



## **UNAOC Focal Points Meeting**

Friday, January 15 2016, ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQs

### Concept Note

#### **Session 3 “United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Financial Status: Overview and Presentation of the Cost Plan for 2016”**

In 2015 UNAOC sought to continue its focus on ensuring cost-effective application of increasingly limited resources. This was reflected in our careful and conservative approach to spending in 2015 and our cost plan projections for 2016.

UNAOC have continued the process of consolidation – eliminating projects that have successfully been completed or have reached the point where they can be managed for the long term by other entities. Our current project activity focuses on the evolution of existing projects and the development of new ones. The process of building out from a solid base has already started.

At the same time UNAOC recognized the importance of increasing the tempo and volume of fundraising activities. This includes a need to expand on efforts to garner support, whether unrestricted or restricted, from Member States, as well as create new opportunities to expand support from private sources. With regard to contributions from Member States, we have also learned that the timing of the delivery of funds is critical as contributions pledged but not delivered can have a severely negative impact on our cash flow and therefore our operations.

UNAOC staff reviewed the efforts of other United Nations entities to identify best practices on the issue of resource mobilization and have developed guidance for the High Representative currently under consideration. Our cost plan for 2016 reflects these lessons.

UNAOC plans to fully exploit the opportunity presented through our agreement with the United Nations Foundation to provide a 501(c)(3) portal for the receipt of charitable contributions. This will be used this year when the High Representative hosts a gala fundraising dinner. Our efforts at developing public/private partnerships are continuing.

The Group of Friends Focal Points are encouraged in this session to present ideas and proposals on means of enhancing the financial contributions to the UNAOC Trust Fund and activities that reflect their governments’ willingness to support financially and politically.