF PREVENTION”

Violent extremism is often seen and cast by the media and general public as having deep links to religion. This is not surprising given that many violent extremists use religious rhetoric and ideology, and pervert interpretations of religious scriptures to justify their savagery and divide people. In the affected theaters, religious leaders of various faiths are actively engaged in preventing radicalization and violent extremism.

Recognizing the role of religious leaders in preventing violent extremism (PVE) and promoting the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, the United Nations Secretary General enshrined in its Plan of Action on PVE the importance for faith and community leaders to mentor “vulnerable followers so as to enable them to reject violent ideologies” and promote “tolerance, understanding and reconciliation between communities”.

The Plan of Action on PVE also places emphasis on the spread of radicalization and violent extremism in prisons. A number of those who succumb to recruitment by terrorists are radicalized and recruited in prison. Therefore, safeguards need to be put in place to prevent the spread of extremist ideologies to other prisoners, and religious leaders from all faiths must be involved in these efforts.

Security challenges for religious leaders are not limited to prisons. Challenges are increasing in areas where violent extremism is common. This insecurity is on two levels. First, there is the threat from extremists themselves to moderate and peace-building religious figures. This is particularly worrisome in those countries where general insecurity is rife. From Nigeria and Russia to Sri Lanka, moderate religious figures have been killed or face threats to their lives. A second threat is the violence and human rights violations from governments themselves, which affects the credibility of religious leaders in promoting dialogue and peace. Religious leaders who engage in dialogue with violent extremists to reform their ways must be encouraged and supported by state authorities. In the continuity of the 2015 UN Thematic Debate, this session will allow us to address the necessity for religious leaders to adapt to modern realities, not only on a substantive level, but also on the form, through communication, training and education programs, in order to reach out to people vulnerable to the attraction of violent extremism. In a second phase, we will explore the role that religious leaders must play in fighting religious prejudice, providing counter-narratives to the misuse of religion and hate speech, all of which can lead to polarization and extremism.



DR. WILLIAM VENDLEY

RELIGIONS FOR PEACE

Dr. William F. Vendley is the Secretary General of Religions for Peace - the world's largest multi-religious coalition advancing common action for Peace. Dr. Vendley is a pioneer in advancing multi-religious conflict resolution and reconciliation in many countries. He also pioneered large development assistance programmes operated through collaborating religious communities, including major programmes for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Dr. Vendley serves on the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and he is a member of the Advisory Council for the High Representative for UNAOC. He is a recipient of the UNICEF Lifetime Achievement Award.



RACHIDA DATI

MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Rachida Dati is a French politician and Member of the European Parliament, representing Île-de-France. She became Nicolas Sarkozy's advisor in 2002, working for him on an anti-delinquency project. In January 2007, she was named spokesperson for Nicolas Sarkozy and was appointed Minister of Justice after Nicolas Sarkozy won the 2007 presidential election in France. In 2009, Nicolas Sarkozy announced that Dati would take the second position on the UMP candidate list for Île-de-France constituency in the European Parliament election in June 2009, to which she was elected. She left her post as minister after being elected as a European deputy.



**HAJI ALLAHSHUKUR
HUMMAT PASHAZADE**

SHEIKH UL-ISLAM AND GRAND MUFTI OF
THE CAUCASUS

Allahshükür Pashazade was born in 1949. He got his primary religious education from the local religious clergy in the city of Lankaran. In 1968, he went to the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan where he entered the Mir-i-Arab Madrasah in Bukhara and later relocated to Tashkent where he finished his religious education in Tashkent State University in 1975 and returned to Azerbaijan.

In 1975 he became the acting secretary of the Caucasian Muslims Office and Akhund and deputy chief of the Taza Pir Mosque in Baku. In 1980 he was elected chairman of the Caucasian Muslims Office and became Sheikh ul-Islam. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and independence of Azerbaijan, in 1992, he was elected chairman of the Supreme Religious Board of Caucasian peoples of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkaria, Ingushetia, Chechnya, Karachay-Cherkessia, and Adygea.



SHAYKH ABDULLAH BIN BAYYAH

**PRESIDENT OF THE FORUM FOR
PROMOTING PEACE IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES**

Shaykh Abdullah Bin Bayyah is a Mauritanian professor of Islamic studies at the King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He is a specialist in all four traditional Sunni schools. Currently, he is the President of the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies. He is involved in a number of scholarly councils including The Islamic Fiqh Council, a Saudi-based Institute. He also was the Vice-President of the International Union of Muslim Scholars. He is a member of the Dublin-based European Council for Fatwa and Research, a council of Muslim clerics that aims at explaining Islamic law in a way that is sensitive to the realities of European Muslims.

BREAKOUT SESSION

“CIVIL SOCIETY AND BUSINESS: WORKING TOGETHER FOR PACE, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

In 2015, United Nations Member States completed the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and unanimously adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. One of the key challenges for the success of the 2030 Development Agenda now relies on effective partnerships, involving both the private sector and civil society organizations (CSO). In this regard, the UN Sustainable Development Goal #17 states: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships. Prior to the adoption of the new SDG #17, the UN Millennium Development Goal #8 had encouraged Member States in 2001 to “develop a global partnership for development”, with reference in its targets/indicators to the “private sector” (but not to civil society organizations).

In its report entitled “Lessons from MDG#8”, the UN MDG Task Force recognized the MDG#8 “imprecisions”: “Over the course of the reporting experience, the Task Force has noted major gaps, not only regarding the achievement of the targets set in MDG 8, but also regarding its monitoring. Particularly serious has been the lack of quantitative time-bound targets in the five substantive areas, as well as the lack of data to track quantitative and qualitative commitments adequately and in a timely manner. In addition, some MDG 8 indicators displayed a mismatch between targets set and indicators chosen to identify progress”. The UN Task Force on MDG#8 concluded: “Achieving the SDGs will require an even stronger global partnership, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships to mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources”.

With the SDG #17 now officially including both Civil Society Organizations and the private sector in its global partnership, this breakout session addresses how to achieve more effective partnerships between CSOs, the private sector, government and the United Nations. It may still appear utopian to talk about inclusive societies when our divided and fragmented world seems trending in the opposite direction. Solidarity and a sense of community are under strain even within countries, to say nothing of the gaps that exist between countries. As a global community, we are challenged by growing economic inequality, war, civil strife, unrest, population displacement, refugees, terrorism, environmental degradation, competition for natural resources, and natural disasters to name but a few. Governments and international organizations are important actors for addressing these national and global challenges.

However, rebuilding the fabric of societies in the face of war and dislocation, maintaining peace and ensuring security, promoting cultural diversity, while building a more sustainable economic system that provides justice for all, offers a unique opportunity for action by all segments of civil society including private business, religious institutions, schools and universities and other socially oriented organizations. There is plenty of work for all. The issue is how to ensure that business and other civil society organizations cooperate effectively for the common good, when it often appears they have divergent objectives and capabilities.



FRANÇOIS LORIENT

VICE PRESIDENT OF BARREAU
ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES
(BAIGO)

François Lorient is the legal counselor for private sector and non-governmental organisations with Observers Status at the UN General Assembly and at ECOSOC. He advocates, promotes, trains and educates on various topics as components of corporate social responsibility for the private sector. François is also an author of publications on international organisations law (CNRS), the United Nations accountability system and its internal justice system. He is a former United Nations' internal justice reform coordinator and Chief Legal Advisor at UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS. Currently he is a practicing counsel and attorney at the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

Moderator



HANIFA MEZOUI, PHD

UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF
CIVILIZATIONS

Ms. Mezoui has enjoyed a distinguished career with the UN for the past 28 years. For 10 years, she has been Chief of the NGO Section of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), where she has established an impressive record of accomplishments. Ms. Mezoui holds a Doctorate in French Linguistics, an MA in French Literature, an MA in applied Linguistics and an MA in Business Administration from the University of Aix-en-Provence, France. In 2011 she joined the Office of the President of the 66th General Assembly as the Special Coordinator Third Committee and Civil Society. Since 2013, she works at UNAOC as a Senior Advisor on Humanitarian Affairs and Civil Society.



LIBERATO C. BAUTISTA

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
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TIINA MYLLY

MANAGER, BUSINESS FOR PEACE AT
UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

Tiina Mylly is a Manager, Business for Peace at UN Global Compact. In her role, she works to expand and deepen private sector contributions to peace in conflict-affected and high-risk areas. Most recently, she has been leading the organization's work to engage businesses to take action in response to the global refugee crisis. Prior to joining the UN Global Compact, Tiina worked as Corporate Responsibility Specialist at Stockmann Plc, a retail company headquartered in Finland. Tiina holds a Master's degree in Economics and Business Administration from the Helsinki School of Economics.



OZONNIA OJIELO

REGIONAL CLUSTER DIRECTOR,
GOVERNANCE AND PEACEBUILDING
IN AFRICA FOR THE UNITED NATION
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – REGIONAL
SERVICE CENTER FOR AFRICA

Dr. Ozonnia Ojielo leads the Democratic Governance and Conflict Prevention cluster and provides strategic policy, thought and programmatic leadership to country offices, national and regional partners. He has also worked as the Head of Operations and Officer of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission; a Human Rights Lawyer; and a chartered mediator, arbitrator and conciliator in Nigeria; and the president for the Centre for Peace in Africa (Lagos). He holds a PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, an MBA (Strategic and Project Management), an MA (History) and an LL.B Hons in Law.



**JEAN-PIERRE
DISERENS**

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
CONVENTION OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL
ADVISORS (CIFA)

Jean-Pierre Diserens is Co-founder and General-Secretary of the Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (CIFA), a Swiss non-profit foundation and non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Social and Economic Counsel (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. Jean-Pierre is the main representative of CIFA to the ECOSOC in New York. Since 1976, he is also founding partner and CEO of Fidurhone SA in Geneva, Switzerland, a multi-family office holding a securities dealer license regulated by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA). Prior to 1976 he held executive positions in various financial institutions.



LOUISE KANTROW

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Dr. Louise Kantrow was appointed ICC Permanent Representative to the UN in 2007. With members in 130 countries, the ICC has served as the voice of business at the UN since 1946. Louise co-chaired the Business Sector Steering Committee for the Fourth UN Conference on LDCs, co-organized the Business and Industry Major Group for the 2012 Conference on Sustainable Development, and chaired the Business Sector Steering Committee for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. She leads the Global Business Alliance for 2030, a business coalition that acts as the interlocutor on intergovernmental processes and the 2030 Agenda.



ELSHAD NASIROV

VICE-PRESIDENT OF SOCAR ON
INVESTMENTS AND MARKETING

Elshad Nasirov was born in 1960, in Baku. In 1982 he graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He worked in 1981-1982 in USSR embassy in Afghanistan, in 1982-1985 in Institute of Oriental Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences. In 1985-1989 he worked at different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of USSR. He worked in 1989-1992 in Soviet Embassy in India. In 1992-1995 Mr. Nasirov worked in the Permanent Representative Office of Azerbaijan in the UN, and in 1995-1997 he was promoted to the position of chief of division in the administration of the MFA of Azerbaijan. In 1997-2003 Mr. Nasirov worked as a chief of the Foreign Economic Operations Department, and in 2003-2005, as a chief of the Marketing and Operations Department of State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR). In 2005, he was appointed as vice-president of SOCAR on investments and marketing. Elshad Nasirov is also the vice-president of Association of Football Federations of Azerbaijan.



TAGELDIN I. HAMAD

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNIVERSAL
PEACE FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL

Tageldin Hamad is the Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation International. He is also Secretary General of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), on the Organizing Committee of Muslims Leaders Summits in Jakarta and London, the Executive Director of the Interreligious Leadership Seminars, and the Editor of Culture of Responsibility and the Role of NGOs and Islam and the Future of World Peace. In his work related to world peace, security, interfaith, women, youth, family, and sustainable development, Hamad has traveled extensively worldwide. He studied Public Health in Sudan, and graduated from the Unification Theological Seminary in USA.



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Ursula Wynhoven is the Chief Legal Officer and Chief, Governance and Social Sustainability for the UN Global Compact, the UN's corporate sustainability initiative. She is a member of the office's Executive Team leading legal affairs and the UN Global Compact's governance and social sustainability platforms and workstreams. Ursula began working with the UN Global Compact in 2002 and as one of the earliest staff members has played an active role in helping to grow the initiative to more than 13,000 signatories in more than 160 countries with a full roster of workstreams, advancing virtually all aspects of corporate sustainability.



ZHANG MING

DIRECTOR OF WORLD ECOLOGICAL SAFETY
COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE OF IESCO

Zhang Ming founded Beijing Jianyi Construction Engineering Co., Ltd in 1992. Additionally, he is the Managing Director, Dean of BIM Research Institute, China Building Decoration Association; Vice-President, China Industry Technology Innovation Strategic Alliance for Housing; Executive Vice-Chairman, Beijing Construction Decoration Association; Vice-Chairman, Beijing Entrepreneur Council; Vice-President, Green Development Union of Zpark Smart Building Industry; Director of BIM and Big Data Group, Deputy Director of Smart Construction Group and Smart Structure Group, Chinese Society for Urban Studies. Ming received an MBA from the University of Sydney and a DBA from the University of Southern California.



PETER (PECE)
GORGIEVSKI

DIRECTOR GENERAL & CEO OF THE
GLOBAL DIALOGUE FOUNDATION

Pece is working on developing a planetary citizens assembly to work in the framework of the United Nations. Under his leadership and alongside the Alliance of Civilizations, NGO DPI, government agencies, private sector, NGO's and individuals, GDF has established Unity in Diversity-World Civil Society, a global network in over 30 countries engaged in efforts to build intercultural, inter-ethnic inclusive and sustainable societies. Pece is now working on GDF's Global Shipment project, which aims to ship material resources unconditionally, to help improve living conditions across countries in the developing world.



BAKU



CARPET MUSEUM

BREAKOUT SESSION

“GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION”

The globalization of economy and communications at the dawn of the new century generated an overwhelmingly optimistic vision of humanity’s future. This optimism lead to the assumption that those left out of the system economically, politically or ethically would be gradually absorbed into this One Bright World. However, there seems to be a consensus that the reality today is quite far from this idealized vision of living together. Our reality is increasingly marked by economic, political, and ethical exclusion, tension, conflict and fear. The number of those who do not or cannot “buy into” the system is increasing dangerously around the world, in both developing and developed countries. This session will explore options of realistically achieving a common sense of belonging to a shared system, through education in its various forms.



MUSTAPHA TLILI

**SENIOR ADVISOR, UNITED NATIONS
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Mustapha Tlili is Senior Advisor to the High Representative for UNAOC. He is a Distinguished Fellow at the EastWest Institute in New York and Member of the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts (Beit-al-Hikma). Prof. Tlili is a founder and director emeritus of the New York University Center for Dialogues, a senior fellow at NYU's Remarque Institute, and has taught international relations at Columbia University for many years. Prof. Tlili has also served as Special Adviser to the President of the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly, as a member of the Leadership Group on U.S.-Muslim Engagement, and as Advisor to the High Level Group that drafted the report leading to the establishment of UNAOC.

Moderator



PHILIPPE ALFONSI

**JOURNALIST AND INDEPENDENT
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Philippe Alfonsi started his journalist career as a radio reporter (RTL, EUROPE 1, France Inter). He worked as a television reporter for TF1, France 2, France 3 from 1961 to 1985. Mr. Alfonsi covered the Bangladesh war of independence, conflicts in the Middle East and Northern Ireland and directed sixty documentaries on China, the United States, Algeria, Senegal and on various European countries. After working as editor-in-chief of France Television magazines in 1986, he became an independent television producer from 1987 onwards, constituting an important catalog of documentaries and fiction distributed around the world. Mr. Alfonsi was rewarded with numerous prizes and awards, both in Europe and in the United States.



ANTOINE GALLIMARD

PUBLISHER, EDITION GALLIMARD

Born in Paris on 19 April 1947, Antoine Gallimard joined Éditions Gallimard in 1973. Éditions Gallimard was founded in 1911 by his grandfather Gaston Gallimard, and chaired by his father Claude Gallimard starting in 1976. He was appointed Publisher of Éditions Gallimard in 1981, and Chairman and CEO in March 1988, a position he still holds today. During these years, Antoine Gallimard has preserved the independence of the family business, while modernizing and developing the editorial and business structures. He is now head of the third French publishing group, and present in many sectors. Antoine Gallimard chaired the French National Union of Publishers from 2010 to 2012.



ABDELMAJID CHARFI

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JEFFREY HAYNES

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Jeffrey Haynes is Professor of Politics, Director of Faculty Research in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation at London Metropolitan University, UK. Jeffrey Haynes is the convenor of the European Consortium for Political Research's Religion and Politics Standing Group, chair of the International Political Science Association's Research Committee, 'Religion and Politics' and co-editor of the peer-reviewed journal, *Democratization*, published by Taylor and Francis. Prof. Haynes was awarded the 2016 Distinguished Scholar Award by the Religion and International Relations section of the International Studies Association.



DOMINIQUE DE VILLEPIN

FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE (2005-2007)

Dominique de Villepin was the Prime Minister of the Republic of France from 2005 to 2007, and Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2004. Before becoming head of French diplomacy, he was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also held diplomatic positions at the French embassies in Washington and New Delhi (1980-1993). From 1993 to 1995, he was Chief of Staff to Foreign Minister Alain Juppé (1993-1995) and Chief of Staff (Head of the Presidential Administration) to the President of the Republic (1995 – 2002).

Selected publications: *Les Cent-Jours ou l'esprit de sacrifice* (2001); *Le cri de la gargouille* (2002).

Awards: Grand Cross with Star of the Order of Merit (2000)

BREAKOUT SESSION

“COUNTER-NARRATIVES TO CYBEREXTREMISM THROUGH APPS AND VIDEO GAMES”

Information and communication technologies (ICT) have experienced extraordinary developments over the past twenty-five years. We are witnessing, and indeed participating as well, in a communications revolution not seen in scale and outcomes since the normalization of printing five hundred years ago. It could be argued that, in fact, the current ICT innovations far outpace the printing revolution. For most of us almost all of our activities are indeed channeled, framed, registered, etc. by the global ICT digital environment.

So it is then of paramount importance that we consider what role and what contributions, ICT can bring to peace-building and inclusion efforts and initiatives. ICT are particularly relevant as peace-building enablers because they facilitate civic engagement, providing opportunities where existing conflicts are not denied but are transformed into digital platforms that can ultimately deliver face-to-face dialogue, aiming at deeper understanding and peaceful political compromises. The enormous capacity that ICT have for shaping the emotional thinking and behavior of individuals is well known. Let's simply point out the well thought-out efforts of all stakeholders (all, including the ones exacerbating conflicts) put into social media messaging. They often spin narratives of conflict, misinformation, hate speech, and all forms of polarizing messages that too frequently end in violent confrontations.

But ICT has also the capacity to empower counter-narratives and to support efforts for the better understanding among individuals of different cultural and religious backgrounds. ICT are, in fact, strong sources for inclusion and dialogue strengthening peace-building processes. Gamified apps and video games can also be peace-building opportunities; many are in fact innovative examples of new ways to facilitate inclusion, deterring racism and all forms of hateful expressions towards minorities.

Policy makers need to take stock of the opportunities that ICT hold towards peace-building and support its multiple developments and implementation across society, from formal educational settings to social programs to initiatives specifically designed for sectors of their communities with particular needs regarding inclusion and civic participation.



RENEE BLACK

FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
PEACEGEEKS

Renee Black is the founder and Executive Director of PeaceGeeks, which launched in October 2011. PeaceGeeks brings together Renee's previous careers as a Project Manager on technology projects and Policy Analyst related to international peace and security. Her latter career focused on the Women, Peace & Security framework, including with the United Nations and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. Renee holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) from Dalhousie University and a Masters of International Affairs (Hons) from the University of Ottawa. She is a Fellow of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

Moderator



ADEL ISKANDAR

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TIM RECEVEUR

PEACETECH LAB

Tim Receveur is the director of PeaceTech Exchanges at the PeaceTech Lab located in Washington, DC. PeaceTech Exchanges (PTX) are intensive workshops that bring together technology experts, civil society, governments and other international organizations to find innovative ways to prevent violence and conflict. From 2000-2013, Tim worked as a foreign affairs officer at the U.S. Department of State receiving the U.S. Department of State's highest award for innovation from Secretary Hillary Clinton for planning and implementing technology platforms. Tim is also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served as a meteorologist from 1991-2000.



AADITESHWAR SETH

CO-FOUNDER GRAM VAANI

Aaditeshwar Seth is the co-founder of Gram Vaani, a startup that builds innovative community media technologies for poor and marginalized communities to voice their opinions and demands. Gram Vaani is a pioneer in using voice-based technologies to build interactive applications for poorly literate and low income communities. Aaditeshwar is a member of the Department of Computer Science at IIT Delhi, where he runs the ACT4D (Appropriate Computing Technologies for Development) research group. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Waterloo (Canada) and a B. Tech from IIT Kanpur. Work by Aaditeshwar's team is used by over 100 organizations in India and elsewhere, and has influenced the use of ICTs for development within many international aid and development organizations.



HANS SHAKUR

ENTREPRENEUR, STARTUP VENTURES
STRATEGIST, GROWTH CATALYST, TECH-
COMMUNITY LEADER AND BUSINESS
NETWORKER

Mr. Shakur is the founder of MobileMonday Nazareth, an open community platform dedicated to fostering the high-tech and startup community in the Arab society in Israel. He is considered a leader in the Israeli high-tech scene, spearheading empowerment projects and serving as a director, advisor and lecturer at various startup accelerators. Recently, he was chosen as one of the Top 100 Influencers in the Israeli high-tech. Additionally, Mr. Shakur is the founder of Markitect, a digital products company, and the co-founder of GamesForPeace, an enthusiastic community exploiting online games as a radical new way of bridging the gap between young adults in conflict zones.



TANYA D. SILVERMAN

INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC DIALOGUE
(ISD); AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM (AVE)
NETWORK

Tanya Silverman is a Coordinator at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) where she manages the Against Violent Extremism (AVE) network and supporting the Institute's counter-narratives projects, in partnership with grassroots and social media companies. As part of this role, encompassing localities from the US to Indonesia, she also plans and implements training workshops for grassroots CVE organisations. Previously, she researched new approaches to counter-radicalisation and played a key role in ISD's policy programmes.



AHMED SALIM

PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF '1001
INVENTIONS'

Ahmed Salim is a British social entrepreneur and producer of award-winning trans-media productions and high profile educational and social campaigns. He is the producer and director of '1001 Inventions', a UK-based science and cultural heritage organisation. Under his leadership, 1001 Inventions creates and delivers global educational programmes including exhibitions, live shows, short films, books and educational resources that engage more than 250 million people around the world.

BREAKOUT SESSION

“THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PEACE-BUILDING IN CONFLICT ZONES”

(IN COLLABORATION WITH FUNDACIÓN MUJERES POR ÁFRICA)

Sustainable peace and security can only be achieved through an integrated approach, including human rights and gender equality. In this regard, it is essential that women are empowered to play a role in peace-building and post-conflict recovery. In its resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), the Security Council recognizes the serious and specific impact that armed conflict has on women and girls, and calls for equal participation by women in the maintenance and promotion of peace and security and for the mainstreaming of gender perspective into conflict prevention, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction. The 2015 United Nations Report on “Women and Peace and Security” specifically articulates the rising opportunities and challenges faced by women and girls in conflict zones. Persistent deficits remain for the implementation of the WPS agenda, including in protection from human rights abuses and violations and opportunities for women to exercise leadership. At the regional level, the 2063 Agenda of the African Union highlight the necessity to unleash the full potential of women as drivers of changes towards a regional integration process for shared prosperity and peace. In many cases, African women’s participation in conflict resolution efforts has helped to integrate their empowerment and lasting peace in the peace-building framework. This breakout session will analyse the needs and challenges of women and girls in post-conflict situations. It will also explore their role and influence in peace-building efforts, recovery processes and building inclusive societies.



MAGED ABDELAZIZ

UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON AFRICA, UNITED NATIONS



HIJIRAN HUSEYNOVA

CHAIRWOMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AFFAIRS OF AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC.

Mr. Maged Abdelaziz was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) in 2012. Previously, Mr. Abdelaziz served as the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN in New York. He brought to his new position more than 33 years of experience in the multilateral diplomacy and direct engagement in promoting global development and socio-economic agenda from an African perspective. Mr. Abdelaziz represented Africa in both the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly as their Vice President. He played a vital role in promoting Africa's perspective at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, as well as at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference. He actively advocates and promotes the implementation of the SDGs in Africa as well as Africa's transformative Agenda 2063.

Mrs. Hijran Huseynova was born in August 13, 1955. In 1985 she finalized her research and received a PhD degree in History. In 2001 she became the first female – Doctor of political science. Since 2001 she has become an expert in gender programs of OSCE and Council of Europe. Since 2007 she has been Professor and Head of the department of Diplomacy and Modern Integration at Baku State University. On February 6, 2006 Ms. Hijran Huseynova was appointed as a Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. She has several public and state awards. In 2011 she was awarded The National Order of the Legion of Honour by the President of France. In 2015 she was awarded Glory Medal for active participation in political and public life of the country by the President of Azerbaijan Republic. Mrs. Huseynova has authored 52 scientific articles, 4 monographs and three books.

OTHER SPEAKERS

OUMOU SALL SECK
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MAL

PROF. IBRAHIM GAMBARI
CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER SAVANNAH CENTER FOR DIPLOMACY, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

ANNA FUMOROLA
PROJECT MANAGER, WOMEN FOR AFRICA

BREAKOUT SESSION

“SAVE THE DREAM: SPORT FOR PEACE, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT”

(IN COLLABORATION WITH SAVE THE DREAM, INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPORT SECURITY)

As late Nelson Mandela said: “Sports can be a diversion. Sports can be a hobby. And, for a fortunate few, sports can change the world.” Sport has an educational role and imparts strong values. It can bring social and economic changes and therefore is an important enabler for social development.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the “growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives”. The positive role sport plays in social inclusion, cohesion and intercultural dialogue through the power of its values was always broadly recognised. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism as a philosophy of life aimed at building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised in accordance with the educational value of good example, respect of universal and fundamental ethical principles, and social responsibility.

Sport enables migrants and the host society to interact in a positive way, thus furthering intercultural dialogue, understanding, and integration. It is a vehicle for promoting social inclusion of minorities and other vulnerable groups, and contributes to sustainable peace and reconciliation, including in post-conflict regions. Violent extremism can also be significantly countered where respect, fundamental human values and opportunities are promoted, and where communities and youth are empowered through its values, such as respect, responsibility and team spirit.

The main objective of the session is to raise awareness about the role of sport in intercultural dialogue and to develop the untapped potential of sport for promoting sustainability and inclusiveness. Through their experiences, people from different cultural, social, and religious backgrounds will explain how they use sport to empower youth and actively contribute to sustainable and inclusive development. We will explore how sportmen, athletes, and sport organisations contribute to social inclusion and development through sports, but also how novices found in sport the best tool for education, empowerment and reconciliation. The session will also offer concrete opportunities for cooperation on sport related activities amongst the participants of the 7th Global Forum of the UNAOC.



EVELYN WATTA

AIPS (ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA PRESSE SPORTIVE)



CHRISTIAN KAREMBEU

FORMER SOCCER CHAMPION



HONEY THALJIEH

FIFA (FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION)

Evelyn has been a sports journalist for broadcast, print and online publications for 15 years and is currently a senior Sports writer/ Sub Editor for the online portal Sports News Arena- Kenya, Press commission member- International Olympics Committee, IOC, AIPS Executive Committee Board member, immediate AIPS SG, Mentor and Trainer- AIPS Young Reporters Programme. She won the prestigious CNN African journalist of the year in Sports writing and in 2015 was named one of the Top 40 under 40 (years) Kenyan women achievers.

Moderator

Aged 17, Christian left his native New Caledonia for a trial at FC Nantes. He developed into a world-class defensive midfielder, helping the club to the 1995 French championship. He earned his first international cap in 1992 and was instrumental in France's victory in the 1998 FIFA World Cup. Christian joined UC Sampdoria in 1995 and moved to Real Madrid CF in 1997, winning the UEFA Champions League twice in three seasons. After a season spell with Middlesbrough FC, he joined Olympiacos FC and won two Greek title. He retired in 2006. He now serves a special advisor at Olympiacos FC and ambassador for FIFA, UEFA and La Liga.

Honey Thaljieh is the co-founder of women's football in Palestine, the first captain of the Palestinian national team, and the first Arab woman to obtain a FIFA Master and work at FIFA. Thaljieh defied all social restrictions and political barriers, and became a role model to women and girls throughout the Arab world. Today, Honey continues her efforts as ambassador and member of influential international organizations around the world to empower women and children through sports, and to promote equality and non-violence through football. As Corporate Communications Manager for FIFA, Honey designs and implements pro-social football programs around the world.



**OSSAMAH ABED EL
MOHSEN**

SYRIAN FOOTBALL COACH, REFUGEE

Osama was seen by millions being brought to the ground by Petra László (a Hungarian reporter) as he ran with his son near the Hungary-Serbia border in September 2015. After that incident and after he had crossed into Austria and reached Munich, he received a phone call that would change the course of their life. The head of CENAFE, a Spanish academy dedicated to training football coaches, had seen the video and found out that Abdul Mohsen had been a football coach in Syria for al-Fotuwa, a first division team. Osama is now happily settled in Spain as a football coach.



NELSA CURBELO CORA

**MUY ILUSTRE MUNICIPALIDAD DE
GUAYAQUIL (MUNICIPALITY OF
GUAYAQUIL)**

Nelsa Curbelo is an Uruguayan Ecuadorian who lives in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She is an educator, currently directing the Conflict Management and Peace Culture Center "Más Paz", of the Municipality of Guayaquil and a columnist for "El Universo" newspaper. She was the Latinamerican coordinator of the Peace and Justice Service and the Director of "Ser Paz" Corporation. Nelsa has developed extensive work with urban youth gangs, achieving the conversion of extremely conflictive groups. Sport has been the key factor in this process. She has also participated as mediator in peace talks between armed actors, and during indigenous uprisings in 1990 in Ecuador. Her work has earned numerous awards.

BREAKOUT SESSION

“THE ROLE OF CITIES IN GLOBAL MIGRATION”

(IN COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION)

Globally, more than half of the population lives in urban areas, with 54 per cent of people residing in urban areas in 2014 alone. In 1950, 30 per cent of the world’s population was urban, and by 2050, 66 per cent of the world’s population is projected to be urban. Migrant communities constitute a major part of this urban population growth, with one in five of all migrants living in the world’s 20 largest cities.

The 2015 World Migration Report by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) argues that migration is largely overlooked in discussions about urbanization, and when taken into consideration, is perceived negatively. All over the world, there are examples of local and national governments, as well as individuals, blaming migrants for their neighborhoods, cities and nations’ struggles. In this context, migrant communities can rarely feel and act as full and equal members of societies, which can be conducive to social disorder. The IOM report shows that poor urban planning can undermine the management of migrant integration in urban areas, and that migration can bring in economic and cultural vitality if migrant and host communities are given the right tools.

In other words, migration is one of the main features contributing to urban growth, and it therefore needs to be fully incorporated into urban planning. 2015 was marked by several waves of migration, from the flows of asylum seekers and migrants to Europe and the displacement from new and ongoing conflicts in various countries. This new era has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world. It also has served to “underscore the clear linkage between migration and development,” as the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon explained, as well as the opportunities it provides for the “concerted improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination”.

In this context, the breakout session will explore various initiatives in cities and neighborhoods around the world, and discuss best practices for the integration of newcomers.



DANIEL DENVIR

STAFF WRITER, SALON

Daniel Denvir is a reporter at Salon where he covers politics, criminal justice and immigration. A former reporter at Philadelphia City Paper and The Atlantic's CityLab, his work has appeared in the New York Times, The Nation, VICE and other publications.

Moderator



JULIANA KERR

DIRECTOR, GLOBAL CITIES AND IMMIGRATION, THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Juliana Kerr joined The Chicago Council on Global Affairs in 2002 and currently directs the Council's work on global cities and immigration. She manages the Council's publications, research, and partnerships on issues related to global cities, urbanization, Global Chicago, and migration. A dual-citizen of the United States and Brazil, she studied political science and French at the University of Iowa and spent a year at Sciences Po in Lyon, France.



DR. JENNY PHILLIMORE

PROFESSOR OF MIGRATION AND SUPERDIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM; DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH INTO SUPERDIVERSITY (IRIS)

Jenny Phillimore is Director of the Institute for Research into Superdiversity and Professor of Migration and Superdiversity. She has researched widely in the fields of migration and superdiversity. Over the past decade she has managed teams of researchers focusing on access to health, education, employment, training, and housing integration with a particular focus on integration and organisational change in the UK and EU. Jenny is a Fellow of the RSA and of the Academy of the Social Sciences. She has advised local, regional, national and European Government. She currently leads the ESRC/Norface funded UPWEB project which is developing a new concept of welfare bricolage to explore how residents in superdiverse areas address health concerns.



DR. AUDREY SINGER

SENIOR FELLOW, URBAN INSTITUTE

Audrey Singer is a senior fellow at the Urban Institute. Her areas of expertise include demography, international migration, U.S. immigration policy, and urban and metropolitan change. She has written extensively on U.S. immigration trends, including immigrant integration, undocumented migration, naturalization and citizenship, and the changing racial and ethnic composition of the United States. Her co-edited book, *Twenty-First Century Gateways: Immigrant Incorporation in Suburban America*, focuses on the fastest growing immigrant populations among second-tier metropolitan areas including Washington, DC, Atlanta, Dallas, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Sacramento, and Charlotte. Her articles have appeared in academic journals and her commentary has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *CNN.com*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Seattle Times* and *Vanguardia Dossier*.



DANA WAGNER

RESEARCHER, GLOBAL DIVERSITY EXCHANGE (GDX) AT RYERSON UNIVERSITY; CO-AUTHOR, "FLIGHT AND FREEDOM: STORIES OF ESCAPE TO CANADA" (BETWEEN THE LINES, 2015); CO-FOUNDER, FACTSCAN

Dana Wagner is a Senior Research Associate with the Global Diversity Exchange (GDX) at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management and Project Manager of the Hire Immigrants program. She has worked in Toronto, Ottawa, Hanoi and Nairobi. Previously, she worked with the Maytree Foundation, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, and the International Organization for Migration. Dana is co-founder of the nonpartisan political fact-checking site FactsCan. She is co-author of *Flight and Freedom: Stories of Escape to Canada*, an Open Book Toronto best book of 2015.



DR. KRISTIN SURAK

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICS, SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON; MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, PRINCETON

Kristin Surak specializes in international migration, nationalism, culture, and political sociology. Her book *Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice* received the Outstanding Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Asia. Her work has appeared in numerous academic and intellectual journals, and has been translated into Japanese, Spanish, Swedish, German, and Korean. Before joining SOAS, she taught at UCLA and at the University of Duisburg-Essen. She comments regularly for the BBC, Deutsche Welle, Al Jazeera, and Radio France International. Currently, her research compares migration regimes and temporary migrant labor programs in East Asia and across the globe.



ICHERI SHEHER

BREAKOUT SESSION

“CONSTRUCTING PEACE, DECONSTRUCTING TERROR”

(IN COLLABORATION WITH STRATEGIC FORESIGHT GROUP)

From 2003 to 2006, Strategic Foresight Group had hosted a number of roundtables on Constructing Peace, Deconstructing Terror for Western and Islamic leaders to develop common approaches and understanding for mitigating violent extremism. These meetings were organized in cooperation with the League of Arab States and the European Parliament. They resulted in a publication in 2007, “An Inclusive World: In Which the West, Islam and the Rest have a Stake”. The roundtables and the research-based publication demonstrated that violent extremism was a result of the confluence of development deficit, governance deficit and dignity deficit. Organised vested interests used religion and ideology to recruit young people affected by the triple deficit to serve their political objectives. While many efforts are made to promote inter-faith understanding, it is necessary to build bridges between leaders and political thinkers from different cultures, particularly from Western and Islamic countries to develop common understanding and approaches to deconstruct terror. Ten years after the last roundtable at the European Parliament and the publication of “An Inclusive World”, Strategic Foresight Group is being urged by several friends to revive the dialogue process, as extremism has continued unabated and evolved more lethal forms. A panel of leaders and political thinkers will consider current challenges of dialogue.



SUNDEEP WASLEKAR

**PRESIDENT,
STRATEGIC FORESIGHT GROUP**

Sundeep Waslekar is President of Strategic Foresight Group, an international think-tank that has worked with 50 countries from four continents. He is a best-selling author, pioneer of new concepts to quantify conflicts and cooperation, and practitioner of parallel diplomacy. Since 2002, he has authored several research reports under the auspices of the Strategic Foresight Group, including *The Blue Peace*, *Cost of Conflict in the Middle East*, *An Inclusive World* and *Big Questions of Our Time*. He graduated from Oxford University in 1983. He was conferred D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) of Symbiosis International University by the President of India in 2011.

Moderator



DR. DANILO TÜRK

**FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SLOVENIA (2007-2012)**

Dr. Danilo Türk is a professor of international law, diplomat and politician. He is Chairman of the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace. Prior to his term as the third President of the Republic of Slovenia (2007-2012) he was Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, University in Ljubljana (2006-2007). In 2000-2005 he served as the UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Political Affairs. In the years 1992-2000 he was Ambassador of Slovenia to the UN in New York and served on the UN Security Council in 1999-2000.



NOVRUZ MAMMADOV

**DEPUTY HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.**

Mr. Mammadov was born on March 15, 1947.

He started as a teacher at Azerbaijan Pedagogical Institute of Languages (APIL) in 1970.

From 1981 until 1997, he was a senior teacher, associate professor and dean at APIL.

Since 1997, he is the Head of Foreign Relations Department of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan and currently serves also as Deputy Head of the Administration.

He has authored several books and numerous articles on geopolitics and international relations.



LORD ALDERDICE

DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF INTRACTABLE CONFLICT (CRIC) AT HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE; CHAIRMAN, CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING IN BELFAST; PRESIDENTE D'HONNEUR OF LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL.

As Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland, Lord Alderdice played a significant role in the Talks on Northern Ireland. He was the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly and on retirement was appointed to the Independent Monitoring Commission. He has served as Treasurer and then Vice-President of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party as well as Deputy President and then President of Liberal International. He was also the Chairman (Convenor) of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party in the House of Lords (2010 – 2014). In August 2010 the Prime Minister appointed him to the UK Committee on Standards in Public Life and reappointed him for a further term in 2013.



EGEMEN BAGIS

FORMER MINISTER FOR EU AFFAIRS OF TURKEY

Egemen Bagis is Former Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator of Turkey and member of the Parliament representing Istanbul. He was first elected to Parliament in 2002 as a deputy of Istanbul. He was first appointed as Minister for EU Affairs (State Minister) and Chief Negotiator on January 2009. He was appointed as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator in the 61st government on July 6, 2011. Until 2009, Bagis was AK Party's Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Affairs. As the Vice Chairman, he had been a member of AK Party's Central Executive Committee, the highest executive body of the party.



JEAN-YVES OLLIVIER

CHAIRMAN, BRAZZAVILLE FOUNDATION FOR PEACE AND CONSERVATION

Chairman of the Brazzaville Foundation for Peace and Conservation, Jean-Yves Ollivier is the behind-the-scenes linchpin of the Brazzaville Accord which led to the end of apartheid and the release of Nelson Mandela, thanks to his network of high-level contacts in Africa. Born in Algiers in 1944 he became a successful self-made commodities trader and in tandem with his business activities he pursued a career in parallel diplomacy for the cause of peace. He is the only foreigner to receive South Africa's highest awards, the Order of Good Hope Class II Grand Officer and he holds the title of "Officier de la Légion d'honneur" in France.



SAMIR BARHOUM

CHIEF EDITOR, THE JORDAN TIMES



NASHARUDIN MAT ISA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GLOBAL
MOVEMENT OF MODERATES FOUNDATION

Samir Barhoum has been Chief Editor of The Jordan Times since 2007. He has previously worked as editor and reporter at an English-language daily and other publications. He is also member of the board of directors of Jordan Radio and Television Corporation, which broadcasts two television channels and several radio stations. Between 1999 and 2002, he served as director of the Arab Media Institute, which has been running media-related projects including training programs and workshops for local and Arab journalists. During the same period he also served as chief editor of the institute's monthly newspaper, Al Mashreq Al l'ami, which specialised in media affairs.

Nasharudin Mat Isa is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation (GMMF) and also an honorary academic fellow at Universiti Islam Malaysia (UIM). Mr. Nasharudin has a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Jurisprudence from the University Of Jordan and a Master's Degree in Comparative Laws in Malaysia. He taught Comparative Law at the International Islamic University (1994-1997) and also at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (1997-1999). He was a Member of The Malaysian Parliament for two terms (1999-2004) and (2008-2013).

BREAKOUT SESSION

“REPORTING IN TIMES OF CRISIS: TELLING MIGRANT TALES THROUGH CREATIVE STORYTELLING”

In the wake of the migration crisis and a string of violent events across the world, some communities have fallen victims to hostility. The rising far right in several European countries, and anti-Islam messages by some politicians in the United States are just a few examples of this phenomenon. Extreme voices have increasingly been striking a chord with citizens by voicing fears that alien communities are threatening their cultures and economies.

Too often, in times of crisis – terrorist attacks, migration crisis – the media tend to mix together important terms and concepts, such as extremists and Muslims, immigrants and refugees, etc. Those amalgams, along with sensationalist images, alarmist headlines and commentary, have contributed to feed people’s anxieties.

A number of international organizations, politicians and media organizations have called for the need to build a “counter narrative” in order to combat and counter hateful and extremist messages that are sent around against certain communities. For journalists, formulating and communicating effective counter-narratives consists in debunking certain myths, and responding to misrepresentations of facts. But beyond doing accurate reporting and careful research, it is sometimes unclear how impactful this media counter narrative can be against hateful propaganda.

The breakout session will look at various creative initiatives that are used to efficiently combat extremist and hateful language. At a time when journalists have to constantly reinvent themselves and find new ways to create appealing content, this session will discuss the value of transversal and multidisciplinary approaches in order to build strong counter narratives that can reach a large number of people.



VANIA ANDRE

EDITOR IN CHIEF, THE HAITIAN TIMES

Vania Andre is a first-generation Haitian American media professional, born and raised in New York. She has a background in marketing, public relations, and journalism. As editor in chief of Haitian Times, she oversees the editorial direction of the publication and facilitates key partnerships with community leaders and groups. Raised in Cambria Heights, a close-knit community in Queens with a large Haitian population, Vania grew up in a setting where many of her neighbors and friends came from the same cultural background as her, thus enforcing the traditions and customs of Haiti in her heart.

Moderator



CLAUDIA NUNEZ

DIGITAL DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES
EN ESPAÑOL; FOUNDER, MIGRAHACK,
INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE & JOURNALISM

Claudia Nunez is an award-winning journalist specializing in immigration and U.S.-Mexican border issues, with more than 15 years of international experience. She currently serves as Digital Director at HOY, Los Angeles Times' Spanish newspaper and is the Spanish-language web editor for Human Rights Watch. Nunez is founder of Migrahack, hackathons on immigration data that bring together journalists, programmers and community members, which focus on building a data analysis and visualization network around immigration. She conceived and developed the innovative program while a 2012 John S. Knight Fellow at Stanford University. In 2008, the National Association of Hispanic Publications named her Latina Journalist of the Year.



JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

FOUNDER, #EMERGINGUS

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker, and media publisher whose work centers on the changing American identity. He is the founder of Define American, a non-profit media and culture organization that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration and citizenship in America; and the founder and editor of #EmergingUS, a digital platform that lives at the intersection of race, immigration, and identity in a multicultural America. #EmergingUS is the first-ever media property owned by an undocumented immigrant.



DAVID MASON

DIRECTOR, "CAST FROM THE STORM"

David's moving debut feature documentary, *Cast from the Storm* (2016), follows an incredibly brave group of teenage refugees from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria, and their journey to build brand new lives in Sydney, Australia. As they begin to confront their darkest memories, they discover their creative voices through a life-changing drama therapy program. David is currently working in remote communities in Arnhem Land, in Australia's Northern Territory, learning about traditional cultures and supporting young Indigenous Australians to create digital resources. David is deeply interested in storytelling's ability to empower, educate and inspire individuals and communities.



COLIN BOYD SHAFER

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER,
COSMOPOLIS TORONTO

Colin Boyd Shafer is a Canadian documentary photographer and high school social sciences teacher born in Kitchener, Ontario. His art primarily focuses on issues connected to diversity, migration and belonging. Shafer's recent portrait projects include *Interlove* (2015-16), which tells Canadian interfaith love stories, and *Cosmopolis Toronto* (2013-14), a project featuring someone from every country of the world who now calls Toronto home. This project was recently published as a limited edition book, was presented on at TEDxToronto (2014), and is the focus of a film by the National Film Board of Canada. Shafer's work has been featured in *National Geographic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Salon*, *BBC News*, and many others.



CHRISTINA ELIZABETH
RODRIGUEZ

CO-FOUNDER, EXPO COLLECTIVE

Christina Elizabeth Rodríguez is a Mexican-American writer, communications specialist and co-founder of EXPO Collective, an artist accelerator building community through exhibitions, the Quetzal Art Fest, dedicated to highlighting the visual art, and The Exchange, a series of educational workshops focused on marketing, branding and entrepreneurship in the arts. In the past two years, alongside partners Erick "ROHO" García and Ricardo "Naco" González, EXPO Collective has hosted The Red Tour exhibition in Los Angeles, hosted 15 city-wide exhibitions and has worked with over 65 artists across Chicago.



TANIA BRUGUERA

INSTALLATION AND PERFORMANCE ARTIST

One of the leading political and performance artists of her generation, Bruguera researches ways in which Art can be applied to the everyday political life, focusing on the transformation of social affect into political effectiveness. Her long-term projects have been intensive interventions on the institutional structure of collective memory, education and politics. In 2013 she was part of the team creating the first document on artistic freedom and cultural rights with the United Nation's Human Rights Council. In May 2015, she opened the Institute of Artivism Hannah Arendt, in Havana. Her work was exhibited at Documenta 11, Venice Biennale, Tate Modern, Guggenheim and Van Abbemuseum among others.



KALAGHAYI



KHINALUG

BREAKOUT SESSION

“YOUTH PARTICIPATION FOR PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS GENERATIONS AND SECTORS”

Young women and young men around the world are developing innovative and successful projects to build inclusive societies, making a constructive contribution to the political and economic development of their societies and nations. UNAOC, through its youth-focused activities, has worked since its inception towards supporting, celebrating and mainstreaming the work and expertise of youth in this regard. While examples of best practices abound on all continents and are increasingly shared and mainstreamed through different fora and platforms, more efforts are needed in helping to amplify the voices of young people promoting the values of mutual respect and peace to their peers. Moreover, important considerations need to be taken into account with regards to the wider context: Youth work and initiatives should not operate in isolation or in uneven relationships. The widespread manifestations of polarization, violence and conflict currently affecting all regions of the world, call for a holistic approach in building inclusive societies as a way to achieve peace and security.

The recently adopted United Nations Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security (S/RES/2015/2250), as well as the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism issued in December 2015 reflect the UN and its Member States' growing commitment to support young people in their peacebuilding efforts. They call on furthering inclusive representation of youth in decision-making processes as well as the adoption of an interdisciplinary “All-of-society” and “All-of-government” approach to preventing conflict and violent extremism.

In this context, intergenerational and cross-sectorial partnerships are needed to increase youth participation, to support youth-led projects and ensure sustainability of successful initiatives for the causes of peace, pluralism and mutual respect. This session brings together policy-makers, practitioners and researchers to address the need for holistic approaches in peacebuilding, especially with regards to partnerships between various stakeholders; to identify relevant examples of meaningful engagement mechanisms and collaborations; and to discuss further steps in promoting intergenerational and cross-sectorial partnerships for more effective and sustainable results.



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Moderator



TARAS DZYUBANSKYI

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, LIBERTAS
CENTER FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE,
ADVISER TO THE MAYOR ON RELIGIOUS
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Taras Dzyubanskyi holds a B.A. in Philosophy and a PhD in Theology and Interreligious Dialogue. Since 2012, Taras has been working as an adviser for religious and ecumenical issues to the Mayor of Lviv, Ukraine. In 2013, he inaugurated the interfaith center "Libertas" in Ukraine. Taras has been awarded with several distinctions related to his innovative approach and commitment on interfaith dialogue and social issues. Author of three books, he believes that people of different faiths have a lot to offer to humanity through their religious experiences and traditions which are an invaluable source of wisdom, prudence, love and respect.



SHREYA JANI

FOUNDER AND MANAGING TRUSTEE OF
STANDING TOGETHER TO ENABLE PEACE
TRUST (STEP)

With over 15 years of experience as a trainer, curriculum designer and activist in the fields of ecology, youth issues and peace education, Shreya Jani is the first person to receive a Masters of Peace Education in India. Championing these topics at the governmental level, she contributed to the first teacher's manual on peace education by the National Council of Educational Research and Training and has co-authored two books for teachers on ecology. She received the Rotary Peace Award for contribution towards building a culture of peace. In 2015, her organization was a recipient of the UNAOC Youth Solidarity Fund. Shreya lives by the adage "there is no way to peace, peace is the way."



FUAD MURADOV

MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, CHAIRMAN
OF THE GREAT SILK WAY INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH UNION

Fuad Muradov was born in Baku, on July 22, 1979. He has graduated from the Azerbaijan State Oil Academy (ASOA). Holds master degree on Environment and Oil Industry from Joint Master Program of the ASOA, University of Nice and University of Genoa in the framework of the EU Tempus Program and holds PhD in chemistry. He is the author of 10 scientific works and monographs. He was elected as Member of Parliament (Milli Mejlis) three times (in 2005, 2010 and 2015). Since 1996 actively participates in Youth movement in Azerbaijan. In 2004 – 2012 he was a chairman of the NAYORA. Since 2008 heading of GOPAC Azerbaijan. Since 2011 he is co-chairman of the Energy Security Committee of the EURONEST PA. During 2011-2015 he was a member of the working group on State Program on Azerbaijani Youth. Since 2012 - Chairman of the "Great Silk Way" International Youth Union. Since 2015 - Head of Youth and Sports Committee of Milli Mejlis of the Azerbaijan Republic.



EMMANUEL ANDE
IVORGBA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW ERA
EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE SUPPORT
FOUNDATION (NEEDCSI)

Emmanuel Ivorgba holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Comparative Religion and leads NEEDCSI, a Jos, Nigeria-based national nonprofit that received the 2013 UNAOC Youth Solidarity Fund. Emmanuel is the convener and director of the International Conference on Youth and Interfaith Dialogue in Nigeria, which hosts over 350 participants from more than 10 countries annually. He is also the founder of Creative Minds International Academy, a school empowering Nigerian students with the ability for critical thinking, exploration of the inter-connectedness of all life and establishment of sustainable relationships with each other and Earth herself. His life's work is reaching out to youth around the world to create a culture of peace and justice.



ELIANE HAMDAN

PROJECT COORDINATOR, SEARCH FOR
COMMON GROUND

Eliane Hamdan, twenty six years old, is a Project Coordinator with Search for Common Ground in Lebanon. Eliane recently worked on "Better Together", a project which addressed security sector reform in Lebanon. The project resulted in the building of bridges between communities and the Internal Security Forces. It focused primarily on empowering youth to take the lead in realizing positive change within their communities. She is now working on a project aiming to empower civil society actors. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the American University of Beirut and a Masters' degree in Conflict Resolution from King's College in London.



ALI AL MAJZOUN

**MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL MEMBER, MAJDEL
ANJAR, LEBANON**

Ali Al Majzoub has worked at civil society level and in the public sector since a young age. Secretary-General of local and regional youth and sports organizations, he also founded the Women Louloua Association. Elected council member of the municipality of Majdel Anjar since 1998, he strives to enhance the role of different groups in society, especially youth and women, through workshops, trainings and rehabilitation sessions. In partnership with UNDP's peacebuilding project, he recently contributed to establish the Sociocultural committee of Majdel Anjar, a locally led mechanism for social stability aiming to support communities hosting Syrian migrants. The committee is formed by a majority of Syrian and Lebanese youth.

BREAKOUT SESSION

“FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS AND INTEGRATION THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION”

Each year, millions of young people find themselves submerged into foreign cultures and bringing their own to others due to educational migration. Intensive intercultural exchange that accompanies these human movements creates both challenges and opportunities. During this session, university officials from Russia will discuss the role of educational establishments in civilizational dialogue. They will share their experience of integrating foreign students and a vision for better understanding between nations via educational exchanges.

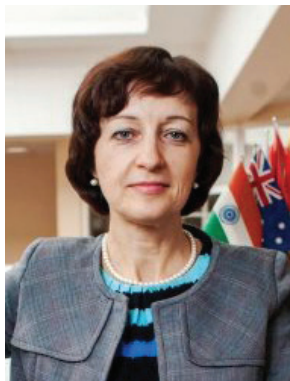


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DZASOKHOV**

VICE-PRESIDENT, RUSSIAN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL;
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, COMMISSION OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR UNESCO

Graduated from the North Caucasus Mining and Metallurgy Institute. Holds a Ph.D. degree in History, Doctor of Sciences (Politics). Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation. Served as Soviet Ambassador to Syria. Was a member of the Russian State Duma (first and second convocations). Member of the State Duma Committee on international affairs. From 1998 to 2005, President of North Ossetia-Alania, the official representative of the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania in the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly.

Moderator



OLGA KUZNETSOVA

HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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UNIVERSITY

Olga Kuznetsova is the Head of the International Department at Siberian Federal University, a modern University located in Eastern Siberia, founded in 2006. The mission of the Department is raising the international profile of the University. The Department deals with international students and applicants, assisting with their admissions and studies. It functions as a liaison between University research and academic departments and services with their overseas partners. Olga is also a part-time teacher of English as a foreign language. Her interests in ELT area are language testing and assessment and language teacher professional development.



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EDUCATION OFFICER, RUSSIAN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Education: Russian State University of the Humanities (2007) Ph.D. thesis: Power Legitimacy in Divided Societies (on the material of Serbia and the Ukraine). Worked in the Analytical Center for the Government of Russian Federation, Moscow State University, Financial University under the Government of Russian Federation. Released a number of academic and analytical publications.

BREAKOUT SESSION


“ALUMNI SHOWCASE: IMPACT ACROSS UNAOC PILLARS”

The UN High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations has stated that the organization’s activities and programming should not merely focus on promoting dialogue between diverse cultures, but rather emphasize concrete action in UNAOC’s pillars of education, media, migration and youth. At the forefront of this directive is the alumni of UNAOC’s programs who are on the ground of today’s increasingly diverse societies, facing challenges and working towards the goal of inclusive living.

In this session, alumni will have the opportunity to present their work and the impact that they have had within the four pillars. It will follow an innovative, TED-talk format with close to 30 alumni speaking for no more than 2 minutes each. For more information about the alumni, please visit the Marketplace of Ideas.

Facilitator: Chris Bashinelli


























































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








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















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	Sabreen Abdulrahman (State of Palestine) Co-founder and Director, Atabet Fann Association	  
	Kayf Abdulqadir (Canada) Film-maker, The Cool Ciyaal Production	  
	Jennifer Aduro (Nigeria) Founder, Vis-On-Wheels	  
	Mohamed El Dahshan (Egypt) Co-founder, Lighthouse Relief	 
	Farzeen Ferdous Alam (Bangladesh) Founding President, OGGRO	
	Awais Ali (United Kingdom) Independent Filmmaker	  
	Ahmad Al-jaafr (State of Palestine) Project Co-ordinator, Crack In The Wall	  
	Achref Aouadi (Tunisia) Founder, I WATCH	 
	Said Bahajin (Morocco) Director, Arab Nations DEEP Node	
	Mariam Barandia (Philippines) Executive Director, Kapamagogopa Incorporated	 
	Chris Bashinelli (United States of America) Host, Bridge The Gap	
	Steffi Biester (Germany) Co-founder and Director, Kickfair	 
	Priscilla Brice (Australia) Founder and Managing Director, All Together Now	
	Josh Cass (United Kingdom) Director, Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine	 
	Trimita Chakma (Bangladesh) Project Manager, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development	
	Lawrence Chuma (Tanzania) Board Member, Youth of United Nations Association of Tanzania	
	Tudor Clee (New Zealand) Founder, Touchable Earth	 
	Sylvia Guimarães (Brazil) President, Vaga Lume	 
	Lamisse Hamouda (Australia) Manager, Brighter Future Collective Ltd	  
	Guen Han (United States of America) Director of Development, Welcoming America	

	Breech Asher Harani (Philippines) Independent Filmmaker, Founder of Alexandrite Pictures	●	●	●
	Bashar Hobbi (Syria) Global Youth Ambassador, A World At School		●	●
	Emmanuel Ande Ivorgba (Nigeria) Executive Director, New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative		●	●
	Shreya Jani (India) Managing Trustee, Standing Together to Enable Peace Trust		●	●
	Mehmet Kalyoncu (Turkey) Political Officer, Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations	●	●	●
	Rasha Kamal (Egypt) Executive Director, Canada Egypt Business Council	●	●	●
	Roseline Kamden (Cameroon) Founder, Cameroon Youth Alliance			●
	Kritishma Karki (Nepal) Co-Founder, SAATH Nepal			●
	Hiba Kchour (Lebanon) Project Manager, The National Organization for Popular Activities			●
	Samina Khan (Pakistan) Project Coordinator, Organization for Community Development	●		●
	Winnie Kinaro (Kenya) Program Manager, Uzima Foundation			●
	Maria Elena Villafuerte Mata (Mexico) Analyst, ProDESC			●
	Marta Meloni (Italy) Project Coordinator, Africa e Mediterraneo			●
	Rouba Mhaissen (Lebanon) Founder, Sawa for Development and Aid		●	●
	Sharon Kalimi Misheiker (Israel) Project Coordinator, Crack In The Wall	●	●	●
	Peter Mousaferiadis (Australia) CEO & Founder, Cultural Infusion		●	●
	Gathoni Mwai (Kenya) Coordinator, Afroes	●	●	●
	Nidaa Nassar (Israel) Youth Leadership Project Coordinator, Baladna			●
	Eoin O'Liathain (Ireland) Founder, Shout Out			●
	Paolo Petrocelli (Italy) Founder and President, Euro-Mediterranean Music Academy for Peace	●		●

	Eleanor Pinnugu (Philippines)			
	Executive Director, Mano Amiga Academy			
	Urica Yernesí Primus (Guyana)			
	President, Guyana Women Miners' Organization			
	Nora Rahimian (United States of America)			
	Co-Founder, Culture Fix			
	Meenakshi Rai (India)			
	Director, Chinh India			
	Vinay Rai (India)			
	Director, Nomadic Haat			
	Mutteri Puthiyaveetil Rakesh (India)			
	General Secretary, Manav Seva Sansthan "SEVA"			
	Merybell Reynoso (Dominican Republic)			
	Filmmaker			
	Velma Šarić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)			
	Founder and Executive Director, The Post-Conflict Resource Center			
	Christina Sciarra (United States of America)			
	Founder, Dialogue through Arts			
	Seth Selleck (Sweden)			
	Project Co-ordinator, More Than One Story			
	Jean-Luc Slock (Belgium)			
	Coordinator, Camera_etc			
	I Wayan Alit Sudarsana (Indonesia)			
	Founder, Little Circle Foundation			
	Nikolina Talijan-Hinic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)			
	Founder, Perpetuum Mobile			
	Megara Tegal (Sri-Lanka)			
	Member, Steering Committee, Beyond Borders Sri Lanka			
	Mathelda Titihlawa (Indonesia)			
	Project Coordinator, Inspiring Development			
	Vy Ton Nu Tuong (Vietnam)			
	Founder, Spread Out Academic Club			
	Meghann Villanueva (Philippines)			
	Strategist, Peace Superheroes			
	Benard Ouma Wakoli (Kenya)			
	Founder, Yaya Education Trust			
	Fshahat-UI-Hassan (Pakistan)			
	Chairman, Youth Advocacy Network			

BREAKOUT SESSION:

“D-GOALS OF PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM THROUGH EDUCATION: EDUCATING FOR DEVELOPMENT, DIVERSITY, AND DIALOGUE”

Education is an essential factor among the tools to prevent violent extremism, because of its basic role in addressing many of the conditions conducive to violent extremism. These conditions include the lack of economic opportunity, discrimination and marginalization, violations of human rights, and – in the worst case – continued political instability and conflict.

These factors conducive to extremism also impact on development. Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) therefore calls for ensuring “inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.” Particularly relevant to this panel, Target 4.7 calls for ensuring that “all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.”

This session will address some of the educational tools that contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal and target mentioned above, which are also relevant in helping to prevent violent extremism.



ABDULAZIZ SACHEDINA

**PROFESSOR AND ENDOWED IIIT CHAIR
IN ISLAMIC STUDIES GEORGE MASON
UNIVERSITY**

Abdulaziz Sachedina is Professor of Islamic Studies at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Dr. Sachedina, who has studied in India, Iraq, Iran, and Canada, and obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He has been conducting research and writing in the field of Islamic Law, Ethics, and Theology (Sunni and Shiite) for more than two decades. In the last ten years, he has concentrated on social and political ethics, including Interfaith and Intrafaith Relations, Islamic Biomedical Ethics and Islam and Human Rights. Dr. Sachedina's publications include: *The Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism* (OUP 2002), *Islamic Biomedical Ethics: Theory and Application* (OUP 2009), *Islam and the Challenge of Human Rights* (OUP 2009).

Moderator



BELEN ALFARO

**AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR THE
ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR
INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SPAIN**

Ambassador Belen Alfaro is a member of the Spanish Diplomatic Service. Previously, she was a Minister Counsellor at the Mission of Spain to the UN and a Senior Counsellor for foreign policy with the Middle East and Mediterranean countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has also served as a Deputy Head at the Embassy of Spain in Pakistan, as a Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU, and in several other positions in the Spanish government. Ms. Alfaro holds a Master's degree in Law from Complutense University in Madrid.



MIKAYIL JABBAROV

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF THE
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B.A. in Law from Baku State University in 1997, L.L.M. from University of the Pacific (USA), McGeorge School of Law, in 1998 and M.A. in Economics from Azerbaijan State Economic University in 2004.

Mr. Jabbarov worked as Advisor to the Minister of Economic Development in 2002-2003 and as President of Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO) in 2003-2004.

In 2004-2009 he served as Deputy Minister of Economic Development. In 2009, he was appointed as the Head of State Department of the Historical and Architectural Reserve of Icherisheher under the Cabinet of Ministers.

Minister of Education since April 2013.



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CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY, YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA.

Zainal Abidin Bagir teaches at the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, Graduate School of Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. He was a visiting lecturer at the Department of Religious Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (2013-2014). In 2008-2013, he was the Indonesian Regional Coordinator for the Pluralism Knowledge Programme, a collaboration between four academic centers in the Netherlands, India, Indonesia and Uganda. Among his recent journal articles are "Advocacy for Religious Freedom in Democratizing Indonesia" (Review of Faith and International Affairs, 2014), and two articles on the discourse of Islam and science published in the journal Zygon (2012 and 2015).



VINCENZO MORLINI

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS, INC.

President and CEO of AFS Intercultural Programs since 2011, Vincenzo Morlini was born in Reggio Emilia, Italy in 1948. He obtained his academic degree in Economics and Business Management from Parma University, Italy. He has held a number of senior level positions in the corporate sector, including the presidency of the Cassa di Risparmio di Reggio Emilia Spa (Savings Bank), Vice President of Fineco Asset Management Bank in Milan, and financial controller and operations manager for Apple Computer Inc. in Italy. He has been a lecturer in Italian universities and IFOA Business School (Chamber of Commerce in Reggio Emilia, Italy). Since 2006, he has served as the national partner director of AFS Intercultura in Italy.



EMNA JEBBLAOU

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (IIDH)

Born in Tunis, Emna Jebblaoui is the President of the International Institute in Human Development, which promotes multiparty dialogue and recently launched the Women for Peace and Security Project. Since 1999, she has taught translation and Islamic studies at the University of Manouba. From 2013-2015, Emna served as a consultant and coordinator at the Training Center of the Tunisian Assembly managed by UNDP, where she advised on civil society and multiparty democratic dialogue and suggested different scenarios of mediation and confidence building. Emna is a recognized expert on Tunisian civil society and human rights, sits on the advisory board of different NGOs and is a founding member of various organizations working on transition issues.



REV. MARK E. FOWLER

TANENBAUM CENTER FOR
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As Tanenbaum's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mark Fowler oversees all of our program areas and works with Tanenbaum's operations, development and communications departments. Mark's recent engagements include presentations at the Diversity in Asia Network Conference in Hong Kong, the NASSCOM conference in Bangalore, the National Council for the Social Studies in the U.S., and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development's "Partnership Alliance for Peace Education." Mr. Fowler earned a B.A. in English and Education at Duke University, is trained as a Mediation and Conflict Resolution Specialist, and is an interfaith/interspiritual minister and graduate of the One Spirit Interfaith Seminary.

BREAKOUT SESSION

BAKU PROCESS: RESPONDING TO NEW CHALLENGE FOR GLOBAL INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

The promotion of dialogue between cultures is now confronted with new issues, actors, and voices that call for significant re-thinking and broadening of its ideas, methods, and base of evidence. This reflects the importance of global issues, the rise of strong battlegrounds for ideas and seemingly intractable conflicts, continued challenges for human rights, the subjugation of women and minorities, racism and the rise of hate-crime, financial meltdowns, forced migration, terrorism, disease, and climate change.

In 2008, we have succeeded to create opportunities for regular exchange of views and interactions between officials of Muslim and European countries by ensuring their constructive cooperation at the conference of culture ministers of Europe and adjacent regions. In 2010, we have put forward the initiative of World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue at the UN General Assembly, and have held that World Forum in Baku in 2011, 2013 and 2015. The support extended by various international organizations, particularly by UNAOC, UNESCO, World Tourism Organization, the Council of Europe and ISESCO to this dialogue has paved the way to build such a successful cooperative platform and ensured the development of a very promising international initiative called the "Baku Process". It has become an established key international platform to enable and encourage people, countries and organizations from around the globe to commit to concrete actions to support diversity, dialogue and mutual understanding by raising awareness on the importance of intercultural dialogue worldwide.

This session will develop a greater understanding of the role of dialogue in the development of peaceful relations between countries or groups of people who have been enemies. Through the lens of the established Baku Process, such rapprochement is shown as a slow, gradual and patient process and showcases why cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and responsive democratic governance are vital for the development and peace, especially in time of global crisis.



MIKE HARDY

PROFESSOR OF INTERCULTURAL
RELATIONS, DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR
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Professor Hardy joined Coventry University in 2011 to lead and transform the University's work in social and community cohesion. He has, most recently taken strategic responsibility for Coventry University's work in Human Security and now leads the new University Research Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations. Mike's work focuses on human security and specifically living with difference and with inter- and intra-community relations. Professor Hardy leads the Coventry Initiative that is seeking to recast the relationship between Coventry University and its host City through a focus on people-to-people social relations, and the exploration of the notion of an 'urban-serving' university. Mike was awarded the OBE in 2001 for his work in the Middle East, and was appointed as Companion of Honour of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's Birthday. Mike is a trustee of 3FF and a life fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts.

Moderator



ABULFAS GARAYEV

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM OF
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Dr. Abulfas Garayev is the Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan since 2006. Previously, he held the position of Minister of Youth, Sport and Tourism from 2001 to 2006, Minister of Youth and Sport from 1994-2001. He is chair of the National Organizing Committee of the UNAOC 7th Global Forum. He is vice-chair of the National Commission of Azerbaijan for UNESCO. Mr. Garayev is a President of the ISESCO General Conference for 2016-2018 and recently was appointed chair of the National Commission for ISESCO. A. Garayev received his PhD in philosophy and culture from the Academy of Social Sciences, Moscow-Russia (1992) and degree from University of Foreign Languages and Pedagogy in Baku Azerbaijan, in 1978. He is author of several books and is an Associate Professor of Azerbaijan Tourism Institute since 2006.



H.E. NASSIR

ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER

UN HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
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H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser has been UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations since 2013. Previously, he held the Presidency of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly. From 1998-2011, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN, which he represented as a non-permanent member to the Security Council in 2006-2007. Mr. Al-Nasser was Ambassador to Jordan from 1993-1998. He was first posted to the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the UN as Minister Plenipotentiary from 1986-1993. The recipient of numerous decorations and awards, Mr. Al-Nasser was made an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association in New York in 2009. He also holds three honorary doctorates in international affairs, recognizing his efforts to foster cross-cultural understanding.



**ABDULAZIZ OTHMAN
ALTWAIJRI**

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ISESCO

Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri is the Director General of ISESCO. He is a Saudi Arabian author and lecturer who has served at various posts including Executive Director of "Islam Today", an Islamic academic journal published in Arabic, English and French; and "AL JAMIA" Journal published by the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World. Abdulaziz was director general of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO, served as secretary general of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World, was a member of the Royal Al-Albayt Institute for Islamic Thought, Jordan, of the advisory committee of the Arab-Islamic Civilization Encyclopedia, of the World Islamic Forum for Dialogue, of the board of trustees of the Arab-European Centre for Studies in Paris, of the Arab Thought Forum in Amman and of the scientific committee of Prince Abdulmuhsin Bin Jallawi Center for Research & Islamic Studies Sharjah.



**JEAN-CHRISTOPHE
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FOUNDER AND CEO THE GLOBAL COMPASS

The Global Compass fosters collaborative action among Business, governments, NGOs, academics, philanthropists, media, the entertainment industry to build participative, pluralistic and inclusive societies and societies. In 2014/15, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation at the Council of Europe. From 2008 to 2014 Head of Strategic Development and Partnerships at the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in New York. From 1999 to 2008, Head of Development Policy Dialogue at the World Bank. Executive Director of the Aspen Institute in France (1994-1999). Author of EUROPE A LA CARTE, a book of reflection on European identity.



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**CHIEF, INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE
SECTION, UNESCO**

Ann-Belinda Preis, Anthropologist Ph.D., University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Long-term field work in India, Sri Lanka, Botswana and Zimbabwe in the area of human rights, migration/refugees. Former Executive Coordinator of UNESCO's World Culture Report and Senior Programme Planning Officer in the Bureau for Strategic Planning. Chief of the Intercultural Dialogue Section in UNESCO's Sector for Social and Human Sciences; management of dialogue initiatives, culture of peace and the rapprochement of cultures.



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DIRECTOR OF THE SHANGHAI CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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SAMIA BIBARS

MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY, DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-CIVILIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AND FOCAL POINT TO THE UNAOC AT THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES (LAS)

Born in Egypt in 1963, Samia Bibars holds a degree in Political Sciences, from the Faculty of Economy & Political Sciences - Cairo University. She started her professional activity in the LAS in 1993 where she worked in different Sectors; the Political Affairs Sector, Media and Information Sector, before becoming Officer in Charge of Inter Civilizations Dialogue Department and holding the position as a director of the same department in 2012. Throughout her career her responsibilities span from being in charge of the Arab-European Dialogue, Promotion of Arab- American Relations, Arab-African cooperation, as well as the Arab- Chinese Relations and recently the File of Intercultural & Interfaith Dialogue. She has published more than 120 studies, researches and articles in different Arab newspapers, periodicals and strategic reports. She is also in the process of publishing a book entitled "Turkey's Role in the Middle East". Moreover, she is Editing Advisor of the Journal of Arab Affairs published by the LAS. She regularly gives lectures at the Institute for Diplomatic Studies, affiliated to the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

BREAKOUT SESSION

“MEDIA & INFORMATION LITERACY: TOOLS FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE TO VIOLENT EXTREMIST PROPAGANDA”

Most of our perceptions of the world are strongly informed by overlapping media environments, which shape the understanding of the community where we live, of the others and of ourselves. Our opinions and values often are but a reflection of the media messages that ubiquitously are embedded in our daily life. We certainly spend more time consuming (and producing media) than with our families and friends. Young people devote more time to media than to learning in formal educational settings.

The power of media in shaping taste and opinion has been well established for many decades; what is in fact new is the speed and scope with which the Internet and digital media have exploded reaching all areas of the world. In some regions of the planet it is easier to connect to the Internet via mobile technology than to access clean drinking water. Some individuals of our world will access the Internet without ever having truly experienced television.

This media explosion is indeed very beneficial for a great number of human activities. But at the same time it facilitates, as never before, the spread of misinformation, hate speech, and the dissemination of polarizing opinions effectively provoking violent confrontations. Social media, this wonderful platform of freedom of expression, is also the platform for spreading violent extremist propaganda. Censorship is ultimately counterproductive; the ingenuity of individuals, particularly in today's multilayered cyber space, will always find ways to access the media messages deemed negative for the wellbeing of the individual and the community at large. Protection needs to come from education and from the development of critical thinking skills, not from the control of information.

Media and information literacy is indeed an educational platform designed to strengthen critical thinking skills, enrich civic education, and further develop global citizenship. While media and information literacy can in fact deepen indigenous cultures, it also connects the individuals with the world. It does so by offering open perspectives where the narrow views of propaganda messages encouraging violence and ethical disregard for others are detected and discarded. This session will explore Media and Information Literacy, its impact and options to include it into education.



SALLY REYNOLDS

MEDIA & LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Born in Ireland and living in Belgium, Sally began her career as a remedial linguist and worked in radio and television in Ireland as a presenter and producer for national broadcaster, RTE. Since the early 90's, she has worked in innovation networks in Ireland, Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium where she developed her interest in the value and input of media to learning. She is a director of ATiT where she leads on dissemination for several large EU projects and has considerable experience in all levels of European project management. Sally was one of the founders of the European NGO Media & Learning Association hosted by ATiT which organises the annual Media & Learning Conference and the MEDEA Awards. She serves as their Chief Operational Officer.

Moderator



RENEE HOBBS

**PROFESSOR, HARRINGTON SCHOOL OF
COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND USA**

Renee Hobbs is an authority on digital and media literacy education and director of the Media Education Lab (www.mediaeducationlab.com). She has authored five books and more than 150 published articles, created award-winning educational multimedia, and offered professional development programs to educators on four continents. Current interests include measurement of digital and media literacy competencies, approaches for integrating digital and media literacy into the professional development of teachers, copyright and fair use for digital learning, and teaching and learning about contemporary propaganda.



ALI HASANOV

**ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
PUBLIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND POLITICAL
ISSUES**

Ali Hasanov is the Head of Public - Political issues Department of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Hasanov graduated from the Moscow State University and has PhD in History.

In 1993-1995 was the Head of ideological department of "New Azerbaijan Party". From 1995 till 1996 worked as Deputy Head of public-political Department of the President's Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and it's head from 1996 through 2005.

He was appointed as the Head of public-political issues Department. On February 23, 2015 he was appointed as the assistant of the President on public-political issues.



ALTON GRIZZLE

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION



MARIA RANIERI

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL
METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY



DIVINA FRAU-MEIGS

PROFESSOR OF MEDIA SOCIOLOGY,
UNIVERSITÉ SORBONNE NOUVELLE

Alton Grizzle is a happily married husband, father and Christian. He works at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris as Programme Specialist in Communication and Information. He is a UNESCO focal-point on gender and media and is co-manager of UNESCO's global actions on media and information literacy (MIL). Alton has diverse education and experience in the fields of education, management, information systems and media and communication. He has conceptualized and spearheaded many projects and co-authored and edited books and articles relating to MIL, gender and media, media development, communication for development. Prior to UNESCO, he was an educator/principal at secondary school and adult vocational training levels of the education systems in Jamaica for ten years.

Maria Ranieri, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Educational Methods and Technology. Her main research areas include theory and methodology relating to media and technology in education, as well as work around teachers' practices and students' learning. She has also worked on educational practices aimed at tackling different forms of intolerance, especially online hate speech and digital discrimination, through the promotion of critical media literacy skills. On these topics she has recently edited *Populism, Media and Education. Challenging discrimination in contemporary digital societies* (Routledge, 2016). She has worked on and coordinated a number of (European) research projects on media, learning, technology and social inclusion. Maria is a member of executive committee of the Italian Association of Media Education.

Divina Frau-Meigs is a professor of media sociology at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, France. She is a specialist of Cultural Diversity, Internet Governance and Media and Information Literacy (MIL) as well as a researcher in media uses and practices of young people. As of 2013, she holds the UNESCO chair for "savoir-devenir / forwardance in sustainable digital development". She is the coordinator of ANR TRANSLIT (convergence between media and digital literacies) and of ECO MOOC project (MOOCs about media and digital competences).



SANJAY ASTHANA,
PH.D.

PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM,
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Sanjay Asthana, Professor in Journalism at the Middle Tennessee State University, earned his Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication in 2003 from the University of Minnesota. He also holds an MPhil degree in Philosophy and an MA degree in Communication from the University of Hyderabad in India. Dr. Asthana is the author of *Palestinian Youth Media and the Pedagogies of Estrangement* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016); *Youth Media Imaginaries from Around the World* (Peter Lang, 2012); *Innovative Practices of Youth Participation in Media* (UNESCO, 2006); and a co-author of the report, *Media Information Literacy: Policy and Strategy Guidelines* (UNESCO, 2013).

NETWORKING SESSION

PLURAL+: CELEBRATING YOUTH-PRODUCED MEDIA ON MIGRATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION



MERYBELL REYNOSO

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER
UNAOC-IOM PLURAL+ AWARD WINNER

Merybell is a Development, Human Rights and Youth's rights advocate from the Dominican Republic. In 2015, she was selected as an official civil society speaker in the Intergovernmental Negotiations for the Post 2015 and Financing for Development Process in the UNHQ. She was also an official youth delegate in the United Nations Summit (September 2015). Currently, she is a member of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth and the Youth Task Team on Governance and Accountability, a global group of dedicated young advocates working to ensure good governance, civic participation and effective mechanisms to hold leaders to account.



ASHRAF EL NOUR

PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
MIGRATION (IOM) TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Ashraf El Nour is the Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to the United Nations. In 1991, he joined IOM as Coordinator for Northern Iraq until 1993 and then as their Coordinator of Operations in Mozambique until 1995. Moving to the agency's headquarters in Geneva, he worked as Programmes Coordinator for Migration for Development and Technical Cooperation until 1998, when he became Regional Adviser for Africa and the Middle East until 2001. After working as Senior Recovery Adviser at the UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, Mr. El Nour returned to IOM as Special Assistant with the Office of the Director General from 2006 to 2007.



JORDI TORRENT

PROJECT MANAGER - MEDIA LITERACY
EDUCATION
UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF
CIVILIZATIONS

Studied Philosophy at the University of Barcelona and followed graduate studies on Anthropology and Cinema at the Sorbonne University, Paris. He was Media Educator Consultant for the Department of Education of New York City from 1990 to 2007, where he developed Media Literacy Education programs for students, educators and parents. In 20104, he co-founded "Overseas Conversations", an annual series of international conferences in New York focusing on youth, media and education. He has co-edited, among other publications, "Mapping Media Education Policies in the World", "Youth Media Visions: Conversations Across Cultures" and "New Opportunities for Media and Information Literacy in the MENA Region." Since 2007, Mr. Torrent is Project Manager of Media and Information Literacy initiatives at UNAOC.



KAYF ABDULQADIR

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER
UNAOC-IOM PLURAL+ AWARD WINNER

Kayf comes from Ottawa, Canada and has Somali roots, which shine through in her filmmaking about her background and her faith. Her family escaped the Somali civil war in the early 1990s, which has had a profound influence on her film interests and ambitions. Kayf is one half of the creative partnership, Specs & Veils Productions, and is studying interactive multimedia design. Kayf manages two YouTube channels that showcase her work: "Specs & Veils" and "The Cool Ciyaal" ('kids' in Somali). Kayf came to national attention in Canada with the viral popularity of her YouTube video '10 Types of Somali Girls'.



AWAIS ALI

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER
UNAOC-IOM PLURAL+ AWARD WINNER

Awais Ali is a dental student at King's College London, but with a difference. His film making skills have helped him win awards with HSBC, Arabia Offscreen and he hopes to continue this success with his award winning film, Inspire. He focuses much of his work on education, diversity and faith with the aim to create dialogue between people of different backgrounds. He is currently making films to help challenge stereotypes around dentistry and highlighting the refugee crisis in Syria. As an aspiring entrepreneur, Awais has started his own social enterprise, Shirt Makers of London, which offers tailor made shirts to customers across London.



VINAY RAI

FOUNDER OF CHINH COMMUNITY WEB
CHANNEL
UNAOC-IOM PLURAL+ AWARD WINNER

Vinay Rai is engaged in promoting culture as a tool for activism and change. Together with his wife Meenakshi, he developed a global musical project linking gypsy communities across the world through Nomadic Caravan. Dedicated to Roma Gypsies of the world, Nomadic Haat is offering a framework for civic agencies and civil society to engage in meaningful and cooperative ways with the culture, the art and the music of nomadic tribes. The duo has also launched courses in nomadic studies to empower young people from different background to strengthen their skills on culture, traditional art and folk of India through video and social media.



**BREECH ASHER
HARANI**

**INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER
UNAOC-IOM PLURAL+ AWARD WINNER**

Breech Asher Harani is an independent filmmaker and photographer, born and raised in the Philippines. In 2012, he started creating short video contents in narrative, experimental and documentary forms and founded Alexandrite Pictures studio. In 2014, his short experimental film about LGBT Discrimination, "Through the Mirror" was the first Filipino Film to receive Dorothy Slipper Award for Best Short Film at the Merlinka International Queer Film Festival in Serbia and the Best Short Film Award at the Springfield LGBT Film Festival in Massachusetts. His short animated film "BLUE" won the International Jury Award at the Plural+ Youth Video Festival in New York City.



JEAN-LUC SLOCK

**INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER PLURAL+
AWARD WINNER**

Jean-Luc Slock is involved in animation and music since 1979, founding the Camera-etc animation studio. He travelled around the world, leading numbers of animation workshops and organizing professional animation trainings. Since 2005, he's been producing animation films and collective films with children and adults, often awarded in International Film festivals. He's running a 13 people team studio in Liège, Belgium. Besides collective and author productions, the NGO Camera-etc leads plenty of cooperation projects around the world and especially in French speaking Africa and Cuba. The films serve as awareness tools on issues like racism, environment, gender equality or violence.



**CHRISTIAN
MORISSETTE**

**HEAD OF DISTRIBUTION AND MARKET
DEVELOPMENT OF WAPIKONI MOBILE**

With a political science, philosophy and communications background, Christian Morissette has been actively promoting engaged short film productions for several years. He was director of sales and festivals at Vidéographe, an artist-run centre dedicated to research and dissemination of experimental forms of moving images. He is now the Head of distribution and market development of Wapikoni Mobile, an organization that gives a voice to First Nations youth and uses cinema and music as powerful tools for social transformation. Christian recently completed an experimental film, ENVOL / FLIGHT, and received a scholarship to write a fiction feature film on cycling activism in Montreal in the years 70-80.



MÉLODIE JOURDAIN- MICHEL

SPOKESPERSON FOR THE WAPIKONI MOBILE

Mélodie Jourdain-Michel comes from the Innu community of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam on the Upper North Shore of Quebec, Canada. She sincerely believes that education is the path that the First Nations must take to become stronger. As a spokesperson for the Wapikoni Mobile and the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Network, her involvement in various youth events has been a source of inspiration to other young Aboriginal people to get involved and become agents of positive changes within their communities. As a First Nation youth, she believes it is important to always believe in reaching one's dreams, no matter the form.

NETWORKING SESSION

THE ROLE OF AZERBAIJAN IN BUILDING A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY



**PROF. DR. ALEXANDER
G. NESTEROV**

CHAIRHOLDER OF CHAIR OF FOREIGN
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FEDERAL UNIVERSITY (YEKATERINBURG,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

Alexander Nesterov is a historian, a researcher of political processes, university professor, a specialist in history and policy of Turkian States, of Italian history, policy and economy. He is a member of scientific councils of the journals "Scientific Dialogue" (Russia), "The Scientific Letters of Academical Society of Michal Balugiansky" (Slovakian Republic), "The Scientific Horizon" (Slovakian Republic), "Revista de Derecho Summa Iuris" (Columbia), "Azerbaiyan Rus Dili ve Adabiyati" (Azerbaijan), as well as a member of Società Dante Alighieri (Italy), Russian Association of International Researchers (Russia), Association of European Studies (Russia), and the United Nations Association of Russia.



**DR. NATALIA
KRASOVSKAYA**

HEAD OF MOSCOW BRANCH OF
BAKU INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF
MULTICULTURALISM

Natalia Krasovskaya – Ph.D. in Psychology, expert in political psychology, member of political scientists' society. Founder and director of the Center of Russia-Azerbaijan friendship – an organization that operates in the field of national diplomacy. Actively works in the area of youth engagement in national diplomacy that aims to develop international relations. Moscow branch of Baku International Center of Multiculturalism – focuses on collaboration with community representatives with the purpose of creating a scientific model of multiculturalism and spreading the ideas in society, which provides a basis for prevention of international and interreligious conflicts.



**DR. KAMAL
ABDULLAYEV**

STATE COUNSELLOR ON INTERETHNIC,
MULTICULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Kamal Abdullayev is a statesman, public figure, scientist, professor, and author of scientific and media articles. His works were awarded by national and international prizes and awards. He is an initiator and coordinator of a number of projects aimed at the enhancement and development of multiculturalism, intercultural dialogue and peaceful coexistence both in Azerbaijan and abroad. As a statesman, Kamal Abdullayev is very active in promoting the multicultural values within the Azerbaijani society and in sharing the successful experience of Azerbaijan in establishing multicultural and tolerant societies in the world.



PROF. DR. TERESA
DAMÁSIO

DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE,
UNIVERSIDADE LUSÓFONA, PORTUGAL

Teresa Damásio has been an International Educator for over 20 years. She is a lawyer, a university professor and a politician. She is the Founder of the International Office in Lusófona University, where she belongs to the Board. She is responsible for implementing the international strategy in all the University overseas campuses. She has been engaged and does research in capacity building and in Brain Gain policies as well as in gender equality issues and has been in charge of several multicultural projects. Additionally she has a keen interest on non-higher education and is the CEO of two schools. Last January she was elected Member of the Board of the National Association of Portuguese Independent Schools.



PROF. VIDAS
KAVALIAUSKAS

PROFESSOR AT LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY
OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES, HEAD OF THE
LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
CENTRE OF GEORGIAN TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY, HONORARY DOCTOR AT
GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY,

Vidas Kavaliauskas is a linguist and university professor. He is the author of 15 books and methodological aids for higher education institutions on general and Lithuanian linguistics. He published over 200 articles on Lithuanian linguistics and cross-cultural communication (articles published in 10 countries). He prepared articles about 130 world languages in the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia, including certain languages of Azerbaijan and Georgian national minorities. His interests include multiculturalism of Lithuania, the European Union and the Caucasian countries.



DR. BIRGIT
WEISSGERBER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DRESDEN
BRANCH OF BIMC (BAKU INTERNATIONAL
MULTICULTURALISM CENTRE)

Dr. Birgit Weissgerber has studied Economics in Kyiv and subsequently worked in various research institutions in Dresden, Germany. As the Executive Director of an educational institution, she has promoted citizens of different countries in their integration process in Germany. She has specially supported different multicultural organizations and projects. In January 2016, she founded the Dresden Branch of BIMC (Baku International Multiculturalism Centre) as well as delivered lectures at the Winter School of BIMC in February 2016 in Baku. As the Executive Director of Baku International Multiculturalism Centre, she promotes the model of Azerbaijani multiculturalism in Germany and strengthens ties of peaceful coexistence among different cultures.



SANDRO TETI

FOUNDER OF "SANDRO TETI EDITORE"
PUBLISHING HOUSE AND "TETI
CONSULTING" INTERNATIONALIZATION
CONSULTING FIRM DIRECTOR OF
THE ITALIAN BRANCH OF THE BAKU
INTERNATIONAL MULTICULTURALISM
CENTER (BIMC)

Publisher, journalist, political scientist, expert at political studies and international relations, focused mainly on post-Soviet countries. Consultant for internationalization, communication and corporate institutional relations. Director of the Italian branch of the Baku International Multiculturalism Center (BIMC) and Director of Nobel Prize professor Zhores Alferov's foundation in Italy. Mr. Teti is a member of the Italian national association of professional journalists. For several years, he has been active both on cultural and commercial projects in Azerbaijan. He is the most active publisher in Italy in diffusing the culture of Azerbaijan, having published almost all the books issued about Azerbaijan in Italy.

NETWORKING SESSION

LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER: THE CHALLENGE OF INSECURITY AND CONFLICT



TALAL AL HOTHAL

HEAD OF MONITORING AND RISK
MANAGEMENT EDUCATION ABOVE ALL
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Talal joined the Education Above All Foundation (EAA) in April 2015 as a Research and M&E senior specialist. He previously worked for the RAND-Qatar policy institute as a policy analyst and for the Qatar Science Leadership Program at the Qatar Foundation- Research & Development as a senior research analyst. Talal has experience in performance management and strategy development. During his work with EAA he planned and developed EAA's performance management systems and carried out initiatives to improve EAA's performance.



MEERAN NAGI

PROGRAM SPECIALIST FOR LAW AND
EDUCATION, PROTECT EDUCATION IN
INSECURITY AND CONFLICT (PEIC),
EDUCATION ABOVE ALL FOUNDATION,
QATAR

Meeran Nagi joined PEIC in February 2016. She works to develop and implement PEIC's advocacy programs. She is a New York-qualified lawyer specializing in international human rights. Meeran worked with Squire Patton Boggs before pursuing her masters' degree, with a specialization in international human rights, at Harvard Law School. She worked as a student attorney with the Harvard Immigration Project, and was an active member of the International Human Rights Clinic. In addition to her work with PEIC, Meeran is also an Editor for SHARIAsource, a Harvard initiative that seeks to provide better understanding of Islamic law through an online portal of resources and analysis.



MARGARET SINCLAIR

TECHNICAL ADVISER, PROTECT
EDUCATION IN INSECURITY AND
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FOUNDATION (EAA), QATAR.

Dr Margaret Sinclair has worked on education and conflict since 1987, initially for UNHCR's programme for Afghan refugees in Pakistan. She headed UNHCR's Refugee Education Unit in Geneva and served as a consultant on education in emergencies with UNESCO and other organisations. She has authored several publications on education in emergencies and on 'Learning To Live Together'. Margaret Sinclair joined the office of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al Missned of Qatar in 2009, and has served as Technical Adviser to the PEIC team within the Education Above All Foundation, since it commenced operations in 2010.

NETWORKING SESSION

ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS AND AL-FARABI, A CIVILIZATION PHILOSOPHER



**PROF. DR. HACI BEKİR
KARLİGA**

**SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER
OF TURKEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE TURKISH
NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE UN ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS**

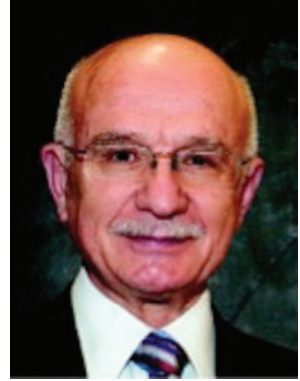
For 30 years, Prof. Dr. Karlıga taught Islamic philosophy, comparative East-West philosophy, history of civilizations and intercultural dialogue courses in Marmara University Faculty of Theology. In 2008, he was assigned to the chair of the Turkish National Coordination Committee for the UN Alliance of Civilizations. In 2011, he was appointed as senior advisor to the Prime Minister of Turkey. He published more than 50 books and in the last 5 years he focused on the documentary "The River Flowing Westward". The documentary aims at informing about the rich science, thought, art and civilization heritage, which the East and the Islamic world transferred to West.



**PROF. DR. ALPASLAN
AÇIKGENÇ**

**FATİH SULTAN MEHMET VAKIF
UNIVERSITY, ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS
INSTITUTE, CHAIR OF CIVILIZATION
STUDIES**

Alparslan Açıkgenç holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is currently a teaching history of philosophy at the Chair of Civilization Studies, Institute for Alliance of Civilizations, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University, Istanbul. His main interest of research is the history of scientific traditions of diverse civilizations, primarily Islamic and Western. He wrote a number of books and articles on religion and science, particularly on epistemology and sociology of science. His most recent work, *Islamic Scientific Tradition in History* (Kuala Lumpur, 2014) won the national science book award of Malaysia for the year 2014. Currently Professor Açıkgenç is the president of Asian Philosophical Association.



**PROF. DR. ANAS AL-
SHAIKH-ALI**

**CHAIR OF ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM SOCIAL
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Anas Al-Shaikh-Ali holds a Ph.D. in American Studies and has taught Literature and Translation at universities in the Middle East. He is a founding member and current Chair of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists, and current Academic Advisor to the IIIT and Director of its London Office and Translation Department. Dr. Ali is Vice-President of the Institute for Epistemological Studies, Europe. He is a former member of the Management Board of the Center for Islamic Studies at Cambridge University. His research interests include Islam in Western Popular Culture, Islam and the Media, Muslim Education in Europe and Muslim Discourse in Europe.



**PROF. DR. JAKIPBEK
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Jakipbek Altaev is one of the leading experts in the field of Kazakh national history and philosophy. Main fields: Philosophy, the history of philosophy, Kazakh philosophy, philosophy of al-Farabi, Islamic philosophy. In 2010, Professor Altaev gave a keynote address at the roundtable at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris), dedicated to the World Day of Philosophy - "Al-Farabi and the European Renaissance." In 2012, at the invitation of the University of Ohio (USA), he gave a course of lectures on the philosophical heritage of Al-Farabi, the history of Kazakh philosophy and classical Islamic philosophy. Professor Jakipbek Altaev is also the author of several textbooks and manuals on philosophical subjects, while actively involved in the practical implementation of modern educational strategies and educational policy.



**PROF. DR. BILAL
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CENTER FOR STUDY OF CIVILIZATIONS,
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,
NECMETTIN ERBAKAN UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. Bilal Kuspinar holds a Ph.D. in history of philosophy from Selçuk University and a Ph.D. in Islamic philosophy and mysticism from McGill University. His research focuses on the various philosophical and mystical traditions that have flourished in Islamic civilization, especially within the context of the Ottoman intellectual milieu. Prior to joining Konya Necmettin Erbakan University, he taught at Selcuk University, the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization in Kuala Lumpur, at Concordia and McGill Universities in Montreal, and at Ahlia University in Bahrain. He is the author of three books and several articles in the fields of philosophy and humanity studies.



**PROF. DR. GALIM
MUTANOV**

RECTOR OF AL-FARABI KAZAKH NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY

Galim Mutanov, doctor of technical sciences, well-known scientist in the field of technical management and social and technical sphere, is the academician of 10 international academies, the author of more than 400 scientific publications, including more than 20 monographs, manuals, textbooks in the field of social and economic, technical processes and systems, methodological developments published in the USA, Czech Republic, Sweden, Germany, and Switzerland. In 2014, the world renowned "Springer" publishing house, having recognized the merits of the author, published his book "Mathematical Methods and Models in Economic Planning, Management and Budgeting". Under his supervision 4 doctoral dissertations, about 30 candidate's dissertations and 3 Ph.D. dissertations were defended.



PROF. DR. RECEP
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Recep Sentürk is the Director General of the Alliance of Civilizations Institute at Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, where he serves as the chair of the Department of Civilization Studies. He is the Founder and President of International Ibn Khaldun Society. He holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University and specializes in sociology, human rights, and Islamic studies with a focus on the Ottoman Empire, Egypt, and Turkey. He is the author of, amongst others, *Narrative Social Structure: Hadith Transmission Network 610–1505* (Stanford University Press, 2005), *Open Civilization: Towards a Multi-Civilizational World and Society* (Istanbul 2010, 2014), *Islam and Human Rights: Sociological and Legal Perspectives* (Istanbul 2007).

NETWORKING SESSION

THE NEW SILK ROAD: A ROUTE OF PEACE



ENRIQUE GASPAR

**FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF NEXOS-
ALIANZA**

Enrique Gaspar is a journalist and a producer with extensive experience in media training. In 2006, he founded Nexos-Allianza, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing audiovisual and educational projects for the UN Alliance of Civilizations, supported by the High Level Group appointed by Kofi Annan and directed by Federico Mayor Zaragoza. Under Nexos-Allianza, he developed the NEXOS project, a documentary and television series about the UN Alliance of Civilizations with DVD's, educational games, mobile app and Internet programs. He also founded the European Platform for the Alliance of Civilizations based in Brussels, becoming a Full Member of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.



ALI MOUSSA IYE

**HEAD OF THE SECTION HISTORY AND
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Ali Moussa Iye joined UNESCO in 1997 and is currently responsible for two major UNESCO projects, "General and Regional Histories" and "The Slave Route". The first project focuses on the pedagogical use of the "General History of Africa" in order to develop common educational content such as textbooks, teacher guides, historical Atlas, glossaries and other teaching tools, for African schools across the continent. "The Slave Route" is an international and interdisciplinary project aiming at breaking the silence on the tragedy of the slave trade and its consequences, and at promoting the contribution of people of African descent to the modern world.



RUSTEM KHAIROV

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOUNDATION
FOR SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF
HUMANITY**

Rustem Khairov is the author of more than 50 scientific presentations and articles in the field of philosophy, psychology, sociology, global modeling, peace research, ecology and sustainable development. He is a member of the Expert Council for the Government of the Russian Federation, and a member of the Commission for Sustainable Development, State Duma of the Russian Federation. He is currently the Advisor for M. Gorbachev's Foundation.



**FEDERICO MAYOR
ZARAGOZA**

**FOUNDER OF PEACE CULTURE
FOUNDATION**

Prof. Federico Mayor Zaragoza is the Co-founder of the Center of Molecular Biology "Severo Ochoa" in Autonomous University in Madrid. In 1999, he created the Foundation for a Culture of Peace to implement the Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace. In 2005, he became the Co-President of the High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations. After that, in 2007, he became President of the "Initiative for Science in Europe". In 2008, he was appointed Chairman of the board directors of the Inter Press Service news agency. In 2010, he was appointed president of the International Commission against the Death Penalty.



JIANZHONG LU

**CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF THE SILK
ROAD CHAMBER OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCE**

As TWMG Chairman, Mr Lu has led the preservation of the precious Silk Road cultural and business heritage of the Chinese Tang dynasty. Investing CYN 10 million in the Tang West Market project over the past decade, he has established the Tang West Market Museum – China's first private capital cultural institution protecting historical heritage. He also initiated many cultural industry projects, including the Silk Road Culture Street, Tang West Market Hotel, the International Art & Antique Trade Centre, West Market Shopping Mall and Intangible Cultural Heritage Town. Mr Lu is a national member in the Economy Domain of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (since 2003).



ZHONGHANG LI

**SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SILK ROAD
CHAMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE**

Mr Li has been the CEO of Tang West Market Group since the establishment of the West Market project and has been a leading figure in developing the cultural industry sector of Shaanxi province. As the CEO of the Tang West Market Group, Mr Li has devoted his efforts to the rejuvenation Xi'an's ancient West Market and the Silk Road culture endowed to it. Mr Li has led the development of the Tang West Market Group's Silk Road collaborations with UNESCO, the China Chamber of International Commerce, the International Chamber of Commerce, the UN World Tourism Organization and other international organizations.



SHIRVANSHAH PALACE



SUMUQ TOWER

NETWORKING SESSION

PROMOTING MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES TO PREVENT EXTREMISM



PROF. DR. HALIT EREN

DIRECTOR GENERAL, OIC, RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA, ISTANBUL)

Coordinates congresses since 2006 on history and intercultural relations in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Balkans. Recently: Islamic Civilisation in Southern Africa (Durban, 2016), Islamic Civilisation in the Balkans (Sarajevo, 2015), China and the Muslim World (Beijing, 2012, Istanbul, 2015), Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence in Multicultural Societies (Bangkok, 2015). Coordinated intercultural relations projects with Council of Europe. Lectures, recently at Beijing (2014), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok (2015), Putrajaya (2015). Graduated from: Faculty of Islamic Studies, Marmara University, Istanbul. Doctorate: Marmara University. Associate Professorship in Social, Humanities and Administrative Sciences from Presidency of Interuniversity Council, Turkey.



H.E. DOUDOU DIENE

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

Expert of UN Human Rights High Commissioner's Office and of OIC on Prevention of Incitement to Religious Hatred; UNESCO Consultant on UN Decade of Rapprochement of Cultures. Law degree: University of Caen, doctorate: University of Paris, diploma: Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris. Joined UNESCO in 1977. Deputy Assistant Director General for External Relations, acting Director of the Bureau of Public Information (1980-85); as Director of the Division of Intercultural Projects from 1993 on, Diène directed projects including "Silk Roads", "Slave Route", "Roads of Faith", "al-Andalus Route", "Iron Roads in Africa".



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PRESIDENT OF THE TURKIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Gunay Afandiyeva worked as the Consul of the Consulate-General of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Istanbul from 2004 and as the Secretary-General of the National Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan for UNESCO from 2009 to 2015. Ambassador Afandiyeva actively participated in organising international events in Azerbaijan. She represented Azerbaijan in a number of international conferences held at UNESCO Headquarters and different countries. Afandiyeva is the author of a number of publications and articles published in local and foreign media. She was granted many national and international diplomas, certificates and prizes.



PROF. MOHAMMED
ABU-NIMER

PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL
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WASHINGTON, DC, SENIOR ADVISER,
KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR
INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL
DIALOGUE, VIENNA

Served as Director of the Peacebuilding and Development Institute of the American University (1999-2013). Conducted interreligious conflict resolution training and interfaith dialogue workshops in conflict areas around the world, including Palestine, Israel, Egypt, Chad, Niger, Iraq, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Founded Salam Institute for Peace and Justice, an organization that focuses on capacity building, civic education, and intra-faith and interfaith dialogue. In addition to his numerous articles and books, Dr. Abu-Nimer is the co-founder and co-editor of the Journal of Peacebuilding and Development.



PROF. DR. DARKHAN
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SCHOLAR AND WRITER

Doctor of history, President of the International Turkic Academy, Astana, Kazakhstan since 2014. Took part in international projects on cross-cultural themes. From 2007 on, he served as Advisor to the Minister of Education and Science of Kazakhstan, expert of the Presidential Administration of Kazakhstan, Deputy Press Secretary of the President of Kazakhstan; Deputy Secretary-General of the Turkic Council. Academic at the International Academy of Chingiz Aitmatov. Studied at Kazakh National University; Doctorate degrees from Ege University, Istanbul University, Turkey and Kazakh National Pedagogical University. Taught at amongst others L.N. Gumilev Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan), Istanbul University, Cairo University, and International Institute of Linguistics (Washington, DC).

NETWORKING SESSION

ITALY AND ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS: FOUR PROPOSALS FOR AN INNOVATIVE CULTURAL DIALOGUE



AMBASSADOR ENRICO GRANARA

MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY, ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Enrico Granara graduated at the University of Padua in 1978. After a brief experience in the private sector he joined the Italian Foreign Service in 1983 where, during the course of the years, he served in Mozambique, France, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and USA. In March 2008, he was appointed Ambassador to the State of Kuwait. Upon completion of his mandate, in October 2011 he resumed his duties in Rome as Counsellor for International Affairs at the Centre for High Defence Studies (CASD-Ministry of Defence). On July 2013, he was appointed Coordinator of the Euro-Mediterranean Multilateral Activities in the Directorate General of Political Affairs.



FABIO STORER

STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL
AUDIT AND COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC
RELATIONS, FONDAZIONE FIERA

Fabio Storer graduated in Business Administration at Bocconi University of Milan and attended the ITP Programme at the London Business School. He was Professor of Finance, Business Finance and Marketing at the Bocconi University and author of several books and articles in the financial and management field sector. Since December 1985, he held a number of management positions, firstly at CARIPLO Group, secondly at Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. In 2007, he was appointed Head of Corporate Relations - Corporate Division in the BNL BNP Paribas Group. From February 2010 to September 2011, he was the President's Advisor in Fondazione Fiera Milano, where since October 2011 he is Responsible for the Strategic Governance and Financial Audit and Communication - Public Relations.



MARTA TAVERNA

ADVISOR, ART & COMMUNICATION
CONSULTANCY

Marta Taverna graduated in 1990 from the Parson School of Design in New York, with a Degree in Communication and Fine Arts. At the beginning of her career, she worked in the advertising industry firstly in New York and then in Milan, than becoming creative director in the area of Communication and Design working for major groups in the sector of consumer goods and retail. Since 2000, she worked as a freelance consultant for important companies in the furniture, wine, hospitality, construction-real estate and retail fields. Her international multicultural experience and her passion for Art and Design brought her interest and attention to contemporary art, collaborating with both Italian and American Art Galleries.



MICHELE FASANO

SATTVA FILMS PRODUCTION AND SCHOOL
SRL

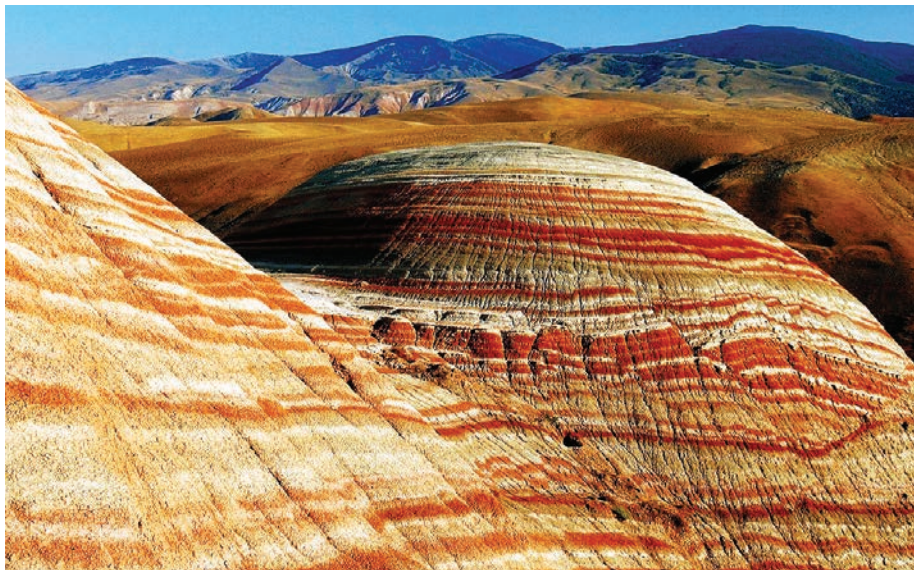
Michele Fasano is the sole administrator of Sattva Films production and School srl, film director, producer and writer. He produced many films, in particular creative documentaries for adults and animation film for children and young/adults, international co-productions according to the European standards of quality. He is the organizer and the scientific curator of Focus: Adriano Olivetti, an event born around its documentary film «The future lies with me...», a portrait of Adriano Olivetti, in which the business world and that of culture meet in order to reflect together on corporate social responsibility at the time of complexity and ecological emergence.



MICHELE CAPASSO

PRESIDENT, FONDAZIONE MEDITERRANEO

After working as an architect and engineer for 20 years, Mr. Capasso decided to dedicate himself to the promotion of dialogue between cultures and peace. In 1993, he helped producing the technical surveys of the Ottoman bridge in Mostar, in view of its reconstruction. He also participated in humanitarian efforts in Bosnia, protecting human lives, sheltering refugees and helping to preserve historical monuments from the ravages of war. In 1991, he established the "Fondazione Mediterraneo". In 2003, he helped to create the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, serving as Head of the Italian Network since then. His lifetime achievement is the new Museum of Peace in Napoli, combining traditional artifacts and multimedia technology.



COLORFUL MOUNTAINS
IN KHIZI



SHEBEKE

VENUES

ABOUT THE VENUES:

The main Forum events will be hosted at the Heydar Aliyev Center and Baku Convention Center, which are conveniently located opposite of each other. The Youth Event will take place in the Baku Convention Center.

The Heydar Aliyev Center, completed in 2012 is a 619,000-square-foot building complex and designed by Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid. The curved-style complex in which sharp angles are eschewed houses a conference hall, a gallery hall, and a museum, and is located close to the city center.

The Baku Convention Center, completed 2016 and designed by Austrian architectural firm Coop Himmelb(l)au, is a multifunctional building with clearly structured yet flexible and spacious rooms and public areas. The heart of this international conference center is the auditorium for 3,500 visitors that is flanked by 15 conference rooms and networking areas.

INTERPRETATION AT THE VENUES

The working languages of the Opening Session, Press Conference, Plenaries, Group of Friends meeting and the Closing Session of the Forum are the UN six official languages, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish plus Azerbaijani. Selected breakout sessions, networking sessions and pre-Forum sessions will be in English, French, Russian and Azerbaijani.

Most of the Forum segments will be live on UNTV.

Various Forum sessions will be simultaneously transmitted on screens throughout the Baku Convention Center.

BILATERAL MEETING ROOMS

Bilateral Meeting Rooms for Officials and Heads of Delegations will be available at the Baku Convention Centre at no cost on a reservation basis from 8am to 8pm daily from April 25-28, 2016. Each room will be available in 20 minute increments and can accommodate 8–10 seats. Delegates should allow 15 minutes between bilateral meetings for room refreshment.

Bilateral Meeting Rooms can be reserved by filling out the bilateral meeting form and sending it to Ms. Gamar Melikova, gamar.melikova@gmail.com, Tel: +994125051527/28, Cell: +9945022606620

The form can be found on the website
<http://baku.unaoc.org/bilaterals>



HEYDAR ALIYEV CENTER



BAKU CONVENTION CENTER

LOGISTICS

UPON ARRIVAL

Baku Heydar Aliyev International Airport is one of the five international airports serving in Azerbaijan. The airport is located 20 km northeast of the capital Baku.

To assist participants attending the 7th UNAOC Global Forum a clearly indicated Welcome Desk will be set up at the Baku Heydar Aliyev International Airport from April 23-29, 2016.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The National Organizing Committee will provide scheduled shuttle transportation for participants between the airport and the officially designated hotels (view list in section Hotels), as well as from the officially designated hotels to the Baku Convention Centre and the Heydar Aliyev Centre.

Participants not staying at the officially designated hotels will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the airport, as well as between their respective hotels and the Forum venues.

HOTELS

The following list of hotels indicates the officially designated hotels from which ground transportation from/to the airport and to/from the venues is organized:

- Four Seasons Hotel Baku
- Hilton Baku
- JW Marriott Absheron Baku
- Sapphire Hotel Baku
- Intourist Hotel
- Hyatt Regency
- Excelsior Hotel
- Fairmont
- Shah Palace
- Sheraton Hotel
- Boulevard Hotel
- Sapphire Inn Hotel
- Qafqaz Sport Hotel
- Genceli Plaza
- Sapphire City
- Ramada Hotel and Suites
- Qafqaz Baku City Hotel
- Holiday Inn
- Gorgud Plaza
- Qafqaz Park Hotel
- Diplomat Hotel
- Ramada Hotel and Suites

REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

Due to security reasons, only participants with visible accreditation badges will gain access to the conference venue and must carry them throughout the whole Forum. Accreditation badges will only be provided to those participants, who will have completed the preliminary online registration via the Forum's website.

DISTRIBUTION OF ID BADGES (INCL. MEDIA BADGES)

Participants will be able to collect their accreditation badges from the following locations:

(A) Baku Business Centre – from April 23 (9am) to April 25 (11:30pm)

Please note that collection point will be available around the clock

(B) Baku Convention Centre – from April 26 (6am) to April 27 (10pm)

Accreditation badges cannot be replaced and are not transferable.

We recommend for those participants arriving on the day before the conference, to collect the accreditation badges and thus avoid a time-consuming process at the on-site accreditation. The different categories of attendees will be signified by the following lanyard colors:

- Official delegations, speakers
- Other participants, local guests
- Media covering the Forum
- National Organizing Committee, accompanying persons
- Local staff

YOUTH EVENT

The 7th UNAOC Global Forum will be held in the Baku Convention Center on April 25, 2016. Youth participants will be able to collect accreditation packages on the day of the Youth Event at the Baku Convention Center. Please note to arrive on time as to ensure a smooth opening of the event. The accreditation packages will contain relevant documentation, as well as your badges. Note that badges are personalized with your name and picture and are thus not transferable. All youth participants are eligible to participate in the UNAOC Global Forum on April 26/ 27, 2016.

MEDIA

The 7th UNAOC Global Forum has registered media representatives of various international and local media outlets. The Global Forum values comprehensive coverage of its meetings and aims to foster a collegial atmosphere among participants and journalists. Therefore, all plenary and breakout sessions are open to the press wherever space permits.

The majority of the sessions will also be live broadcasted on www.baku.unaoc.org

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Please view the Registration and Accreditation section for further information.

MEDIA FACILITIES

The Media Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Baku Convention Center. The Media Center includes the following services and activities for the press:

- Opening hours from 8:30am-8:00pm
- Simultaneous transmission of selected sessions
- Interview rooms
- Computers, printers, and fax machines
- WIFI Connection (password: Unaoc2016)

PRESS CONFERENCES

The press conference room is located on the 2nd floor of the Baku Convention Center (rooms B5 and B6). The press conferences will be open to all media representatives registered for the Forum as well as to participants, where space permits.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

The 7th UNAOC Global Forum has a team of official photographers. All pictures taken by our official photographers will be published in the official website www.baku.unaoc.org. The download and use of these photos is free of charge. High resolution versions of these photos will be available upon request. Any photos published from the event should mention the 7th UNAOC Global Forum.

USEFUL LINKS & SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

More information about the 7th UNAOC Global Forum as well as the live webcasts of selected session will be available at www.baku.unaoc.org

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Youth Event:

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MARKET PLACE INFORMATION

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF RUSSIA (NYCR)

The National Youth Council of Russia (NYCR) is a youth NGO umbrella organization for 58 regional and local youth organizations, and has the ECOSOC consultative status. NYCR is a head of the National Preparatory Committee for the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students in 2017, which will take place in Russia and welcome about 30.000 youth from around the world.

SAN PATRIGNANO FOUNDATION

San Patrignano welcomes those suffering from drug addiction and marginalization and helps them to find their way thanks to a free rehabilitation program. San Patrignano is committed towards building a better society, and leads numerous projects designed to prevent drug abuse through specific activities in schools, international study events, special wide-ranging programs and constantly battles against addiction.

PLURAL+ AND PEACEAPP

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival is a joint initiative of UNAOC and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) that invites the world's youth to submit original and creative videos focusing on migration, celebrating diversity and social inclusion. Initially designed as a contest for digital games facilitating inter-cultural dialogue and violence prevention, PEACEapp is currently developing towards a series of workshops with young refugees focusing on the creation of gamified apps with mobile technologies supporting creative forms of storytelling.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Fellowship Program aims at fostering intercultural understanding by engaging with civil society leaders from Europe, North America (EUNA), the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Organized around two-week exchange trips, the Program sends participants from each geographic area to their counterparts' region. By immersing participants into culturally diverse environments, the Fellowship aims at challenging perceptions and deconstructing stereotypes.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Summer Schools bring together 75-100 individuals aged 18-35 from across the globe to address pressing global challenges in the context of cultural diversity. The goal is to promote diversity and global citizenship, to reduce stereotypes, and to empower youth to be more effectively involved in building peaceful societies. The curriculum addresses issues at the core of the United Nations' mandate.

YOUTH SOLIDARITY FUND (YSF)

The Youth Solidarity Fund provides seed funding to outstanding youth-led initiatives that promote long-term constructive relationships between people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. The Fund links small scale and local work to larger movements for social and global change, to promote peacebuilding as well as to influence policymaking. UNAOC also offers technical support and capacity-building to YSF recipient organizations.

INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD (IIA)

The Intercultural Innovation Award is a partnership between UNAOC and BMW Group that aims to select and support the most innovative grassroots projects encouraging intercultural dialogue and cooperation around the world. Awardees receive a monetary grant and one year of support from UNAOC and BMW Group to help their projects expand and replicate.

EXTENSIVE CULTURAL PROGRAM WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 7TH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Baku Convention Center:

Three exhibitions, dedicated to Azerbaijani people's applied national arts examples of Azerbaijan:

1. Carpets, national musical instruments, ancient musical instruments. Performance by the Ensemble of Ancient Instruments.
2. Copper products and kelaghayi (Azerbaijan's traditional arts, recognized by UNESCO as the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity)
3. Ceramic products, embroidery and shabaka
4. "We draw the world" Exhibition of pictures, drawn by children.

Concerts of quartet, mugham trio and jazz during pauses.

A photo exhibition, dedicated to faces of Baku and nature of Azerbaijan.

26 April 2016

Heydar Aliyev Center: (Address: Heydar Aliyev Ave. 1, Baku)

"Children's message for the peace". A concert, performed by children.

27 April 2016

Heydar Aliyev Palace: (Address: Bulbul Ave. 35, Baku)

"Musical bridge for civilizations"

A concert program, prepared specially for the 7th Global Forum of UNAOC

