



## UNAOC Asia South Pacific Regional Consultation

Shanghai, November 29-30, 2012

### November 28

**10:00**      **Registration**

**19:00**      **Buffet Dinner**

### November 29

**09.00**      **Opening Session**

**Moderator:** Jean-Christophe Bas, Senior Advisor Strategic Development and Partnerships  
UNAOC

**Welcoming Address by:**

- H.E. Ambassador CHEN Jian, President of the UN Association of China
- CUI Tiankai, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of PRC
- Mr. TU Guangshao, Vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government
- H.E. Jorge Sampaio, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

**09:40**      **Morning Tea and Group Photo**

**10.00**      **Welcome Address by Representatives of Partner Organisations**

**Chairs:** ZHANG Xiaolan, Vice President of the UN Association of China

Helena Barroco, Special Advisor to UNAOC High Representative

**Speakers:**

- CHEN Limin, Vice Secretary, Fudan University
- LI Yansong, Vice President, Peking University
- WANG Zhen, Vice President, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
- HUANG Youyi, Deputy Director, China International Publishing Group

- Prof. Joseph Camilleri, Centre for Dialogue , La Trobe University ( Australia)
- Prof. Chandra Muzaffar ( Malaysia )

**10.30 Overview of the work and programs of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations by:**

**Moderator:** PAN Guang (Vice President, Shanghai Center for International Studies)

- Iqbal Riza, Special Advisor to Ban Ki Moon
- Belen Alfaro, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain
- Helena Barroco, Special Advisor, UNAOC High Representative
- Jordi Torrent, UNAOC Project Manager Media Literacy Programs
- Abhishek Thakore, The Blue Ribbon Movement, India

**11:00 Plenary Session 1: High Level Exchange of Views**

**Chairs:** - Jean-Christophe Bas Senior Advisor Strategic Development and Partnerships UNAOC

A Region in Change: How Politics, Culture and Values in Asia and South Pacific are responding to the rapid social and economic change?

It is now commonplace to discuss the remarkable rise of China and other Asian countries, in terms of economic growth. But there is more to the changes now under way than purely economic issues. Economic development has far-reaching implications for culture, education, social and cultural institutions, and more generally for values, traditions and our understanding of the challenges Asian and South Pacific countries are likely to face in the years ahead – both within their respective societies and in their relations with each other. This session will attempt to explore these implications, especially in terms of cultural diversity within and between countries.

**Three themes have been identified as the focus of discussion:**

- How are the societies of Asia and the South Pacific coping with the challenges posed by religious, ethnic and cultural diversity? (Presentation of 1 or 2 case studies)
  - **Presenters:** - Chandra Muzaffar (Malaysia)
  - LAI Yonghai (China)
- To what extent have regional institutions integrated into their processes and activities the principles of “Harmony through diversity and dialogue”?
  - **Presenters:** - Joseph A. Camilleri OAM (Australia)
  - TU Weiming (China)
- How can Asian and South Pacific societies best contribute to the global conversation on coexistence and engagement between cultures and civilizations?
  - **Presenters:** - Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (India)
  - WANG Ge (China)

*\*Followed by general discussion*

## 12.30 Lunch

### 14.00 Four simultaneous workshops

One of the significant changes of the last twenty or more years has been the resurgence of religion and ethnic identity in many parts of the world. This phenomenon has also been evident in a number of countries in the Asia-South Pacific region. At the same time rapid economic development appears to have weakened traditional values and institutions.

Four workshops will explore how these changes are impacting on the work of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, and the challenges and opportunities they present. Each workshop will look at a different theme:

#### 1. **Combining cultural traditions and modern social life**

- **Facilitator:** Choi Youngjin (South Korea)
- **Rapporteur:** Arnaud Leveau (South Korea)
- **Presenters:**
  - LI Chenggui (China)
  - Amina Rasul (Philippines)
  - LI Ruohui (China)

#### 2. **Secularism vs. resurgence of religion**

- **Facilitator:** Fethi Mansouri (Australia)
- **Rapporteur:** Anna Halafoff (Australia)
- **Presenters:**
  - LU Feng (China)
  - Paul Morris (New Zealand)
  - ZHANG Zhigang (China)

#### 3. **Dialogue of cultures and civilizations as an emerging paradigm in international relations**

- **Facilitator:** Helena Barroco (UNAOC)
- **Rapporteur:** Alessia Lefebure ( USA )
- **Presenters:**
  - YU Xintian (China)
  - Chandra Muzaffar (Malaysia)
  - ZHANG Yuquan (China)

#### 4. **Increasing knowledge and understanding of Asian cultures in the United Nations system**

- **Facilitator:** Gugun Gumilar (Indonesia)
- **Rapporteur:** Jordi Torrent ( UNAOC )
- Presenters:**
  - JI Yongjun (China)
  - Zaw Win (United Nations)
  - WEI Sheng (China)

*Each workshop will be introduced by three brief presentations (maximum of 6 minutes each, two Chinese speakers, and a speaker from one other country in the region ) that will consider key issues central to the development of the UN Alliance of Civilization in Asia and the South Pacific. The UNAOC will offer concluding operational remarks for each session*

*Each workshop will make concrete proposals / recommendations for consideration in plenary on the second day.*

*All proposals and recommendations will need to be clearly drafted and circulated by the end of Day 1.*

**15.30 Afternoon tea**

**16.00-17.30 Four simultaneous workshops:**

*(Guidelines as for the previous set of workshops)*

These four workshops should be seen as moving from the general overview of likely challenges and policy responses to consideration of specific issues and concrete policy directions and proposed action programs. Each workshop will deal with one of the following four areas:

**5. How can Chinese traditional culture contribute to the spirit “Many Cultures, One Humanity”?**

- **Facilitator:** YANG Guorong (China)
- **Rapporteur:** Fethi Mansouri (Australia)
- **Presenters:** - LAI Shilun (China)  
- Angela Xu (USA)  
- LI Tiangang (China)

**6. Possibilities for Dialogue in situations of conflict and tension**

- **Facilitator:** Helena Barroco (UNAOC)
- **Rapporteur:** Thanine Sok (Cambodia)
- **Presenters:** - Cristina Montiel (Philippines)  
- Yoo Kwonjong (South Korea)  
- LIU Ming (China)

**7. Forging a new generation of young leaders: developing cultural literacy and inter-cultural dialogue to address the challenges of cultural diversity. How can the younger generation contribute to cross-cultural harmony?**

- **Facilitator:** Abhishek Takhore (India)
- **Rapporteur:** Aljunied Khairudin Syed (Singapore)
- **Presenters:** - SHEN Jian (China)  
- Ghadafi Kamal Pg Suhaimi (Asian Youth Council) (Brunei)  
- JI Ming (China)

- Christina Du (China)

**8. Adapting educational institutions and policies to the needs of “intercultural dialogue and harmony”?**

- **Facilitator:** Greg Barton (Australia)
- **Rapporteur:** Alessia Lefebure (USA)
- **Presenters:**
  - Francis Markus ( International Federation of the Red Cross)
  - HUANG Kaocheng (China)
  - WU Wei (China)

**18:30 Opening Reception (formal Chinese style round table dinner)**

**November 30**

**9.00 Plenary session 2: Workshop reporting**

**Moderators:** - Melissa O'Rourke (Australia)  
- TU Weiming (China)

Proposals and recommendations from the previous day's workshops are distributed and presented by the rapporteurs

*Each of the eight presentations by rapporteurs should take no more than 4 minutes  
Reports will be followed by discussion.*

**Rapporteur:** Arnaud Leveau (South Korea), Hafiz Al Asad (Indonesia)

Aran Martin (Australia), Jordi Torrent (UNAOC),

Dina Afrianty (Indonesia), Thanine Sok (Cambodia),

Aljunied Khairudin Syed (Singapore), Alessia Lefebure (USA)

**10:30 Morning Tea**

**10:45 Plenary Session 3: High Level Exchange of Views**

From the Auckland Symposium on the UNAOC in 2007 towards a renewed framework for regional cooperation to achieve “Harmony through Diversity and Dialogue” in Asia and the South Pacific

*This session will be introduced by Helena Barroco and will be followed by a panel of presenters drawn from the following regions: Southeast Asia, South Asia, Northeast Asia, and South Pacific. Each region will have one or two presenters*

**Moderator:** - Helena Barroco (UNAOC)

**Presenters:** Kim Yersu (South Korea)

HUANG JunJie (China)

Phar Kim Beng, GGMMF (Malaysia)

GAO Shuqun (China)  
Cesar Villanueva (Philippines)

Each presenter will make introductory comments (about 3 minutes) reflecting on the experience of their sub regional perspective. Presenters are asked to focus on three key aspects:

- 1) Achievements to date
- 2) Current problems and challenges
- 3) Promising directions for the future.

Initial presentations will then be followed by interactive discussion between the presenters (for about 30 minutes), and then by general discussion with all participants.

**12:30 Lunch**

**14.00 Plenary session 4: The Next Five Years**

**Moderators:** - representative Myanmar (tba)  
- PAN Guang (China)

The presentation (5 minutes each) will draw the threads together of the previous sessions:

a/ The presenter will focus on “Proposals and recommendations for a UNAOC work plan in East Asia and South Pacific”

**Presenter:** - Jean-Christophe Bas (UNAOC)

b/ The presenter will focus on: “Building bridges between Shanghai and Vienna: How the outcomes of these consultations will be featured into the Annual Global forum of the UNAOC in Vienna”

**Presenter:** - Helena Barocco (UNAOC)

**15.30 Closing plenary session:**

At the start of the closing sessions, participants and organizations will be invited to announce plans of future action. Particular attention should be directed to the possibility of collaborative regional or sub-regional projects and initiatives.

**Chair: CHEN Jian (President of the UN Association of China)**

**Closing remarks: President Jorge Sampaio UNAOC High Representative**