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The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the EU Delegation to the UN convened a “Briefing on Efforts on Combating Antisemitism” at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The meeting served as an opportunity for Ms. Katharina Von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life, to present the **European Union Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life (2021-2030)** adopted by the European Commission on 5 October 2021. Distinguished speakers included H.E Mr. Olof Skoog, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, **Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt**, US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, **Rabbi Arthur Schneier**, Holocaust Survivor and President of Park East Synagogue.



In addition, representatives of relevant UN entities presented 'Effective Responses by the United Nations to Combating Antisemitism', including the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UNDGC), the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (OSAPG), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Finally, Special Envoys for combating antisemitism, as well as representatives from Jewish organizations and Member States, delivered interventions and expressed their support.

In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos highlighted his role as the UN Focal Point to Monitor Antisemitism and Enhance a System-wide Response and underscored that the United Nations will continue to be on the frontline of the fight against antisemitism. "Antisemitism is the oldest and most persistent form of prejudice...It continues to persist, morphing into different shapes and forms and using new and innovative mediums. Across the world, social turmoil during the pandemic and beyond exacerbated prejudice, hate speech and discrimination against minorities on account of their religion, belief, race or ethnicity," he stated. (15 June)



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Presenting the #EU #No2Antisemitism Strategy at the @UN to discuss ways of addressing #antisemitism with #UN member countries, civil society and UN bodies, hosted by @UNAOC @MiguelMoratinos and @EUatUN.

It's time for action! 🙌



Special Envoy Deborah Lipstadt ✓  
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Kudos to @UNAOC's @MiguelMoratinos for convening this vitally important event w/ @EUAntisemitism and other key actors @UN today. I was pleased to participate and look forward to working with allies within the UN system to end antisemitism. #No2Antisemitism







The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, and Project Aladdin co-organized the first **Tangier Dialogue** under the theme “**Towards New, Shared Enlightenment**”. The meeting, which brought together over 80 leaders from politics, academia, religion and civil society, aimed to build bridges of understanding between cultures and civilizations of the world.

In his remarks at the opening session, **USG Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, High Representative for UNAOC, made an appeal to the global audience. “We should come together as one, and not allow geography or religion to divide us,” he stated.

The high-level gathering saw the participation of representatives from Arab, African, European, and Asian countries, notably through the presence of **H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccan Expatriates, **Mr. Moussa Faki**, President of the African Union Commission, **H.E. Mr. Jose Luis Zapatero**, Former Prime Minister of Spain; **Mr. André Azoulay**, Advisor to His Majesty the King of Morocco, and with a video message from **H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations. **H.E. Mr. Antony Blinken**, US Secretary of State, also addressed the meeting via video message, in which he commended the organizers, UNAOC, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco and Project Aladdin.

On the margins of the Tangier Dialogue, **H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita** received Mr. Moratinos, **H.E. Mr. Jose Luis Zapatero**, Former Prime Minister of Spain and **H.E. Mr. Amr Moussa**, Former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and Former Foreign Minister of Egypt. They discussed the work of UNAOC and explored avenues of collaboration. (10-11 June)



*H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco, with USG Mr. Moratinos, plus H.E. Mr. Jose Luis Zapatero, Former Prime Minister of Spain, H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC Chief of Cabinet*



## The High Representative Convenes his High-Level Advisory Council in Marrakech, Morocco



The High Representative for UNAOC, **Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos**, convened the first in-person meeting of his High-Level Advisory Council in Marrakech, Morocco, to discuss the role of UNAOC in the current geopolitical scene. The meeting was attended by several of the Council's prestigious members, including **H.E. Mr. Amr Moussa**, the Chair of the Advisory Council, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States; **H.E. Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner**, Former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Austria and Former European Commissioner for External Relations; **H.E. Ms. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović**, Former President of the Republic of Croatia; **H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa**, President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic Ecuador; **Mr. AlKhalil Binebine**, Moroccan Businessmen; **H.E. Dr. Yehuda Lancry**, Former Ambassador of Israel to France and Former Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations and **Prof. Jeffrey Sachs**, Economist & Director of the Center for Sustainable Development in the Earth Institute at Columbia University who joined virtually; with the participation of special guest speaker **H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**, Former Prime Minister of Spain. (9-10 June)



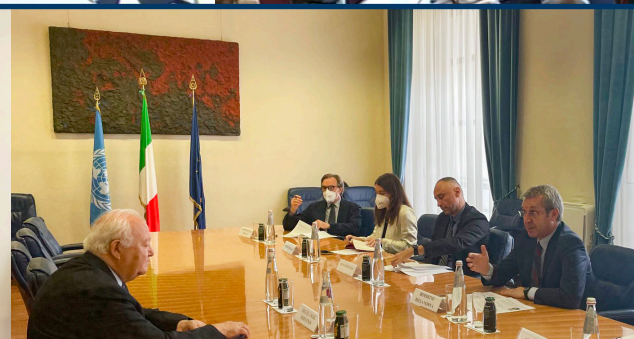


## The High Representative Makes Official Visit to Rome, Italy

USG Mr. Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC, and Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Senior Advisor on Policy for UNAOC, were received in Rome by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Office of the Sovereign of the Vatican City State. They discussed advancing interreligious dialogue, protection of religious sites and freedom of worship.



In Rome, Mr. Moratinos also addressed the **Foreign Affairs Committee** of both Houses of the **Italian Parliament**. He was greeted by **Senator Stefania Craxi** and **MP Piero Fassino**, Chairs of Committees on Foreign Affairs at the Italian Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos gave an overview of the work of UNAOC, stressing that its *raison d'être* is needed more than ever in light of the current global geopolitical scene. He then responded to questions by Senators and MPs of the Italian Parliament in a Q&A segment focused on the role of UNAOC in preventing and countering violent extremism, mediation in identity-based conflicts and the UNAOC Mediterranean Strategy. (27-28 June)



During his visit, Mr. Moratinos also met with **Senator Benedetto Della Vedova**, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Italy. They discussed the role of UNAOC in advancing interreligious and intercultural dialogue and countering xenophobia, racism and discrimination.



The High Representative also met with **Mr. Enrico Molinaro**, Secretary-General of RIDE-APS and Head of Italian Network Anna Lindh Foundation; and the **NDC Staff RIDE** to give an overview of the work of UNAOC especially in the Mediterranean region.



## HIGHLIGHTS



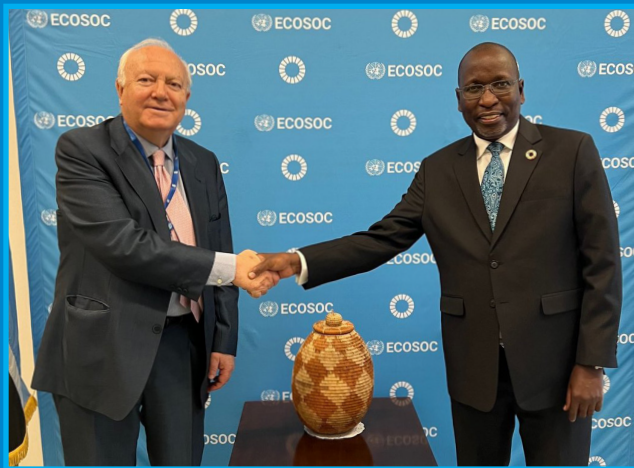
The High Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, addressed the **25th Eurasian Economic Summit** in Istanbul via pre-recorded remarks. “The challenge that we face now is to awaken the ideals of fraternity and the concept of One Humanity in today’s context,” he said. The summit was attended by representatives of 43 countries, high-level government officials and religious leaders, and was inaugurated by **H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**, President of the Republic of Türkiye. (8 June)



The High Representative participated in a conference on **“Rising Antisemitism: How does Europe Address it?”** at the Park East Synagogue in New York City, co-organized by **Appeal of Conscience Foundation**, with the participation of **Rabbi Arthur Schneier**, President of Park East Synagogue and UNAOC Ambassador, **Ms. Katharina Von Schnurbein**, European Commission Coordinator to Combat Antisemitism, **Jérémie Robert**, Consul General of France, and **Mr. Michael Driscoll**, FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office. Panelists discussed the measures implemented in Europe to tackle the key priority of combating antisemitism. (14 June)



The High Representative attended a discussion on good practices and recommended actions to address antisemitism, which was hosted by the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, **Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt**. The meeting saw the participation of special envoys and coordinators to combat antisemitism such as **Ms. Katharina Von Schnurbein**, European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life, and **Mr. Andrew Baker**, Personal Representative on Combating Antisemitism, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). (15 June)



USG Mr. Moratinos met with **H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile**, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). They discussed opportunities to strengthen collaborations. (14 June)



USG Mr. Moratinos gave a lecture at the **Academia Europea Leadership (AEL)** in Barcelona, Spain. He spoke about the geopolitical climate of the Middle East and the Mediterranean, among other key issues. “The Mediterranean is a civilization maker. It should not be, like they would say in the 90s, ‘a forgotten sea’. The Mediterranean is vital for the interests of Europe and Spain,” he said. (17 June)



In a video message, Mr. Moratinos addressed the High-Level event commemorating the first **International Day of Countering Hate Speech**, co-organized by the **Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN** and the **UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (OSAPG)**. “Hate Speech is not Free Speech”, he said in his remarks. (17 June)



## PROGRAMMING

### UNAOC Holds Symposium of Young Peacebuilders in Rabat, Morocco



During a symposium in Rabat, Morocco, twenty-five talented and committed young leaders, participants of the 3rd and 4th editions of the **UNAOC Young Peacebuilders** programme, presented their peacebuilding experiences to key regional stakeholders. The presentations were the culmination of a comprehensive online training and implementation phase.

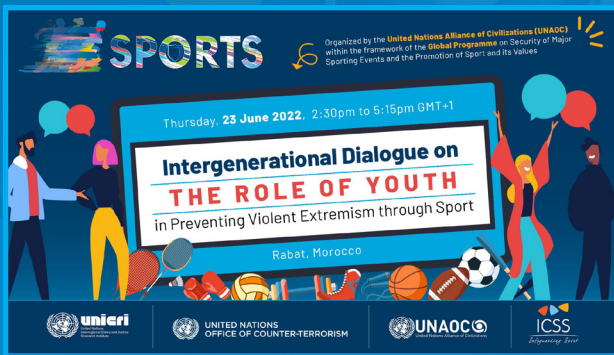
For the first time since their peacebuilding training, the youth participants had an opportunity to present the main outcomes of their peace projects during the symposium. Their projects tackled a range of issues with the following themes: "Prevention, Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation"; "Intergenerational Dialogue"; "Media, Technology and Storytelling"; "Gender and Peacebuilding"; and the "UN Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda".

Addressing the audience through a video message, Mr. Miguel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General holding the office of High Representative for UNAOC, emphasized the role of youth in international peace and security. "We believe that empowering current and future generations is an integral tool to decrease violence and increase understanding so that we can build a common world together beyond our differences. Today, we will have the unique opportunity to interact, listen and experience the power of youth. Let us all continue supporting young people's involvement in shaping lasting peace," he said. (June 17)





# UNAOC Organizes an Intergenerational Dialogue on the Role of Youth in PVE through Sport in Rabat, Morocco featuring Young Leaders from the Middle East and North Africa



Recognizing the role of youth in mobilizing action to prevent violent extremism (PVE) through sport-based activities, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) convened young civil society leaders from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in an intergenerational dialogue with key stakeholders. The event was organized within the framework of the **Global Programme on the Security of Major Sporting Events and the Promotion of Sport and its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism** (“Global Programme”), which is led by the **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)**, in partnership with **UNAOC**, the **United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)**, and the **International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS)**.

“Sport is one of the key tools to prevent violent extremism as it transcends beyond geographical borders. The universal popularity of sport presents an opportunity to attract and mobilize people of all ages, cultures and religions, making it a unique peacebuilding tool. To this end, UNAOC celebrates sport as a powerful tool to foster cohesive and inclusive societies. The values inherent in sport, such as mutual respect, solidarity and integrity, are at the heart of the mission of UNAOC,” Mr. Miguel Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC, said in his opening video remarks. The intergenerational dialogue underscored the power of sport to promote increased youth participation in national and regional PVE strategies and reaffirmed the role of youth in fostering sustainable peace and development in the MENA region. Learn more about the programme here: <https://www.un.org/counterterrorism/sport-and-security-programme>. (June 23)





# UNAOC, BMW Group and Accenture Host Capacity-Building Workshop for the Recipients of the Intercultural Innovation Award in Munich, Germany



On the final day of the workshop, IIA recipients met with **Mr. Moratinos**, **Ms. Ilka Horstmeier**, Member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, Human Resources, Labour Relations Director at BMW Group, and **Mr. Roland Mayr**, Senior Managing Director at Accenture. They were asked to give an overview of the progress their organizations have achieved since their selection at the ceremony in Dubai.



The first capacity-building workshop for the ten recipients of the current edition of the **Intercultural Innovation Award (IIA)** took place in Munich, Germany from June 26th to July 1st 2022. Hosted by the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, BMW Group**, and **Accenture**, the workshop focused on the topics of organizational development strategy, effective storytelling and the use of social media.

Recipients from Brazil, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and UK/Switzerland participated in a series of training sessions at the BMW Group Headquarters and the Accenture Innovation Center. These sessions aimed to bolster the capacities of recipient organizations and improve the long-term impact of their projects, allowing them to sustainably expand and replicate their initiatives in other contexts.

The first part of the workshop concentrated on effective storytelling and pitching, where attendees received training on presenting and shaping their mission vision strategy to potential partners and donors. The second section focused on the challenges around developing and scaling, with participants learning how they could shape and present their growth plan for pitching. The third part of the workshop focused on social media management and how to enhance engagement across all social media platforms. Recipients also had the opportunity to deliver mock pitches to BMW and Accenture Managers and received insightful feedback after their presentations. (26 June - 1 July)



To wrap up the capacity-building programme, **Mr. Moratinos**, **Ms. Horstmeier**, the IIA recipients as well as the UNAOC and BMW Group teams, celebrated cultural diversity and inclusiveness through a cooking activity and food tasting from around the world. Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC Chief of Cabinet, tweeted, "We celebrated cultural diversity and inclusiveness through cooking together and tasting food from around the world."

Learn more about the selected projects:  
<https://interculturalinnovation.org/iaward2021/>



## PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



UNAOC and **Fundación Mujeres por Africa** conducted a mediation workshop in Bamako, Mali as part of their joint efforts to strengthen women and mediation in Mali and the Central African Republic. Women Mediators discussed their experiences and shared best practices in dealing with conflict management and resolution.

Part of UNAOC's and Mujeres por Africa's joint initiative, "**Women's Alliance for Peace**", the meeting took place at the 'Ecole de maintien de la paix'. A total of **18 participants** shared their experiences as mediators in intercultural and interreligious conflict, and worked on identifying challenges and responses to socio-cultural challenges of their countries. Later they were joined via online video conference by participants from the Central African Republic and, together, they identified future perspectives, stressing the importance of strengthening regional collaboration.

The successful Mediation training workshop held in Bamako underlined the need for more capacity-building programs to help empower African women leaders and develop networks of expert mediators. Learn more about this project: <https://unaoc.org/what-we-do/projects-and-initiatives/promoting-the-role-of-women-as-peacemakers/>. (21 June)



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, recipients were trained on "**Building Alliances and Networking**" and learned about how to increase visibility among important stakeholders and how to network meaningfully. (8 June)



The **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)** closed the Call for Applications for the 12th edition of the **Fellowship Programme**. UNAOC received **240 completed applications** from eligible candidates to participate in the programme, which is designed to build bridges of understanding between different cultures and societies through intercultural dialogue. Sixteen participants – 8 from Europe and North America (EUNA) region and 8 from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

region – will be selected for their potential in shaping opinion and taking strong initiatives within their community. This year's Fellowship theme is "**Countering racism and discrimination: the next to building pluralistic and diverse societies**". (10 June)



UNAOC and the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** closed the call for entries for the 2022 edition of their joint initiative, the **PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival**. PLURAL+ received over **200 applications** from young filmmakers all over the world. An International Jury will then select the best videos for distinctions and special recognitions. Selected media makers will be invited to the global recognition ceremony later this fall. To learn more, visit [pluralplus.unaoc.org](https://pluralplus.unaoc.org).