

Media Advisory

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Panel on *Youth and Peacebuilding*

CFR 2 UNHQ – June 17 , 3-5 pm

What : Panel Discussion on “Youth and Peacebuilding organized in the context of UNAOC-EF Summer School.

Who : United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and Education First (EF)

Chair : Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

Moderator : Mr. Matthew Hodes, Director of UNAOC

Panelists:

- Ms. Cecile Mazzacurati, Youth & Gender Policy Advisor, Peacebuilding Support Office
- Mr. Samuel Doe, Policy Adviser for Crisis, Fragility and Resilience, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- Mr. Steven Siqueira, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)

When :Wednesday, June 17 – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Where : Conference Room 2, UNHQ

Background

75 youth from 75 countries, as part of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations—EF Education First Summer School, will discuss personal experiences and effective peacebuilding methods with UN officials during an interactive UNAOC panel on **Youth and Peacebuilding on 20 August 2014 in UNHQ Conf. Room 1, Conference Building from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The panel will help youth understand what the UN does in terms of conflict prevention, mediation, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and reconciliation. Participants and panel members will then have an opportunity discuss areas where the UN can better collaborate with youth organizations to advance peace and security around the world.

The UNAOC-EF Summer School brings together youth from around the world to address pressing global challenges within the context of cultural and religious diversity. Over the course of one week, a group of 75 participants aged 18-35 live together and participate in workshops and roundtables focused on understanding and fostering global citizenship, reducing stereotypes, promoting intercultural harmony and building alliances through the use of concrete tools.

Since 2010, the UNAOC has been implementing Summer Schools based on the conviction that youth are a driving force for positive social change. In 2013, UNAOC joined forces with EF Education First, a private education company, to organize this learning and exchange event. Through this programme, participants increase their understanding of other cultures and faiths and of the similarities that unite us despite our differences. They gain applicable tools for growing and sustaining their impact as teachers, activists, journalists, change-makers and leaders in their communities.

Programme Website: <http://www.unaocefsummerschool.org/>

Blog: <http://unaocefsummerschoolblog.tumblr.com/>