



## THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM: HOLISTIC APPROACHES FROM EDUCATION TO DE-RADICALIZATION

20-21 October 2016, Istanbul

*Venue: Hilton Bosphorus Hotel Convention Center*

### **19 October 2016**

Arrival of participants

19:30-22:00 **Reception of the Turkic Council** on the occasion of the “October 3rd-Turkic Speaking States Cooperation Day” and international conference co-hosted by the Turkic Council and the UN Alliance of Civilizations on the “Role of Youth in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism”

*Venue: Çırağan Palace, Ball Room*

### **20 October 2016**

09:30- 10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 **Opening Remarks**

**HE Tuğrul Türkeş**, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Turkey

**HE Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, UN High Representative for Alliance of Civilizations

**HE Ramil Hasanov**, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Turkic Council

**10:30-10:45 Signing Ceremony of the MoU between the Turkic Council and UNAOC**

10:45-12:00 **Keynote Speakers**

**HE İbrahim Kalın**, Ambassador, Presidential Spokesperson, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey

**HE Cihan Sultanoğlu**, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS (RBEC)

**HE Hasan Ulusoy**, Ambassador, Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Republic of Turkey

**Prof. Bekir Karlığa**, Chairman, Turkish National Committee for the UNAOC

**HE Mohammed Hanzab**, President, International Centre for Sport Security

**Mr. Mehmet Süreyya Er**, Vice President, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency-TİKA

**Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi**, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth-Video Message

12:00-12:15 *Coffee Break*

**12:15-13:15 Panel I: Efforts of Governments and International Organizations to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism with the Involvement of the Youth**

**Moderator: Qaya Mammadov**, Head of Department, International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan

**Farhad Hajiyev**, Executive Director, Youth Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

**Aydin Sabitov**, Executive Director of Youth Congress of Kazakhstan

**Bakyt Egemberdiev**, Deputy Director General of State Agency for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sports, Kyrgyzstan

**Representative**, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Turkey (tbc)

**Anna-Katharina Deininger**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security

13:15-14:15 *Lunch*

**14:15-15:45 Panel II: Mapping the Acts of Violent Extremism and Phenomenon of “Foreign Terrorist Fighters”**

**Moderator: Prof. Hasan Ali Karasar**, Department of International Relations, Atılım University, Turkey

**Dr. Sebastien Peyrouse**, Research Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA

**Asst. Prof. Khuram Iqbal**, National Defence University, Pakistan

**Prof. Peter Kagwanja**, Chief Executive, Africa Policy Institute, Kenya  
**Camilla Bognoe**, Counter-Terrorism Officer, Transnational Threats Department, Action against Terrorism Unit, OSCE

**Ceren Yazgan**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Director General for Security Affairs and Intelligence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

15:45- 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00-16:30 **The Case Study of Turkey in Preventing and Countering Radicalization**

**Assoc. Prof. Ufuk Ayhan**, Vice-President of Policy Academy, Turkey

16:30- 18:00 **Panel III: Preventing Violent Extremism Through Education: UNAOC's Approach Through Youth Projects (organized by UNAOC)**

**Moderator: Nathalie Guillaume**, Policy Analyst and Public Information Officer, UNAOC

**Velma Saric**, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina

**Jonah Obajeun**, Chief Curator of Tolerance Academy, Nigeria

**Abou El Mahassine Fassi-Fihri**, Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, Search for Common Ground | End Violent Conflict, Tunisia

**Benard Wokali**, Founder and Director of Yaya Education Trust, Kenya

**Nuriah Karakulova**, Member of Search for Common Ground, Kyrgyzstan

**Vugar Allahverdiyev**, Associate Programme Officer, Office of the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth

18:00-19:00 **Networking Session: Sports as a Means to Prevent Violent Extremism (organized with ICSS/Save the Dream)**

**Address by Fikret Orman**, Chairman of Beşiktaş JK

**Moderator: Massimiliano Montanari**, Executive Director of Save the Dream

**Wesley Sneider**, Football Player from Galatasaray SK (tbc)

**Xavier Hernández Creus (Xavi)**, Ex-Barcelona Football Player (tbc)

**Oğuzhan Özyakup**, Football Player from Beşiktaş JK (tbc)

**Kashif Siddiqi**, Co-founder of Football for Peace (tbc)

19:00 Departure from the Convention Center for the Boat Trip and Welcoming Dinner

19:30-22:00 Welcoming Dinner hosted by Ambassador Ramil Hasanov, Secretary General of the Turkic Council in the honour of the guests

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10:00-11:15 **Panel IV: Framing Development Solutions and Urging South-South Cooperation for the Empowerment of Youth in Countering Violent Extremism (organized by UNDP in cooperation with UNOSSC)**

**Moderator : Mohamed Yahya**, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator

**Edem Bakhshish**, Chief, Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS, UNOSSC

**Jonathan Friedman**, Assistant Director, Stroz Friedberg

**Chinara Esengul**, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP Kyrgyzstan

**Agron Sojati**, Prime Minister's Assistant, National Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism, Albania

**Yasemin Cansuz Kurt**, Expert, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency-TİKA

**Shelley Inglis**, Team Leader of Governance and Peace Building Team, UNDP

11:15-11.30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:00 **Panel V: Working on Innovative Methods for De-radicalization and Rehabilitation of Youngsters Involved in the Violent Extremist Acts**

**Moderator: Maqsood Kruse**, Executive Director, Hedayah-International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, UAE

**Alim Shaumetov**, Director, Center of Information, Propaganda and Rehabilitation Akniet, Kazakhstan

**Velma Saric**, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina

**Mossarat Qadeem**, Executive Director, PAIMAN Alumni Trust, Pakistan

**Amb. Elshad Iskandarov**, President, Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)



**Almaz Hasanova**, Head of Department at the Medical Hospital, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Azerbaijan  
**Zeeshan Amin**, Political Affairs Officer, UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office  
13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:15-15:45 **Brain-storming sessions (Simultaneous 4 groups)**

**Venue: Hilton Bosphorus Hotel Business Center Area**

**Group A:** How the role of civil society could be strengthened to prevent and counter violent extremism?

**Moderator:** Hatice Tuğba İkizler Fearnley, PHD Candidate, University College London

**Group B:** How the role of (social) media could be enforced to prevent and counter violent extremism?

**Moderator:** Velma Saric, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina

**Group C:** What should be the innovative national, regional and international approaches to prevent and counter violent extremism?

**Moderator:** Mohamed Yahya, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator

**Group D:** How the south-south and triangular cooperation could be improved to prevent and counter violent extremism?

**Moderator:** Edem Bakhshish, Chief, Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS, UNOSSC

15:45-16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00-17:00 **Presentations of the Groups to the Plenary at the Convention Center**

17:00-17:45 **Preparation of Recommendations and Outcomes**

17:45-18:15 **Closing Ceremony**

**Abzal Saparbekuly**, Deputy Secretary General of the Turkic Council

**Nihal Saad**, Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for the High-Representative of UNAOC

**Dr. Ömer Kocaman**, Deputy Secretary General of the Turkic Council