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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. Abdallah Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the UN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 multiperspective 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.