



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



Best Wishes for 2012!

by

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Let me extend to you all, friends, partners and supporters of the Alliance of Civilizations, my heartfelt good wishes for a Happy New Year! As the melody by late singer Nina Simone goes "It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life". These are my best wishes for 2012.

Let us hope that this new time to come will bring progress, prosperity and peace in particular for the bottom billion of the earth's people. But let us go further and work together to join with millions of citizens, men, women, youth and children around the world to help them to pursue a better life. Let us commit ourselves with the people in every country and of every culture and faith to speak out for respect for their universal rights and fundamental freedoms. Let us stand up with young people around the world and join efforts to live up to their aspirations for a life in dignity and respect. Let us speak up against rising intolerance, xenophobia and racism in so many parts of the world.

As the High Representative for UNAOC, I am committed to do whatever I can to make 2012 the Year of the Alliance.

In the wake of our 4th Global Forum, held last December in Qatar, which culminated a year of efforts aimed at giving a new impetus to the Alliance by enriching its strategic outlook, its agenda and its tools, it is now time to renew the global commitment to the Alliance.

Throughout 2012 with your support and active participation, I hope to rebuild a stronger sustainable Alliance as a UN platform for flexible and effective soft power action more able to deliver on-the-spot results. Let us pursue our journey all together through the New Year! Best wishes for 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joyce Anupai".