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

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

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

- **H.E. Mr. Alvaro Albacete**  
  on behalf of the Secretary General of 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  

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

- **Pr. Katherine Marshall**  
  Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue  

- **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 – 13:00**  
Q&A with Audience  

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**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.