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## 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

**Pr. 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

**Pr. 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, combat 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.