THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM:
HOLISTIC APPROACHES FROM EDUCATION TO DE-RADICALIZATION
20-21 October 2016, Istanbul
Venue: Hilton Bosphorus Hotel Convention Center

19 October 2016
Arrival of participants
19:30-22:00 Reception of the Turkic Council on the occasion of the “October 3rd-Turkic Speaking States Cooperation Day” and international conference co-hosted by the Turkic Council and the UN Alliance of Civilizations on the “Role of Youth in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism”

Venue: Çırağan Palace, Ball Room

20 October 2016
09:30- 10:00 Registration
10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks
HE Tuğrul Türkeş, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Turkey
HE Nassir AbdulazizAl-Nasser, UN High Representative for Alliance of Civilizations
HE Ramil Hasanov, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Turkic Council

10:30-10.45 Signing Ceremony of the MoU between the Turkic Council and UNAOC

10:45-12:00 Keynote Speakers
HE İbrahim Kalın, Ambassador, Presidential Spokesperson, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey
HE Cihan Sultanoğlu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS (RBEC)
HE Hasan Ulusoy, Ambassador, Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Republic of Turkey
Prof. Bekir Karlığa, Chairman, Turkish National Committee for the UNAOC
HE Mohammed Hanzab, President, International Centre for Sport Security
Mr. Mehmet Süreyya Er, Vice President, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency-TİKA
Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Youth-Video Message
12:00-12:15 Coffee Break

12:15-13:15 Panel I: Efforts of Governments and International Organizations to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism with the Involvement of the Youth
Moderator: Qaya Mammadov, Head of Department, International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan
Farhad Hajiyev, Executive Director, Youth Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Aydin Sabitov, Executive Director of Youth Congress of Kazakhstan
Bakyt Egemberdiev, Deputy Director General of State Agency for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sports, Kyrgyzstan
Representative, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Turkey (tbc)
Anna-Katharina Deininger, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security
13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Panel II: Mapping the Acts of Violent Extremism and Phenomenon of “Foreign Terrorist Fighters”
Moderator: Prof. Hasan Ali Karasar, Department of International Relations, Atılım University, Turkey
Dr. Sebastien Peyrouse, Research Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA
Asst. Prof. Khurram Ikbal, National Defence University, Pakistan
The Case Study of Turkey in Preventing and Countering Radicalization

Assoc. Prof. Ufuk Ayhan, Vice-President of Policy Academy, Turkey

Panel III: Preventing Violent Extremism Through Education: UNAOC’s Approach Through Youth Projects (organized by UNAOC)

Moderator: Nathalie Guillaume, Policy Analyst and Public Information Officer, UNAOC
Velma Saric, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Jonah Obajeun, Chief Curator of Tolerance Academy, Nigeria
Abou El Mahassine Fassi-Fihri, Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, Search for Common Ground | End Violent Conflict, Tunisia
Benard Wokali, Founder and Director of Yaya Education Trust, Kenya
Nuria Karakulova, Member of Search for Common Ground, Kyrgyzstan
Vugar Allahverdiyev, Associate Programme Officer, Office of the UN Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth

Networking Session: Sports as a Means to Prevent Violent Extremism (organized with ICSS/Save the Dream)

Address by Fikret Orman, Chairman of Beşiktaş JK
Moderator: Massimiliano Montanari, Executive Director of Save the Dream
Wesley Sneider, Football Player from Galatasaray SK (tbc)
Xavier Hernández Creus (Xavi), Ex-Barcelona Football Player (tbc)
Oğuzhan Özyakup, Football Player from Beşiktaş JK (tbc)
Kashif Siddiqi, Co-founder of Football for Peace (tbc)

Panel IV: Framing Development Solutions and Urging South-South Cooperation for the Empowerment of Youth in Countering Violent Extremism (organized by UNDP in cooperation with UNOSSC)

Moderator: Mohamed Yahya, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator
Edem Bakhshish, Chief, Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS, UNOSSC
Jonathan Friedman, Assistant Director, Stroz Friedberg
Chinara Esengul, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP Kyrgyzstan
Agron Sojati, Prime Minister’s Assistant, National Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism, Albania
Yasemin Cansuz Kurt, Expert, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency-TİKA
Shelley Inglis, Team Leader of Governance and Peace Building Team, UNDP


Moderator: Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director, Hedayah-International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, UAE
Alim Shaumetov, Director, Center of Information, Propaganda and Rehabilitation Akniet, Kazakhstan
Velma Saric, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Mossarat Qadeem, Executive Director, PAIMAN Alumni Trust, Pakistan
Amb. Elshad Iskandarov, President, Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)
Almaz Hasanova, Head of Department at the Medical Hospital, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Azerbaijan
Zeeshan Amin, Political Affairs Officer, UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office

13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:15-15:45 Brain-storming sessions (Simultaneous 4 groups)
Venue: Hilton Bosphorus Hotel Business Center Area

Group A: How the role of civil society could be strengthened to prevent and counter violent extremism?
Moderator: Hatice Tuğba İkizler Fearnley, PHD Candidate, University College London

Group B: How the role of (social) media could be enforced to prevent and counter violent extremism?
Moderator: Velma Saric, Founder & CEO, Post-Conflict Research Center, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Group C: What should be the innovative national, regional and international approaches to prevent and counter violent extremism?
Moderator: Mohamed Yahya, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator

Group D: How the south-south and triangular cooperation could be improved to prevent and counter violent extremism?
Moderator: Edem Bakhshish, Chief, Division for Arab States, Europe and the CIS, UNOSSC

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
16:00-17:00 Presentations of the Groups to the Plenary at the Convention Center
17:00-17:45 Preparation of Recommendations and Outcomes
17:45-18:15 Closing Ceremony

Abzal Saparbekuly, Deputy Secretary General of the Turkic Council
Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for the High-Representative of UNAOC
Dr. Ömer Kocaman, Deputy Secretary General of the Turkic Council