



7th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
Baku, Azerbaijan, 25-27 April, 2016

“Living Together In Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal”

Youth Event
Baku Congress Centre, Room A-8

PROGRAMME

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The Youth Event is a unique international opportunity for civic and intercultural participation, conceived as a preparatory event of the UNAOC Global Forum, in order to maximize youth’s experience and contribution, to facilitate learning, sharing and partnership building.

OBJECTIVES

- Support and provide a framework for selected 150 young people from diverse backgrounds to meaningfully participate in the UNAOC Global Forum, engage with the Forum theme and subthemes and bring youth voices to the Forum discussions;
- Engage with UNAOC on the relevance of its activities for young people;
- Grow selected participants’ network and expand their activities through interaction with other youth involved in social action;
- Support youth participants’ access to and knowledge of the global youth movement for peace and its network;
- Promote the Sustainable Development Goals and discuss the role of youth in achieving them by 2030;
- Facilitate the creation of *Narratives of Tomorrow* as the main outcome of the Youth Event. These narratives articulate participating youth’s vision and solutions for the world to “live together in inclusive societies” and chart the course for the way forward;
- Further motivate and empower participants to act as agents for social transformation and intercultural dialogue in their communities.

SCHEDULE

APRIL 23-24

All day: **Arrival of participants in Baku, Hotel check-in**

APRIL 24

18:00 **Welcome session for participants with Youth Event team**

19:00: **Dinner at hotel**

APRIL 25

7:00: **Breakfast at hotel**

8:20: **Transfer to Youth Event venue**

9:15: **Context setting: Objectives of the day and discussion of narratives**
Room A8

Facilitators:

- Ms. Isabelle Tibi, Project Management Specialist – Youth and Education, UNAOC
- Ms. Oana Nestian Sandu, Youth Program Consultant, UNAOC

10:00: **Official opening of Youth Event**
Room A8

Speakers:

- Representatives from the Host Government and the United Nations

Moderators:

- Ms. Meghann Villanueva, international peace advocate and peace education trainer

10:20: **Group work on forum sub-themes: Creating *Narratives of Tomorrow* (1)**
Rooms A1, A2, A7, B1, B2

During the online engagement phase, the participants started working in thematic groups, discussing the main themes of the event and drafting narratives for each of them. In this session the group work continues face to face as they

prepare for the presentation of the narrative in the closing session. The work is guided by a thematic facilitator and continues in the afternoon.

11:00: **Break**

11:30: **Global agenda on youth and social inclusion: Overview and opportunities for engagement**
Room A8

Speakers:

- Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Mari Ullmann, Sustainable Development Officer, World Federation of United Nations Associations
- Mr. Rashid Zuberu, Leading Coordinator, Young Peace Brigades, Ghana, Member of UNOY
- Ms. Sharon Lo, Regional Focal Point, North and Southeast Asia, Habitat III Working Group of the UN Major Group for Children & Youth
- Mr. Sölvi Karlsson, Leading Coordinator, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)

Moderator:

- Ms. Isabelle Tibi, Project Management Specialist – Youth and Education, UNAOC

13:00: **Lunch**

14:00: **Intercultural dialogue – A transversal dimension in all youth activities**
Room A8

Facilitator:

- Ms. Oana Nestian Sandu, Youth Program Consultant, UNAOC

15:15: **Break**

15:45: **Group work on forum sub-themes: Creating *Narratives of Tomorrow* (2)**
Rooms A1, A2, A7, B1, B2

Participants finalize their narratives

16:30: **Final preparation/set-up for *Narratives of Tomorrow***
Room A8

17:00: **Closing Session: *Narratives of Tomorrow* presented to High-level representatives of the United Nations and the Government of Azerbaijan**
Room A8

Speakers:

- Youth participants presenting their narratives
- Representatives from the Host Government and the United Nations

Moderator:

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17:50: **Group photo**

18:00: **Looking back and looking forward: What next and commitments**
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- Ms. Oana Nestian Sandu, Youth Program Consultant, UNAOC
- Mr. Azer Abasaliyev, Project Assistant, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Leyla Jafarova, Youth Event Coordinator, Secretariat of the National Organizing Committee for UNAOC 7th Global Forum

19:00: **Opening of the Marketplace of ideas and Announcement of the winners of the International Photo Competition “Intercultural dialogue from the point of view of youth”**

20:00: **Celebration dinner**
Venue (TBC)

22:00: **Return to Holiday Inn**