



**Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

DRAFT PROGRAMME ¹

Focal Points Meeting and Regional Forum

Belgrade, 10- 11 April 2012

Venue: Sava Center

¹ Still to be finalized – provisional draft

Tuesday, 10 April 2012

FOCAL POINTS MEETING

Venue: *Sava Center*, Milentija Popovića 9

15:00 – 18:00

Adoption of the Draft Agenda for the meeting

Welcoming Remarks by Ambassador Sladjana PRICA, Assistant Foreign Minister, Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation

Remarks by the co-sponsors (Spain – Turkey)

Remarks by H.E. President Jorge Sampaio, the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

First Session

Introductory Remarks on the draft Action Plan by Helena Barroco (AoC)

Preliminary General Debate

Presentation and discussion of each project

Presentation and discussion of the proposed Follow up Mechanism

Final reading and approval of the draft Action Plan

Second Session

Introductory Remarks on the draft Belgrade declaration by Helena Barroco

General Debate

Final reading and approval of the document

Concluding remarks by Ambassador Prica Sladjana PRICA, Assistant Foreign Minister, Director General, Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation

Wednesday, 11 April 2012

REGIONAL FORUM

Venue: [Sava Center](#), Milentija Popovića 9

09:30 – Arrival of the participants. Registration

10:00 – 10:30 - Opening session of the Conference

10:30 – 10:35 – Video on the Alliance of Civilizations

10:40 – 11:00 – Overview on the UN Alliance of Civilizations' Action Plan for the region followed by debate

11:15 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 – High Level Debate on how to develop a regional partnership

Moderator: Helena Barroco, Special Adviser to the UN High Representative

Participants (tbc): UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia, Mr. William Infante, Executive Director , World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Mr. Zoltán Somogyi, President of EMUNI, Professor Joseph Mifsud, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Mr. Denis Huber, Cross Cultures Project Association, Mr. Anders Levinsen, Fund for an Open Society, Ms. Jadranka Jelincic

12:45 – 13:00 – Closing followed by family photo

13:00 – 14:00 – Buffet-Lunch

Afternoon session

The afternoon working sessions are intended to held informed debates on practical ideas and main projects to be included in the framework of the future Plan of Action for 2012-2014

Three simultaneous workshops:

14:00-16:00

Workshops are small targeted sessions intended for participants who want a deeper discussion on a specific topic and who want to identify like-minded partners within that topic area; these sessions also provide partnership-building opportunities for participants with shared interests and offer approaches for best practices.

Workshop 1 - Unlocking the potential of Intercultural dialogue in the Southeast Europe Region through education and culture – promoting intercultural skills and competences

“A positive impulse to intercultural exchange is vital to encourage cross-fertilization from which innovation can proliferate. It will require new outlooks, skills and aptitudes from politicians, professionals and ordinary people. The most important of these are cultural literacy and cultural competence”

Phil Wood and Charles Landry, The Intercultural City

Panellists: Dr. Darla Deardorff (Executive Director, AIEA, Research Scholar, Program in Education, Duke University) and Professor Alicia Cabezudo (Escuela de Ciencias de la Educación, Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Rosario – Argentina), Vladimir Petronijevic, President of Group 484

Workshop 2 – Dealing with the past to build a better future: the role of teaching history

“Individuals within a society do not necessarily share the same past nor possess a set of shared values. Given this, finding the right balance that will enable people to live together confidently and comfortably is bound to be difficult. Attempting to have a constructive dialogue where there are conflicting values produces tensions that have to be overcome. The challenge is ‘to build a shared future where people do not have a shared past’.

Christos Doukeridis (Minister President, Ministry for Brussels Region, Belgium),
Doha Forum of the UNAOC, in December 2011

Kick-off: Mr. Tatiana Tatiana Minkina-Milko (Council of Europe, Head of the History Teaching Division)

The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and/or put forward ideas for new projects to be developed and implemented in the region in next two years.

Workshop 3 – Engaging youth in change

“Kindergartens, schools, youth clubs and youth activities in general are key sites for intercultural learning and dialogue. For this to be true, children and young people should be given the opportunity to meet and engage with their peers from diverse backgrounds, with a view to communicate and to develop joint activities. The more integrated these sites are, the more effective they are in terms of intercultural learning.” (Council of Europe, White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue)

Panellists: Presentation of Dialogue Café project followed by a discussion with youth on projects they would like to develop through this network

The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and/or put forward ideas for new projects to be developed and implemented in the region such as the Dialogue Café

16:00 – 16:15 – Coffee break

16:15 – 17:15 – Wrap up session – sharing outcomes from workshops - followed by closing

17:15 – Adjourn