

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

Thematic Dialogue to mark the International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations

Promoting dialogue among civilizations,
Strengthening global solidarity and cooperation

9 June 2025, 16:00 PM to 17:30 PM

CR-2, UNHQ, New York

BACKGROUND

On 7 June 2024, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted resolution A/RES/78/286 co-sponsored by over 80 Member States, declaring 10 June the International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations. It invites all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders to commemorate the International Day, to raise awareness of the value of the diversity of civilizations and promote dialogue, mutual respect, tolerance and global solidarity.

Dialogue among civilizations continues to be an effective tool to eliminate discrimination and prejudice, foster mutual understanding and trust-based coexistence among the peoples of the world. In the current context of multiple interconnected crises and challenges, the urgent need for dialogue and solidarity has never been more evident. The International Day provides an opportunity to foster understanding of universal values, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It highlights the crucial role of

dialogue in maintaining global peace and how all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind, and encouraging tolerance, peaceful coexistence, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilizations and peoples in order to promote international peace and security, human welfare, freedom and progress everywhere.

This year will mark the first International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations and twenty years since the launch of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC). To commemorate the International Day, China and UNAOC are organizing this Thematic Dialogue in collaboration with Egypt, Peru, Spain and Uzbekistan, representing various civilizations, to implement the resolution A/RES/78/286. The Thematic Dialogue will focus on the importance of fostering exchanges and mutual learning among diverse civilizations, and finding ways to revitalize global solidarity and cooperation.

OBJECTIVES

The event aims to provide a platform for all relevant stakeholders, including Member States, international organizations, private sector, academics and civil society, to discuss existing policies, practices and associated challenges in the promotion of dialogue among civilizations and explore ways and means to strengthen global solidarity and cooperation, so as to address current global challenges.

The meeting will be provided with interpretation services in English, Chinese and Spanish.

DRAFT PROGRAM

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Fu Cong, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations.

16:00 Opening Segment

Video on the International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations

- Pre-recorded address by H.E. Mr. Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
- Pre-recorded address by H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang, President of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- Pre-recorded address by H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for UNAO and the United Nations Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia
- Remarks by the high-level representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC)
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Enrique Armando Román Morey, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Héctor José Gómez Hernández, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Ulugbek Lapasov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations

16:30 Special Remarks

- Prof. Jeffrey David Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

16:40 Panel Discussion

- Ms. Lily Gray, Senior Liaison Officer at the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York
- Ms. Patricia Castro, Sinologist and Professor at the Pontifical

Catholic University of Peru

- Ms. Yang Lan, Chinese media proprietor, the co-founder and chairperson of the Sun Media Group and the Sun Culture Foundation
- Panelists recommended by other co-sponsors (TBC)

17:15 Interventions from the floor

17:25 Closing Segment

The meeting will be webcast live and recorded by UN WebTV.

"Echoes of Dialogue: Interwoven World Heritage" Exhibition

9 June 2025, 17:30 PM to 18:30 PM

Delegates Entrance, UNHQ, New York

The special exhibition will be structured around three pillars: "The Light of the Sun: Ancient Shu Civilization and the World", "Exhibition of Graphic Seals: Mutual Learning Among Civilizations with A Shared World Vision", and "The Declaration of Civilization: A Beautiful Scroll Painting of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind I". The exhibition deploys immersive multimedia to stage cross-temporal dialogues between artefacts, bridging early Sino-global exchanges with contemporary mutual learning. Through curated civilizational dialogue, it champions "Harmony in Diversity, Shared Beauty through Mutual Appreciation."

A light reception will be provided.

“Beyond Borders: Weaving Cultures Through Artistic Expressions” Art Performance

9 June 2025, 18:30 PM to 19:30 PM

General Assembly Hall, UNHQ, New York

Centered around the theme of “World in Dialogue”, this performance creates a living tapestry where diverse artistic traditions—instrumental harmonies, contemporary street dance, ancient martial arts, dance drama and choral expressions—converge to illuminate the dynamic interplay between cultures. Artists from around the globe collaborate to showcase both traditional cultural heritage and contemporary innovation, conveying ideals of peaceful coexistence while advancing cross-cultural dialogue and humanity’s shared pursuit of harmonious development.

Programme List

- Instrumental Performance: Diversity Respected and Beauty Shared
- Street Dance Performance: Cocoon-break
- Instrumental Acrobatics: The Butterfly Lovers
- Traditional Chinese Costume Show: Rendezvous in Silk
- Kung Fu Show: Poetry of Martial Art
- Selections of Dance Drama: Chinese Ancient Encyclopedia of Technology
- Chorus: I Only Pray Our Life Be Long

The performance will be webcast live and recorded by UN WebTV.