Programme (as of 14 March 2021)
Exploring Holistic Approaches to Combating Antisemitism
Monday, 15 March 2021
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM EST

07:30 – 08:30
Logging-in participants

08:30 – 08:31
UNAOC promo video

08:31 – 08:40
Opening Remarks

- Chair: Mr. Miguel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- Moderator: Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief-of-Cabinet & Spokesperson, UNAOC

08:40 – 08:47
Special Address

- Rabbi Arthur Schneier, UNAOC Goodwill Ambassador, Holocaust Survivor, President & Founder of Appeal of Conscience Foundation & Spiritual Leader of Park East Synagogue

08:47 – 10:00
Session I: Setting the Scene: How far we’ve been in the fight against antisemitism? What are the challenges?

- Mr. Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, European Commission (video message)
- Ms. Katharina Von Schnurbein, Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life, European Commission
- Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr. Malcolm Hoenlein, Vice-Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations
- Mr. Daniel Mariaschin, CEO, B’nai B’rith International
• Mr. Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO, Anti-Defamation League
• Rabbi Bruce Lustig, Senior Rabbi, Washington Hebrew Congregation; Member, Higher Committee of Human Fraternity
• Mr. Jason Isaacson, Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer, American Jewish Committee
• Mr. Robert Singer, Chairman, Center for Jewish Impact

10:00–11:15
Session II: Good/Promising practices of state actors in combating antisemitism: Turning words into Action through adopting national strategies

• Mr. Felix Klein, Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight Against Antisemitism, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building, and Community of Germany
• The Right Honourable Lord Eric Pickles, United Kingdom Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the United Kingdom
• The Honourable Irwin Cotler, Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, Government of Canada
• Ms. Ulrika Sundberg, Special Envoy to the OIC in Charge of Interreligious and Intercultural Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
• The Right Honourable Lord John Mann, Her Majesty Government's Independent Adviser on Antisemitism, House of Lords, United Kingdom
• Prof. Milena Santerini, Commissioner for Combating Antisemitism, Government of Italy
• Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee
• Ms. Tracey Petersen, Manager of The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, UN Department of Global Communications
• Mr. Karel Fracapane, Focal Point for Holocaust Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

11:15–12:00
Session III: Creating synergies and exploring means of enhancing a system-wide response to antisemitism
• Mr. Mark Weitzman, Director of Government Affairs of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Chair of the Museums and Memorials Working Group
• Dr. Jonathan Boyd, Executive Director, Institute for Jewish Policy Research
• Ms. Karen Paikin Barall, Director of the Government Relations, Hadassah
• Ms. Rolene Marks, Chair, Public Diplomacy Division, Women's International Zionist Organization
• Dr. Robert Williams, Ph.D., Deputy Director, International Affairs, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
• Mr. Sacha Roytman-Dratwa, Executive Director, Combat Anti-Semitism Movement

12:00 – 12:30

Conclusion: The Takeaways