



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



DOHA PRE-FORUM 2011

Consultation with civil society organizations  
3-4 May 2011

*Connecting the UNAOC's mission and the MDGs:  
an Agenda for Collaborative Action*

PROGRAMME (update: 28 April 2011)  
Venue: Hotel Oryx Rotana

In association with:



*Monday, May 2*

Arrival of participants

Pick up arranged at the airport. Transfer to the Oryx Rotana Hotel<sup>1</sup>

Registration for the Pre-Forum opens at 4 pm

*Tuesday, May 3*

Pre-Forum

(Venue: Oryx Rotana Hotel – Jade room)

09h30 - 10h00 – Opening ceremony

- HE Dr Khalid bin Mohammed Al Attiyah,  
The State Minister of International Cooperation of Qatar
- Dr. Ali bin Smaikh Al-Marri, Chairman of National Human Rights Committee
- HE Dr. Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

10h15 - 13h00 – Kick Off Plenary session

Connecting Cultures, Development and Peace – setting the frame for the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Global Forum

This Plenary Session is designed to frame the debate on the correlation that exists between culture and development and on how to explore further connections between poverty reduction and people's culture and existing cultural patterns, i.e. history and values, self-understanding and social interaction. Organized as a panel discussion featuring distinguished speakers, it will introduce and present cross-sectoral perspectives and main challenges ahead to seek new avenues for nurturing the culture-development relationship for further examination in the subsequent breakout sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> Oryx Rotana is located in a close proximity to Doha International Airport, 5 minutes away from the City Centre and Corporate District and 20 minutes away from the Diplomatic Area and Exhibition Centre.

Moderators: Mr Abdeljalil Alami, Advisor HHO and Mr. Jan Keulen, Director, Doha Center for Media Freedom .

Two rounds of introduction remark, with the participation of the following panelists:

- Mr. Emilio Casinello Auban, Director General, Centro Internacional de Toledo para la Paz (CITpax)
- Mr. Hadi Hadanali, Senior Adviser to the Minister of State Mehmet Aydin, Turkey
- Mr. Iqbal Riza, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General
- H.E. Mr. Anuar Nahes, Ambassador of Brazil to Qatar
- H.E. Mr. Lazarus Kapambwe, President of the Economic and Social Council, UN
- Ms. Magda Zaki, Director, Department of the Dialogue among Civilizations, League of Arab States
- Ms. Sabine Kroissenbrunner, Focal Point to the UNAOC at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Austria

13h00 - 14h30 – Lunch

14h30 - 16h00 – Breakout sessions (five simultaneous sessions – sign up required)

The breakout sessions aim at creating an opportunity for participants to become familiar with the UN Alliance of Civilizations' mission and approach, deepen their knowledge about ongoing initiatives in the four fields of action of the Alliance and, at the same time, share their own points of views, experience and voice their concerns on the many issues that the topic of culture and development has raised.

Session 1 – National plans and regional strategies for intercultural dialogue and cooperation – from frames for action to policy tools – lessons learned, the way forward

Moderator: Ms. Helena Barroco, Special Advisor to the UNAOC High Representative

Panelists:

- Mr. Andreas Wiesand, Executive Director of the European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research (ERICarts);
- H.E. Mr. Konstantin Victorovich Shuvalov, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation
- Mr. Omar Monieb, Focal Point for the Alliance of Civilizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt
- Dr. Hassan Ibrahim Al Mohannadi – Vice chairman , Qatar Committee for Alliance of Civilizations
- Mr. Javier Cantero Talavera, Multilateral Affaires, Alliance of Civilizations Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain
- Mr. Jonathan Even-Zohar, Senior Manager, EUROCLIO European Association of History Educators

Session 2 – Making cultural diversity an advantage - Education for a culture of respect, tolerance and peace

Moderator: Professor Fethi Mansouri

Kick off speakers:

- Dr. Thomas Uthup, UNAOC Research and Education Program Manager
- Ms. Maria Luiza Viana Batista, Executive Director Televisión América Latina
- Mrs. Katerina Stenou , Director cultural Poilicies UNESCO

Session 3 –Leveraging social responsibility and leadership among youth

Moderator: Dr. Fanie du Toit

Kick off speakers:

- Ms. Isabelle Legare, UNAOC Youth Program Manager
- Dr. Mohamed Chtatou , ISESCO
- Ms. Ajarat Bada, One Young World

Session 4 – Bridging diversity and fostering dialogue through media

Moderator: Dr. Hasni Abidi , Director CERMAM ( Geneva )

Kick off speakers:

- Dr Abdulrahman Azzam, Media Directorate, HHO
- Mr. Daanish Masood, UNAOC Media Manager

- Ms. Marina Ferhatovic, Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Young Journalists
- Mr. Lucas Welch, Founder and Chief Innovation Officer, Soliya

Session 5 – Enhancing inclusion and social cohesion in cultural diverse societies

Moderator: Mr Marcio Barbosa, General Manager of Cultural Village - Doha

Kick off speakers:

- Ms. Florence Laufer, UNAOC Migration and Integration Program Manager
- Mr. Michael Däumer, Policy Analyst, EU - European External Action Service
- Mr. Jan Niessen, Director of Migrant Policy Group, Head of Diversity and Migration Programmes
- Ms. Sofia Soutosko, Mediator, Nostos Greece

Coffe-break

16h30 - 18h00 – Plenary Session – Projects that make a difference

This Plenary Session will feature innovative projects that make culture central to sustainable development - be it through focusing on the role of intercultural dialogue for nurturing a genuine respect and understanding for other cultures and worldviews, or to create a positive environment to help societies resolve crises and engage in development. These projects will be discussed, and partnerships for their expansion and enlargement discussed.

Moderator: Mr. Jean-Christophe Bas, UNAOC Senior Advisor, Strategic Development and Partnerships

Project presentation:

- Ms. Stephanie Brancaforte, Campaign Director, Avaaz.org
- Ms. Elizabeth Birch, General Partner, Silicon Valley Diversity Inclusion Consortium
- Ms. Sara Piteira, DIALOGUE CAFÉ Project
- Ms. Sadia Rahman, Projects Manager, Project Active Citizens
- Mr. Pece Gorgievski, CEO, Global Dialogue Foundation ( Australia )
- Mr. Fabien Kanyegobo, Human Rights Cities ( PDHRE ) ( Rwanda )
- Helen Thompson, Communications Officer Women without Borders (Austria )

18h30 – Cocktail Reception

*Wednesday, May 4*

08h00 - 09h00 – Lab-Sessions (breakfast presentation and partnership opportunities at the initiative of CSOs)

Building upon the projects presented the day before or on additional projects that participants might want to share, this is an opportunity to discuss further possible collaborations and build partnership.

09h15 - 11h00 – Plenary Session – What’s next? Engaging civil society in the agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the Alliance

This Plenary Session is designed to frame the debate on how to engage civil society in shaping the agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the Alliance. Organized as a panel discussion featuring various experts, it will introduce topical questions at stake on the possible ways to connect the Alliance’s mission and the Millennium Development Goals in order to mutually reinforce the capacity of delivering results. Interacting with the participants, the experts will share their ideas and will challenge the participants to put forward their own views for further examination in the subsequent breakout sessions.

Moderators : Ms. Nazare Albuquerque and Mr. Taufiq Rahim, Political analyst and Director of GlobeSight

Panelists:

- Mr. Marc Scheuer, Director UNAOC Secretariat
- Professor Fethi, Mansouri Director, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation & Co-Director, Strategic Research Centre for Comparative Social Research (Deakin University, Australia )
- Mr. Fanie du Toit, Programme Director for Educating for Reconciliation at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation ( South Africa )

- Dr. Tariq Cheema, President World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists
- Ms. Victoria Curzon Price, Professor of Economics at the University of Geneva
- Mr. Greg Ramm - Director of Global Programmes for Save the Children UK

11h00 - 11h30- Coffee break

11h30 - 13h00 – Workshops (Five simultaneous sessions – sign up required) – Ideas that connect, actions that engage

Building upon the previous debate, participants will have the opportunity to explore with experts the various ways of breaking with business as usual in various fields of action, such as in education, youth, media or migration in order to eradicate poverty as well as discrimination, intolerance and divides rather than halving them.

Session 1 - Empowerment for development: the role of education

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Uthup UNAOC Research and Education Program Manager

Kick off speakers:

- Dr. Darla Deardorff, Executive Director, Association of International Education Administrators
- Ms. Nayla Tabbara, Director, Cross-Cultural Studies Department of Adyan Village
- Ms. Diana Yolova, Project Manager, Higher Education Days

Session 2 - Media as a tool for mass mobilization and social transformation

- Moderator: Mr. Daanish Masood UNAOC Media Manager

Kick off speakers:

- Mr. Taufiq Rahim, Consultant
- Mr. Fritz Cropp, Director of International Affairs at University of Missouri School of Journalism

Session 3 - Youth at risk: economic participation as a first step in fighting exclusion and discrimination

- Moderator: Ms. Isabelle Legare UNAOC Youth Program Manager



Kick off speakers:

- Mr. Ahmed Younis (Silatech)
- Mr. Alessandro de Leon Founder Youth university and Special Advisor of Rio de Janeiro's Governor ( Brazil )
- Ms. Anush Hayrapetyan, Forgotten Diaries Manager, Youth Action for Change

Session 4 - What is cohesive diversity all about? Migrants and minorities: integration as development and use of capacities for participation on an equal footing in production and sharing prosperity and well-being.

Moderator: Ms. Florence Laufer UNAOC Migration and Integration Program Manager

Kick off speakers:

- Mr. Fethi Mansouri, Director, Center for Citizenships and Globalisation, Deakin University, Australia
- Mr. Mahdi Lahlou, Institute national de statistique et d'économie Appliquée, Rabat,
- Rosario Human Right City (PDHRE), Argentina (tbc)

Session 5 - New tools for new strategies. The challenge of measuring levels of intercultural sensitivity and engagement – observatories, indicators and surveys

Moderator: Mr. Jean Christophe Bas UNAOC Senior Advisor, Strategic Development and Partnerships

Kick off speakers:

- Dr. Fanie du Toit, Programme Director for Educating for Reconciliation at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (South Africa)
- Mr. Andreas Wiesand, Executive Director of the European Institute for Comparative Cultural Research (ERICarts);
- Ms. Dalia Mogahed, Executive Director and Senior Analyst, Abu Dhabi Gallup Center for Muslim Studies

13h00 - 14h30 - Lunch

15h00 - 16h30 – Plenary Session – Times of change: a new role for civil society – building on the Arab experiences

This Plenary Session will focus on ongoing changes in a number of societies brought in by civil society and driven by it. Transition processes and demands will be analyzed and discussed comparatively to understand differences but also identifying common features of these transformations. The role of media and in particular social media will also be addressed as a new tool for social transformation. The impact of these changes on the so-called Western-Muslim relations will also be discussed.

Moderator : Mr Marzouk (Secretary General of the Arab Democracy Foundation) and Mr. Leonardo Pinheiro, adviser to HHO

Kick off speakers:

- Mr. Hasni Abidi , Director CERMAM (Geneva)
- Ms. Stéphanie Carolina Castro Cabarcas, Comité de Derechos Humanos y convivencia ciudadana
- Group of youth from MENA countries

18h00 - 19h00 – Closing session

- H.E. Dr. Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Announcements
- Civil society representative
- Closing Address by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser