



A Call for **PEACE**,
the END of WARS &
RESPECT *for* INTERNATIONAL LAW

📅 16–18 October 2025 📍 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

A joint initiative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and Religions for Peace (RfP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the City of Sarajevo, the Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and with the support of the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina



PROGRAMME:

“A Call for Peace, the End of Wars and Respect for International Law”

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(Speakers listed in no particular order)

Thursday, 16 October 2025		
Time	Event	Venue
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Welcome Reception hosted by the City of Sarajevo <i>(By invitation only)</i> Welcome Remarks by: • Mr. Samir Avdić, Mayor of Sarajevo • Ms. Arnhild Spence, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina • H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary- General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia	📍 Olympic Museum of Sarajevo (Petrakijina 7, Sarajevo)
Friday, 17 October 2025		
Time	Event	Venue
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcoming Remarks: • H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia • Dr. Francis Kuria, Secretary-General of Religions for Peace	📍 Gazi Husrev-beg's Library (Gazi Husrev-begova 46, Sarajevo)



9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Roundtable 1: “Faith in Action: Religious Leaders and Faith Actors as Partners in Fostering Peace, Rebuilding Trust and Promoting Mutual Understanding” • Dr. Francis Kuria, Secretary General, Religions for Peace • H.E. Reisul-ulema Husein Kavazovic, Grand Mufti of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina • His Eminence Metropolitan Hrizostom, Archbishop of Sarajevo-Srebrenica and Metropolitan Dabrobosanski, Chairman of the Assembly of the Interreligious Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina • His Eminence Most Rev. Dr. Tomo Vukšić, Archbishop of Vrhbosna, Member of the Assembly of the Interreligious Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina • Mr. Igor Kožemjakin, Hazan of the Jewish Community of Sarajevo • H.E. Mufti Dr. Nedžad Grabus, Mufti of Sarajevo, Member of the Assembly of the Interreligious Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Co-President, Religions for Peace • Moderator: Ms. Deepika Singh, Deputy Secretary General and Director of Programmes, Religions for Peace	📍 Gazi Husrev-beg's Library (Gazi Husrev-begova 46, Sarajevo)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Roundtable 2: “Young People Paving the Way for Peace: From Words to Action” • Ms. Emina Frljak, Program Coordinator, Youth for Peace; Deputy Coordinator, Religions for Peace International Youth Committee • Ms. Umihana Šošić, Teaching Assistant, Department of Islamic Philosophy,	📍 Bošnjački institut (VC5G+X4H, Mula Mustafe Bašeskije 21, Sarajevo)



	University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Islamic Studies • Mr. Ivo Čarapina, Youth Leader, Mostar • Mr. Slobodan Blagovčanin, Program Manager, Youth Resource Center Tuzla • Ms. Nadira Ćurulija, Member of the United Nations Youth Advisory Body in Bosnia and Herzegovina • Moderator: Mr. Ismar Ajkunić, Member of the United Nations Youth Advisory Body in Bosnia and Herzegovina	
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	• Break for Friday Prayers • “Visit Sarajevo” Walking Tour (Optional)	
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Roundtable 3: “Women Shaping a Future of Peace: Bridging Gaps in Global Challenges” • Prof. Jasna Bakšić Muftić, Professor of School of Law at the University of Sarajevo • Ms. Radmila Žigić, Director, Foundation Lara, Bijeljina • Dr. Nirit Ofir, Expert in Peace Education • Ms. Dimitra Missira, External Relations, Equality and Inclusion Officer, International Dialogue Centre – KAICIID • Mrs. Senada Tahirović, Editor-in-Chief of the Newspaper Preporod (joining remotely) • Moderator: Mr. Mirza Halilčević, Project Manager, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network - BIRN	📍 Bošnjački institut (VC5G+X4H, Mula Mustafe Bašeskije 21, Sarajevo)
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Coffee break	



4:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Roundtable 4: “Agents of Peace: Civil Society Driving Transformative Change from the Ground Up” Special Address: • H.E. Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (2014 - 2019) Speakers: • Ms. Velma Šarić, Founder and President of the Post-Conflict Research Center and Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Balkan Diskurs • Ms. Ajna Jusić, Founder and President of the Forgotten Children of War Association • Ms. Milica Pralica, President of the Association of Citizens’ “Oštra Nula” • Ms. Katarina Vučković, Program Manager at the War Childhood Museum Foundation • Mr. Manel Vila, Expert in International Cooperation • Mr. Henrique Cymerman, President and Co-Founder of the Chamber of Commerce and Innovation • Mr. Xavier Abu Eid, Political Scientist • Moderator: H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary- General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia	
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Musical Performance and Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the City of Sarajevo <i>(By invitation only)</i>	📍 House of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Zelenih beretki 2, Sarajevo)



Saturday, 18 October 2025

Time	Event	Venue
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Media Stakeout (Media Statements)	📍 Sarajevo City Hall - Vijećnica (Brodac 1, Sarajevo)
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Main Ceremony Welcome Remarks: • Mr. Samir Avdić, Mayor of Sarajevo • H.E. Mr. Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Keynote Address: • H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia • Dr. Francis Kuria, Secretary-General of Religions for Peace • H.E. Mufti Dr. Nedžad Grabus, Mufti of Sarajevo, Member of the Assembly of the Interreligious Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina; Co-President, Religions for Peace • Ms. Arnhild Spence, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina Special Address: • H.E. Mr. George Andreas Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece (2009 - 2011) Special Guests: • Mr. José Mari Gorroño, Mayor of Gernika-Lumo	📍 Sarajevo City Hall - Vijećnica (Brodac 1, Sarajevo)



	• Mr. Denis Agović, FIBA 3x3 Professional Athlete, Sports Inclusion Advocate • Mr. Martí Olivella, Promoter of Social Innovation, Civil Society Representative Presentation of the Mediterranean Award for Peace: • Prof. Michele Capasso, United States of the World and Fondazione Mediterraneo Presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation of the City of Sarajevo Closing Remarks: • H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia Musical performance by Mrs. Lejla Jusić (throughout the event) Family photo Followed by refreshments	
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