

**The Youth of the Municipality of La Courneuve present
'News Generation Against Hate' at the UN Headquarters in New York**



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UNAOC organized an interactive discussion at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, **'News Generation Against Hate: Empowering La Courneuve Youth to Create Alternative Narratives and Champion Diversity in the Media'**, where youth from La Courneuve (Paris area, France) who participated in a UNAOC-funded project **'News Generation Against Hate'** presented their media productions to UN officials, Member States, and other key stakeholders.



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The youth participants, aged 16 to 24 years old, traveled to New York to showcase the outcome of the project implemented jointly by UNAOC and the Municipality of La Courneuve. Over the span of a year, forty local youth participated in a series of workshops aimed to help them identify and address misinformation and xenophobia in the media. As an outcome of the project, they produced alternative narratives to hate speech and created multimedia content covering local and national issues.

Highlights of the Youth of La Courneuve present 'News Generation Against Hate' in New York

The main event at the United Nations Headquarters was chaired by USG Mr. Miguel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, with the participation of **Mr. Gilles Poux**, Mayor of La Courneuve. The spotlight was on the youth participants who presented their media projects and achievements following the programme's intensive capacity-building training and media workshops. The event included key remarks from **H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière**, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, and a video message from **H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations office of Counter Terrorism; as well as reflections from United Nations entities such as the **United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)**, the **United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)**, the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**, the **Office of the Secretary-General Envoy on Youth (OSGEY)** and the **United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention (OSAPG)**. Representatives of member states and the larger United Nations community also attended the event.

"I had the chance to meet the La Courneuve youth, and I was touched and impressed by their motivation, energy and inspiration. UNAOC was created to support young people by creating opportunities for dialogue and cooperation, especially between different cultures, religions, and backgrounds. Because our world is a mosaic of cultures, without dialogue, we cannot move forward and live together productively," said Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for UNAOC.



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

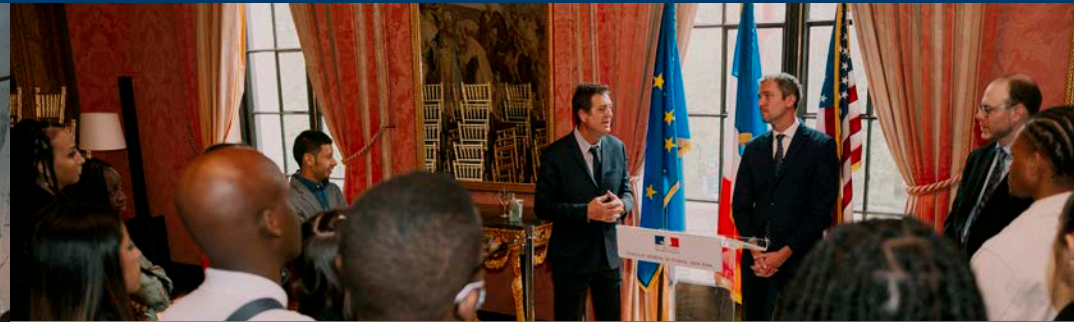


H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière,
Permanent Representative of France to the UN



H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
Under-Secretary-General for Counter Terrorism





The project participants also had an opportunity to visit the **Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations** and the **General Consulate of France in New York**. Moreover, they participated in a discussion with young United Nations professionals representing the media, notably **UN Women** the **UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)**. Finally, the participants did a tour of the murals for positive social change designed by the association **Street Art for Mankind**, as well as of the **Bronx Documentary Center** and the **United Nations Headquarters**. (4-7 May)



The participants were received at the Permanent Mission of France to the UN



The Youth of La Courneuve visited the UNAOC Office in New York



They also visited the Bronx Documentary Center



UNAOC hosted the screening of the documentary of "Les Medias C'est Nous", featuring testimonies of the Youth of La Courneuve



USG Mr. Moratinos and H.E. Mr. Anar Karimov, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, after jointly signing the #Peace4Culture Action Plan



The **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)**, the **Ministry for Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan**, and the **Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN**, presented the **#Peace4Culture Global Call Action Plan** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In a panel discussion on “Pathways to Durable Sustainable Peace” moderated by Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Senior Advisor on Policy for UNAOC, the #Peace4Culture Global Call was presented to UNAOC’s Group of Friends, showcasing how it underpins the interdependence of peaceful relations and the safeguarding of cultural and religious heritage.

USG Mr. Miguel Moratinos reaffirmed his commitment to the Global Call, particularly the action points relevant to UNAOC’s mandate and in line with the priorities included in UNAOC’s five-year Plan of Action.

“I hope that the implementation of the #Peace4Culture Global Call will contribute to achieving harmony, inclusiveness and sustainable peace for all the people in the region and beyond,” he stated. To wrap up the meeting, USG Moratinos and **H.E Mr. Anar Karimov**, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, jointly signed the **2022-2027 Action Plan** for the successful realization of the #Peace4Culture Global Call. (5 May)



Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Senior Advisor on Policy for UNAOC



H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN



Mrs. Ayşe Inanç Örnekol, First Counsellor for the Permanent Mission of Türkiye to the UN



Prof. Mike Hardy, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK

USG Miguel Moratinos participates in the High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism in Malaga, Spain



USG Mr. Moratinos addressing the High-Level International Conference in Málaga

The High Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, addressed the Plenary Session of the **High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism: “For a Future Free from Terrorism: Building Resilience with Civil Society through the Rule of Law and Human Rights”**, co-organized by the **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)** and the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain**, in Malaga, Spain.

In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos stressed the need to meaningfully engage youth and faith-based organisations to effectively address the root causes of terrorism and support peaceful societies. “To ensure the voices of civil society actors are well-represented, we created a broad, safe space showcasing the work they do on the ground. Through our cross-cutting projects, we partnered and supported youth-led and grassroots organizations through seed-funding and mentoring,” he stated.



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN



Mr. Moratinos with H.E. Mr. Fernando Grande-Marlaska, Minister of Interior of Spain

In a side-event co-organized by **UNOCT**, the **Mission of the State of Qatar and Beyond Conflict** entitled “**Fostering Resiliency through a Behavioral Insights Approach**”, Mr. Moratinos discussed how ethics and human rights-based approaches in prevention programmes have a positive impact on beneficiaries’ resilience to terrorism. (9-11 May)

“UNAOC is mandated to address the root causes of polarization and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. As co-chairs of the UNOCT’s working group of preventing and countering violent extremism, we deploy a number of tools from our toolbox to address those drivers.”

– USG Miguel Moratinos, High-Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism, Malaga, Spain



HIGHLIGHTS



Under the **UN Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets**, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) co-hosted a roundtable on **“Security for Protecting Places of Worship”**, featuring the **Strengthening the Security and Resilience of at-risk Religious Sites and Communities’** project (SOAR). **Ms. Ana Jimenez**, UNAOC Political Advisor, moderated the virtual roundtable. She emphasized the role of partnerships in the implementation of the **UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites** developed by UNAOC, which provides an action-oriented framework for: Prevention, Preparedness and Response. (12 May)



In commemoration of the **International Day of Living Together in Peace**, UNAOC partnered with other international organizations, civil society actors, and other stakeholders to launch the global premiere of Pierre Pirard’s documentary film **“All of Us”**, which powerfully conveys the #OneHumanity message championed by UNAOC. The movie was screened in Geneva and was followed by a panel discussion on **“Holding to our Humanity”** which was attended by the UNAOC Office in Geneva, headed by **Mr. Namik Erpul**, Senior Representative at the UNAOC Office in Geneva, and Administrative Officer **Ms. María Merchán Rocamora**. (16 May)



USG Moratinos received a delegation from the **Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth of Singapore** at the UNAOC office in New York. They discussed avenues of collaboration and exchanged views on promoting intercultural and interreligious harmony. (27 May)



USG Moratinos addressed a panel discussion at the International Summit on **“Building Bridges: Proposals from the South for Global Change”**, organized by **Mujeres por África** to celebrate its 10th year anniversary. The event brought together nearly 70 African political leaders, Latin American politicians and activists, as well as numerous heads of international organizations. The opening ceremony was chaired by **Her Majesty the Queen Letizia**

of Spain and addressed by **H.E. President Pedro Sánchez**.

During a curtain-raiser event prior to the opening of the Women Building Bridges ceremony, **Mr. Moratinos** and **Ms. Saad** held side talks with **Her Majesty the Queen Letizia of Spain**, **H.E. Teresa Fernández de la Vega**, former Deputy Prime Minister of Spain and President of Fundación Mujeres por África, and powerful women from Africa. (19-20 May)



The High Representative for UNAOC, **Mr. Miguel Moratinos**, met with **H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan Ataeva**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the UN, to discuss mutual collaboration. (31 May)

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



UNAOC, UNOCT, UNICRI, and ICSS held a **National Focal Points (NFPs) Regional Forum for Asia and the Pacific** in Bangkok, Thailand, within the framework of the **Global Programme on Sport and PVE**. UNAOC presented the initial draft of the Handbook on Leveraging

Major Sporting Events to Prevent Violent Extremism and collected Member State proposals on meaningful youth engagement. The Forum brought together NFPs from all over the region, providing them with a platform to share lessons learned and best practices on the security of major sporting events, as well as on the use of sport to PVE, taking into account regional characteristics such as a common legal framework, geographical features, drivers of violent extremism and threats. It included working groups, experts' presentations, and networking opportunities to discuss the security of major sporting events and the use of sport as a tool to PVE. (10-12 May)



'Sport for One Humanity', an initiative established by Turkish Airlines and implemented with the support of UNAOC, has closed the application period of its pilot edition. The initiative received almost **600 applications** from **83 countries**. Further, a total of **1,978 civil society organizations** expressed interest but did not

complete their applications upon deadline. The next step is for an international jury to select 10 civil society organizations as beneficiaries of a comprehensive capacity-building support programme. 'Sport for One Humanity' aims to scale up the impact of civil society organizations that are working on projects relevant to the sport for development and peace (SDP) agenda from all over the world. This will entail fully-funded face-to-face workshops, online training, visibility, as well as mentoring by assigned experts to strengthen the effectiveness of the recipient organizations' work. For more information, visit sportforonehumanity.org.



UNAOC launched the 12th edition of its **Fellowship Programme 2022** under the theme "**Countering discrimination and racism: the nexus to building pluralistic and diverse societies**". This year, the Fellowship will select a group of 8 young leaders from Europe and North America (EUNA) as well

as a group of 8 young leaders from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), who will travel together to selected countries in both regions for two weeks. Together, they will explore opportunities for intercultural collaboration and exchange ideas and good practices on building pluralistic and diverse societies as a foundation for sustainable peace. (11 May)



UNAOC and **BMW Group**, with the support of **Accenture**, organized a webinar as part of their joint initiative the **Intercultural Innovation Award (IIA)**. With the online workshop, the civil society organizations were mentored on "Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning"

which allowed them to acquire methods to measure their success and communicate it with various stakeholders. Recipients also participated in a series of online sessions to prepare them for the upcoming in person capacity-building workshop, which will occur in Munich, Germany from 26 June to 1 July 2022. (4, 13, 19, 31 May)



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