



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



Fifth Annual Focal Points Meeting

Tunis, December 10-12, 2012

Drafted Programme *(revised on 12 November)*

December 10, 2012

Arrival of delegations to Tunis

17h00 – Celebration of the UN International Human Rights Day (separate programme to be circulated - tbc)

December 11 and 12, 2012

Fifth Annual Focal Points Meeting (see Agenda, Annex 1)

December 13, 2012

Departure of the delegations from Tunis

ANNEX



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Venue:

Ramada Hotel: Les Côtes de Carthage Gammarth, Tunisie ;

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Working languages: During the opening and closing sessions of the meeting, simultaneous translation will be provided in French, English and Arabic except for the workshops which will be in English only.

WORKING DRAFT AGENDA¹

11 December

Tuesday

Hotel Registration: from 09h00 to 09h45

10h00 – 11h00 - Opening Session

- Welcome address by HE Dr. Mohamed–El Aziz Ben Achour, Director General of ALECSO
- Introductory Remarks by H.E. President Jorge Sampaio, the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Adoption of Agenda

¹ Agenda in progress – final agenda to be circulated soon

11h00 – 13h15 - *Session 1*

Re-energizing National Plans as a key policy tool to address divides, promote intercultural dialogue and contribute to build inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious societies

- Introduction – the first generation of National Plans - where are we ?
 - Kick off of the debate by the UNAOC
 - Focal Points are invited to sign up should they want to share their experience and/or comments
 - Informed debate
- Ideas for a second generation of National Plans
 - Kick off of the debate by the UNAOC
 - Main topics/ Invited speakers:
 - Presentation of the main guidelines for teaching Intercultural competences and skills – by Ms Katérina Stenou, Director, Intersectoral Platform for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO (tbc)
 - Presentation of Toledo Guiding principles on Teaching about religions and beliefs in public schools - OSCE
 - Presentation of conclusions of regional experts workshops on “The prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred” – by Ambassador Ibrahim Salama, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, Office of the High Commission for Human Rights

(Other presentations may be added following expression of interest by partners/delegations)

- Informed debate
- Conclusions and proposals for action by the UNAOC

13h15 – 14h30 – Key Note Lunch

14h30 – 16h30 – **Session 2**

Pushing for additional regional cooperation in field of the UNAOC

- Introduction – Regional Strategies and initiatives - where are we ?
 - Kick off of the debate by the UNAOC
 - Focal Points are invited to sign up should they want to share their experience and/or comments – I want to sign up:
- Ideas for a second generation for Regional Action Plans: new tools
 - Kick off of the debate by the UNAOC
 - Focus on:
 - Early warning mechanism to prevent escalation of intercultural and inter-religious tensions
 - Short presentation by UNAOC
 - Respondents
 - Comments by delegations
 - Cultural diversity as a driver for empowering women
 - Short presentation by UNAOC
 - Respondents
 - Comments by delegations
 - Youth Mobility Fund (UN World Tourism Organization)
 - Short presentation by UNAOC
 - Respondents
 - Comments by delegations

- Network of cities (UCLG)
 - Short presentation by UNAOC
 - Respondents:
 - Comments by delegations

(Other ideas may be presented following expression of interest by partners/delegations)

- Informed debate
- Conclusions and proposals for action by the UNAOC

Coffee – break

16h45-18h00 – Four simultaneous Small Group discussions

Small group discussion 1 – 2nd Action Plan for the Mediterranean

Small group discussion 2 – Cooperation in the black sea region

Small group discussion 3 – Regional Strategy for Latin America

Small group discussion 4 – Best practices

18h00 Adjournment and Reception at 18h45 (tbc)

12 December

Wednesday

08h30 -09h30 – Four simultaneous Small Group discussions

Small group discussion 1- 2nd Action Plan for South-East Europe

Small group discussion 2 - Asian perspectives

Small group discussion 3 – African perspectives

Small group discussion 4 – Best practices

10h00 – 11h30 - **Session 3**

Update on the Vienna Forum: participation and outcomes

- Kick off by the Austrian Delegation
- Presentation by the UNAOC of the main expected outcomes
- Focal Points are invited to sign up should they want to share their suggestions and/or comments about the Vienna Forum:
- Informed Debate

Coffee Break

11h45 –13h00 - **Session 4**

Presentation and discussion of the main UNAOC projects which are open to pledges to be made in the 2nd pledging conference to be held back to back to the Vienna Forum in February 2012.

- Kick off Presentation by the UNAOC
- Replenishment Mechanism – where do we stand ?
- Goals for the 2nd Pledging Conference
- Q&A

13h00-14h30 – Key-note Lunch by a Tunisian eminent personality

14h45- 16h00 – Presentation of the portfolio of the projects open to pledges in Vienna.

Informed debate

16h00-17h00 – **Closing Session**

- Concluding Remarks by H.E. President Jorge Sampaio, the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Farwell address by HE Dr. Mohamed–El Aziz Ben Achour, Director General of ALECSO

Adjournment