



Frequently asked Questions

UNAOC Partners Forum – Pledging Conference segment

Istanbul, Turkey, May 31-June 1, 2012

Pledging Conference Goals

Q: What are the goals of the Pledging Conference on 31 May?

A: The goals of the first part of the Partners' Forum - Pledging Conference - are to mobilize international support to the UNAOC initiatives and projects and to announce concrete financial commitments as well as in-kind donations.

Q: What types of pledges are we seeking?

A: The Conference seeks financial pledges and in-kind donations. Announcements of commitments to action by partners are also most welcome.

Q: What are the funding needs ?

A: The first replenishment cycle aims to address funding needs for the 2013 calendar year and anticipated heavy resources shortfalls for 2012. In Istanbul the target is to secure pledges and projections of USD 14-15 Million for the 2012-2013 two-year period

Q: How will priorities be set?

A: Priorities for 2012-2013 are part of the UNAOC 3rd Implementation Plan (2011-2013) presented in June 2011 by the UNAOC High Representative and completed in March 2012 with the Addendum on the outcomes of the Doha Forum.

Q: What actions do they include and what is the breakdown?

The presentation of priority actions for 2012-2013 is attached (see folder). Breakdown: around 4 million for general operations, 5 million for media, youth and education programmes, 3 Million for Action Plans implementing Regional Strategies and 2 Million for programmes linked to the Doha outcomes, and 1 million as a reserve.



Q: How can donors be sure that pledged action actually reaches its goals?

A: The pledges will be published and implementation of the pledged actions tracked through a web-based system in order to ensure a transparent and effective monitoring .

Q: How can donors make a pledge?

A: The pledging process will serve as an opportunity for donors to identify issues and challenges of importance to them and promote realistic ways to respond. It is envisaged that donors will make pledges individually and/or collectively.

Participants are invited to submit their pledges prior to the Conference on the enclosed “Pledge Form” (Annex A). Sharing the pledges in advance has the advantage of enabling their wide distribution at the meeting or in any other way that donors may wish. Pledges may also be submitted during the Conference. A Pledge stand will be open at the Conference venue Wednesday, 30 May.

The UNAOC – both offices in New York and Lisbon – stands ready to support the process of elaborating pledges.

Conference Organization

Q: Why are Turkey and the United Nations Secretary General Alliance of Civilizations co-hosts of the Conference?

A: Turkey is one of the co-sponsors of the UNAOC which is a political initiative of the Secretary General. It is natural that both would co-host a Forum to mobilize a truly global response.

Q: What is the role of the host mentioned in the Conference invitation?

A: Turkey as co-sponsor of the Alliance is hosting and helping to organize the Conference, and will act as Conference co-chair together with the UN Secretary General Ban ki Moon.

Q: Who is invited to the donors’ conference and at what level?

A: All member states of the Group of Friends of the Alliance are invited and are encouraged to attend at heads of Government level or at ministerial level. Major international organizations are also invited as well as the private sector, Foundations and other stakeholders.



Q: Will non-governmental delegations be included?

A: Indeed, this Pledging Conference aims at enlarging the platform of donors to non State actors – the private sector, foundations, philanthropists and individuals. A series of preparatory consultations are being undertaken with these stakeholders which may report back to the Conference through representatives. The future of the UNAOC will not rest on government commitments alone, but on support from a strong private sector, non-governmental organizations and civic engagement.

Pledging Conference Agenda and Format

Q: What is the agenda?

A: It is still being finalized, but it will include introductory remarks by the co-sponsors of the Alliance as well as by co-chair Secretary General, a report on Priorities and targets of the UNAOC for 2012-2013 by the UNAOC High Representative , a high level debate, and then the pledging session.

Q: Who gets to speak?

A: Depending on the number of delegations attending the Conference and the limits of time, in principle only those making contributions will be speaking. We are asking those making pledging statements to limit their remarks to less than 5 minutes. Longer statements by delegations can be made available at the dedicated website. Donors offering in-kind support will also be able to take the floor after those pledging financial contributions have completed their statements.

Q: What determines speaking order?

A: The co-hosts will determine the order.

Q: Is the conference open to the public?

A: The Pledging Conference is not. Public will be able to follow the Debate Session on the second day .

Q: Will there be a website?

A: Yes, there is www.aocistanbul.org