

## High-level Political Forum

### Global Pledge for Action by Religious Actors and Faith-Based Organizations to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic in Collaboration with the United Nations

*Co-organized by the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, the UN Alliance of Civilizations, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, with the co-sponsorship of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Croatia, and Religions for Peace*

**7 July, 1.00 PM EDT**

#### Agenda

12.30 - 1.00 PM	<b>Participants' registration</b>
1:00 - 1:05 PM	<b>Introduction to the event by the moderator, Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson, UN Alliance of Civilizations</b>
1:05 - 1:15 PM	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Omar Hilale</li><li>• Deputy Permanent Representative of Republic of Croatia and Chargé d'Affaires, H.E. Andrej Dogan</li><li>• Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary-General of Religions for Peace</li></ul>
1:15 - 1:30 PM	<b>Framing the Discussion: Remarks by the co-organizers</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide, Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu</li><li>• High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Miguel Angel Moratinos</li><li>• High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Michelle Bachelet (videoconference)</li></ul>

1.30 - 2.20 PM	<p><b>Implementation of the Global Pledge for Action: a grassroots' perspective</b></p> <p><i>(Based on the compilation of peer-to-peer learning snapshots<sup>1</sup>, this side event aims at taking stock of and advocating for further implementation of the Global Pledge for Action and sharing experiences of religious actors' engagement at grassroots level in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts, in particular hate speech and its ramifications. Challenges and opportunities encountered so far in the implementation of the Global Pledge and options for further action and collaboration will also be explored.)</i></p>
	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ana Maria Daou, Head of Adyan's research unit and Deputy Coordinator of the Interfaith Youth Committee of Religions for Peace</li> <li>• Christen Broecker, Deputy Director, Jacob Blaustein Institute</li> <li>• Hossam Ed-Deen Allam, Al Azhar Fatwa Global Center &amp; Lecturer at Al Azhar University, Egypt</li> <li>• Nina Noor, Programme Executive Globeth.net, Indonesia</li> <li>• Rabbi Hannah Kingston, Rabbi at Alyth Synagogue of the North Western Reform Synagogue, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Diane Ala'I, Representative of the Baha'I International Community to the UN in Geneva</li> <li>• Benedicte Charrier, Vice President of Coexister, France</li> </ul> <p>Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief</li> <li>• Nahla Haidar, CEDAW Vice-Chairperson [TBC]</li> </ul>
2.20 - 2.30 PM	<p><b>Closing remarks by the organizers</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Religion/GlobalPledgeRecommendations.pdf>