

Strengthening Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue through Knowledge Sharing: *Opportunities And Challenges*

Tuesday, 10 July 2018, 10AM-1PM, ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

H.E. Mr. Faisal Bin Muaammar
Secretary General,
KAICIID International Dialogue Centre

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Representative
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UN

H.E. Ms. Belen Alfaro
Ambassador at Large for the Alliance of Civilizations and for Interreligious Dialogue,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

H.E. Mr. Philipp Charwath
Deputy Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Austria to the UN

10:30 – 10:45 Presentation of platforms and tools by KAICIID and UNAOC

Dr. Paloma Haschke-Joseph
Intercultural Engagement Project Management
Specialist, UNAOC

Prof. Patrice Brodeur
Senior Adviser for KAICIID, Professor at the Institute
of Religious Studies, University of Montreal

10:45 – 12:15 Panel Discussion – “Sharing experience and good practices”

Ms. Annamaria Olsson
Founder of Give Something Back To Berlin,
UNAOC Intercultural Innovation Award recipient

Prof. Patrice Brodeur
Senior Adviser for KAICIID, Professor at the Institute
of Religious Studies, University of Montreal

Ms. Sara Zaini
Co-Founder & Director of School & Content
Development at Emkan Education, UNAOC Fellow

Ms. Samira Luka
Senior Director for Dialogue, Protestant Churches
in Egypt & The Coptic Evangelical Organization for
Social Service – CEOSS

Ms. Velma Saric
Founder and President of Post-Conflict Research
Center, UNAOC Intercultural Innovation Award
recipient

Ms. Nihal Saad (moderator)
Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for
the High Representative of the United Nations
Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

12:15 – 12:45 Q&A with Audience

12:45 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Programmes

While active on a number of cross-cutting issues, UNAOC works mainly in four priority areas to which it brings a multidisciplinary and multi-perspective approach: Education, Media, Migration, and Youth. The main objectives of UNAOC's programme activities are to facilitate the global conversation on the challenges and opportunities for living in a landscape of diversity in our age of global communication and exchanges; prevent intercultural tensions and crises, combating stereotypes, misperceptions, discrimination and xenophobia; and support innovative grassroots initiatives that contribute to intercultural dialogue and understanding, mutual respect and cooperation across divides.

The International Dialogue Center (KAICIID)

The International Dialogue Centre is an intergovernmental organization mandated to promote the use of dialogue globally to enhance understanding, cooperation and social cohesion. The Centre fosters dialogue among people of different religions and cultures to build bridges between communities that overcome fear and animosities to instil mutual respect. In its work, the Centre supports the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. The Centre also implements programmes to overcome all forms of discrimination based on culture, religion or belief.