



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

DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAMME
24-25 APRIL, 2016

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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 SDGs 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 24

6:00 pm: **Welcome session for participants with Youth Event team**
(Venue: Participants' hotel: Holiday Inn, Baku Room)

7:00 pm: **Dinner at hotel**

APRIL 25

7:00 am: **Breakfast at hotel**

8:00 am: **Transfer to Youth Event venue**

9:00 am: **Official opening of Youth Event**

Speakers:

- United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan (TBC)
- Minister of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan (TBC)

Moderators:

- Mr. Farhad Hajiyev, Executive Director of the Youth Foundation of Azerbaijan
- Ms. Meghann Villanueva, international peace advocate and peace education trainer

9:20 am: **Context setting: Objectives of the day and discussion of narratives**

Facilitators:

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

10:00 am: **Group work on forum sub-themes: Creating *Narratives of Tomorrow* (1)**

11:00 am: **Break**

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

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

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: **Intercultural dialogue – A transversal dimension in all youth activities**

Facilitator:

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

3:00 pm: **Break**

3:30 pm: **Group work on forum sub-themes: *Creating Narratives of Tomorrow (2)***

5:00 pm: **Closing Session: *Narratives of Tomorrow* presented to High-level representatives of the United Nations and the Government of Azerbaijan**

Speakers:

- Youth participants presenting their narratives
- (TBC) United Nations Secretary-General
- United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- (TBC) President of Azerbaijan

Moderators:

- Mr. Farhad Hajiyev, Executive Director of the Youth Foundation of Azerbaijan
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6:00 pm: **Group photo**

6:15 pm: **Looking back and looking forward: What next and commitments**

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6:45 pm: **Leave Youth Event venue**

8:00 pm: **Celebration dinner or other cultural event**