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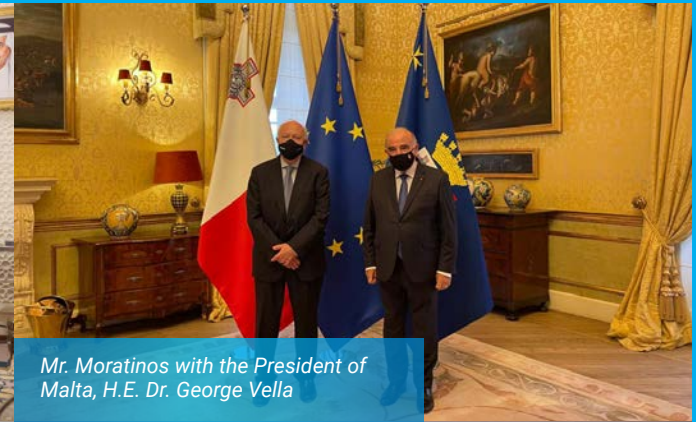
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The High Representative Makes Official Visits to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malta, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Geneva, and France



Mr. Moratinos with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah



Mr. Moratinos with the President of Malta, H.E. Dr. George Vella



Mr. Moratinos with Minister of European and Foreign Affairs of Malta, H.E. Mr. Evarist Bartolo



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Mr. Mevlut Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey



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The High Representative Makes Official Visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1-7 June)

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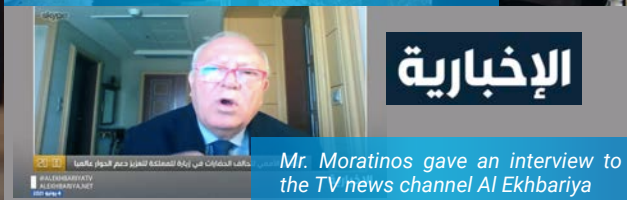
Mr. Moratinos with H.H. Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Al Faisal, Minister of Sports



Mr. Moratinos with Dr. Mansour Al-Shammari, ETIDAL Secretary-General



Mr. Moratinos with Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa, Secretary-General of the Muslim World League



Mr. Moratinos gave an interview to the TV news channel Al Ekhbariya



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Mr. Hamed Fayez, Vice Minister of Culture

During his official visit to the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, the **High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)**, Mr. Miguel Moratinos, was received by the **Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah**, who reiterated his full support for the work of UNAOC, especially in the fields of interfaith dialogue and preventing and countering violent extremism. Mr. Moratinos was also received by **H.H. Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Al Faisal, Minister of Sports**, to discuss the role of sports in the prevention of violent extremism efforts and the work of UNAOC in the field. Mr. Moratinos also met with **H.E. Mr. Hamed Fayez, Vice Minister of Culture**, to explore avenues of cooperation in promoting diversity and culture as a way of life.

While in Riyadh, Mr. Moratinos met with the **Secretary General of the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology (ETIDAL)**, Dr. Mansour Al-Shammari, and with **Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa, Secretary General of the Muslim World League**, to explore means of promoting interfaith harmony, mutual respect, building inclusive and diverse societies, and countering hate.

Mr. Moratinos also gave an interview to the **TV news channel Al Ekhbariya**. "Diversity is enriching to societies. Saudi Arabia is a key player in international geopolitics, and it has shown its commitment to the world," he said.

The High Representative holds meetings in Paris, France with prominent representatives of Jewish organizations.
He also visits the Municipality of La Courneuve in Paris and meets with the Mayor and participants of #LesMédiasCestNous Project. (10 June)



Mr. Moratinos with La Courneuve Mayor Mr. Gilles Poux and the youth participants of #LesMédiasCestNous



Mr. Moratinos with the Mayor of La Courneuve, Mr. Gilles Poux



Mr. Moratinos in an interactive session with La Courneuve youth



Mr. Moratinos was received by Mr. Francis Kalifat, President of CRIF



Mr. Moratinos was received by Baron Eric de Rothschild, CCJD Chairman



Mr. Moratinos was received by Rabbi Haïm Korsia, Chief Rabbi of France

During his visit to Paris, France, Mr. Moratinos met with **Rabbi Haïm Korsia, Chief Rabbi of France**, as well as **Mr. Francis Kalifat, President of the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France (CRIF)**, and **Baron Eric de Rothschild, Chairman of the Mémorial de la Shoah and the Center of Contemporary Jewish Documentation (CCJD)**. Discussions focused on strategies to combat antisemitism, promote mutual respect, and safeguard religious sites.

While in France, Mr. Moratinos and his delegation also went to La Courneuve and met with **Mayor Mr. Gilles Poux** and his team to discuss their successful joint project, **#LesMédiasCestNous**. The meeting was followed by an intergenerational conversation with the youth participants in the project who presented lessons learned and the media stories they produced.

The High Representative Visits Geneva
(11 June)



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of UNOG

In Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Moratinos was received by **H.E. Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)**, at the Palais des Nations. They discussed areas of collaboration and potential joint activities.

The High Representative Makes Official Visit to the Republic of Malta (15-17 June)



Mr. Moratinos with the President of Malta, H.E. Dr. George Vella



Mr. Moratinos with Minister of European and Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Evarist Bartolo



Mr. Moratinos at MEDAC, University of Malta

Interview with One TV

In Malta, the High Representative for UNAOC was received by the **President, H.E. Dr. George Vella**, who expressed his support for the mission and objectives of UNAOC, especially in the field of interfaith dialogue. Mr. Moratinos was also received by the **Minister of European and Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Evarist Bartolo**, who expressed his enthusiasm in working closely with UNAOC in developing initiatives focusing on religious education. To that end, the High Representative met with faculty members at the **University of Malta and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC)** to elaborate on the project and exchange views about inclusive religious education. While in Malta, Mr. Moratinos visited the **Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Paul** in the old city of Mdina to empathize the universality of religious sites and places of worship, and gave an interview to One TV.

The High Representative Makes Official Visit to Turkey (19 June)



Mr. Moratinos participated in the Antalya Diplomacy Forum



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Mr. Mevlut Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Mr. Moratinos was interviewed by Anadolu News Agency



Mr. Moratinos with Palestinian Foreign Minister Mr. Riyad Al-Maliki

Mr. Moratinos with Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

The High Representative spoke at the **Antalya Diplomacy Forum** in a session entitled **"Tackling Extremism and Discrimination"**. On the Forum's margins, Mr. Moratinos met with **H.E. Mr. Mevlut Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey**, and **Palestinian Foreign Minister Mr. Riyad Al-Maliki**. He also had an off-the-cuff conversation with Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. He gave an interview to **Anadolu News Agency**, during which he called for international unity against hatred, stating that "the Covid-19 situation is not just an economic or financial crisis, but a human one."

The High Representative Makes Official Visit to the Republic of Azerbaijan (21-24 June)

The High Representative for UNAOC was received by the **President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev**, as well as by the **Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Jeyhun Bayramov**, to discuss joint initiatives to foster peace and mutual respect. In addition, Mr. Moratinos and the **Minister of Culture of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Anar Karimov**, jointly launched the **#Peace4Culture initiative**. Mr. Moratinos also toured heritage and religious sites in **Fusuli** and **Aghdam** and concluded his visit with a meeting with **His Virtue Sheikh ul-Islam Allahshükür Hummat Pashazade, Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims Boards**, and other religious leaders.

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Mr. Moratinos was received by H.E. Mr. Anar Karimov, Minister of Culture

Mr. Moratinos at the launch of the #Peace4Culture initiative



Mr. Moratinos at Al Joumaa Mosque, one of Azerbaijan's heritage sites



Mr. Moratinos toured heritage and religious sites in Fusuli



Mr. Moratinos with His Virtue Sheikh ul-Islam Allahshükür Hummat Pashazade, Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims Boards



Mr. Moratinos with religious leaders



As part of the Second **UN High-Level Conference on Counter-Terrorism**, the High Representative for UNAOC participated in a breakout discussion on **“Prevention Through Innovative Programmes, Including Sports and Behavioral Insights to Unite Communities and Build Resilient Societies”** chaired by **Major General Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Ansari, Chairman of the National Counter-terrorism Committee of Qatar**. “Behavioral insights for the prevention of violent extremism cannot replace other non-behavioral interventions, such as educational interventions, as we at UNAOC know well since education is one of the five pillars of our work,” Mr. Moratinos stated.

Mr. Moratinos also chaired a plenary wrap-up session entitled **“Responding to new and evolving counterterrorism challenges in the new decade”** at the UN headquarters in New York. Panelists in the session included H.E. Ambassador Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi, Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the UN; Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Director of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). “Defeating terrorists and radical ideologies, winning hearts and changing mindsets are as crucial as advancing our security governance strategies and policies”, Mr. Moratinos stated in his opening remarks.



UNAOC co-sponsored an event on the **Prevention and the Misuse of New Communication Platforms**, held virtually as part of the **Second UN Counter-Terrorism Week**. The event was co-organized by the **Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UN** and the **UN Office of Counter-Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNOCT/UNCCT)**. It featured a dialogue among senior UN officials and Member States, leading experts on preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE) and the technology sector on terrorist exploitation of online spaces, particularly new communications platforms. The event also featured participants in the **EDIN project (Empowering Dialogue and Interfaith Networks)** who shared their experiences countering terrorist and extremist narratives on online spaces, and how the EDIN project has empowered them to develop, launch, and implement their own social media campaigns. (30 June)

As part of the Second UN Counter-Terrorism week, UNAOC and the implementing partners of the **Global Sports Programme – the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS), and UNICRI** – organized a side event focusing on **“Securing of Vulnerable Targets from Terrorist Attacks: Challenges of Major Sporting Event security governance”**. During the event, the organizations jointly launched the **“UN Global Guide on the Security of Major Sporting Events: Promoting Sustainable Security and Legacies”**, which is designed to support host authorities, policymakers, and the international community in the planning and implementation of security measures of major sporting events. (29 June)



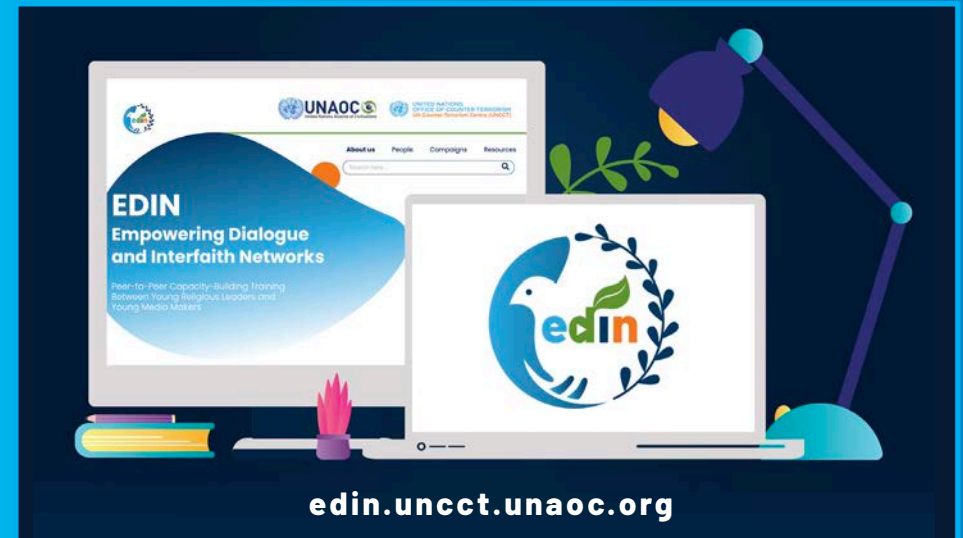
PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

UNAOC and **UNOCT/UNCCT** launched the website of their joint initiative, **EDIN (Empowering Dialogue and Interfaith Networks)**, which features 17 social media campaigns designed and implemented by 20 young media makers, faith actors, and religious leaders from Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

The brand-new website reflects more than six months of capacity-building and content creation by youth who have provided alternative narratives to hate and extremist ideologies online and promoted the values of peaceful coexistence, tolerance, inter-religious dialogue, and social cohesion. (30 June)

Check out all social media campaigns, biographies and testimonials about participants' motivations and journeys to develop their campaigns here:

<https://edin.uncct.unaoc.org/>.



A banner for the iTAGe event. At the top, there are logos for UNAOC, MGIEP, UNESCO, and iTAGe. The text reads: 'Talking Across Generations on the State of PVE in South Asia'. Below the logos is a photo of four young people (two men and two women) smiling and holding folders. A text box on the left says: 'Join our intergenerational discussion on peace and social cohesion with senior officials and policymakers! July 20, 2021 | 8:00 am - 10:30 am EDT'.

Within the framework of **UNESCO MGIEP** and UNAOC's programme **#YouthWagingPeace: A Whole Community Approach to Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education**, the youth authors of the State of PVE Report in South Asia held their first Focus Group Discussion, which brought together ten young activists who provided inputs to the report. To contribute to upcoming Focus Group Discussions and get a chance to participate in UNAOC's first iTAGe dialogue with senior officials on 20 July with UNESCO New Delhi, fill out our survey: unaoc.org/what-we-do/itage-state-of-preventing-violent-extremism-in-south-asia/.

A banner for the PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival. At the top, there are logos for UNAOC and IOM. The text reads: 'PLURAL+ YOUTH VIDEO FESTIVAL ON MIGRATION CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION'. Below the logos is a photo of a film set with people and equipment. A text box on the left says: 'The PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival invites youth around the world to submit videos on the themes of migration, diversity and social inclusion. Organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with many partners. Awards Ceremony in November. Exciting prizes and professional opportunities!'. At the bottom, it says: 'To learn more, visit pluralplus.unaoc.org'.

As part of their joint initiative, the **PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival**, **UNAOC** and the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** extended the deadline for video submissions to 5 July! Young filmmakers worldwide are invited to submit short films about migration, diversity, social inclusion, the prevention of xenophobia, and other pressing social issues.