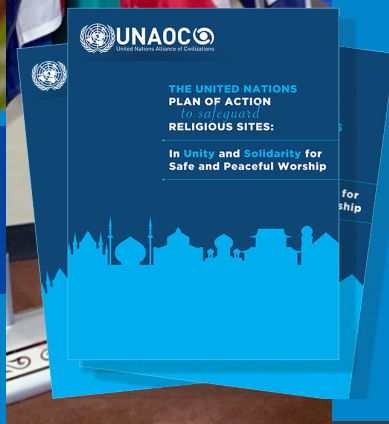




UN Secretary-General Launches UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites, Designating UNAOC High Representative as Focal Point

UN Secretary-General H.E. Mr. António Guterres launched the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites during an informal briefing to Member States at the UN Headquarters in New York. The Plan of Action was developed by the High-Representative for UNAOC, H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, and his team at UNAOC. In his briefing, the UN Secretary-General designated Mr. Moratinos as the focal point for the monitoring and implementation of the plan, in coordination with other UN entities and relevant stakeholders. The new Plan of Action provides an action-oriented framework with recommendations to support relevant stakeholders, including Member States, religious leaders, civil society organizations, the news media, and social media platforms, in preventing attacks against places of worship and guaranteeing the safety of the faithful to worship in peace. (12 September, New York)



The High Representative Reveals UNAOC Action Plan (2019-2023) at the Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting: The High Representative for UNAOC, H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, convened his **first UNAOC Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting** on the theme: **"Relevance of the Work of UNAOC to the UN Prevention Agenda and its impact on the Ground"** at the UN Headquarters in New York. Mr. Moratinos presented an overview of an ambitious Action Plan for the work of UNAOC for the next five years (2019-2023), which aims at strengthening and consolidating the relevance of the work of the organization in the fields of conflict prevention and resolution. Members of the UNAOC Group of Friends expressed their support for the High Representative's new Action Plan, which UNAOC will circulate among the Group of Friends in October. (27 September, New York)



UNAOC convened a **High-Level Round Table Luncheon** at the Yale Club of New York, marking the launch of a series of consultations with key UNAOC stakeholders and partners to **explore ways to revive the global dimension of the work of UNAOC**. The luncheon featured high-level participants, including H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, former Prime Minister of Spain; H.E. Mr. Amr Moussa, Former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States; H.E. Ms. Maria del Carmen Almendras Camargo, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia; H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign of Luxembourg; and Ms. Aya Chebbi, African Union Youth Envoy and UNAOC Fellow, who provided an overview of the geopolitical scene in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. (26 September, New York)

9th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to take place in Morocco in 2020



During the recent **UNAOC Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Morocco, announced that his government will host the **ninth Global Forum of UNAOC in 2020**. The announcement was welcomed with applause

by Members of the UNAOC Group of Friends, especially as it will be the first time a UNAOC Global Forum takes place on the African continent. Previous UNAOC Global Forums were organized in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. (27 September, New York)



UNAOC and **Turkish Airlines**, the national flag carrier airline of Turkey, announced their collaboration on a new initiative entitled **"Sports for Peace"** during a signing ceremony at the UN Headquarters in New York witnessed by UN Secretary-General H.E. Mr. António Guterres and the President of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The Sports for Peace project will focus on sports as a powerful tool to bridge divides and present awards to encourage and support sports activities that promote peace, mutual respect, and inclusion. (24 September, New York)



The High Representative for UNAOC, H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, addressed the **High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace** convened by the **President of the General Assembly**, H. E. Mrs. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, celebrating the **20th anniversary of the UN Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace**. On the margins of the forum, UNAOC and the Office of the President of the General Assembly co-organized a High-Level Working Luncheon with several round tables featuring Member States, UNAOC programme alumni, and various stakeholders to engage in an interactive discussion on religious freedom, cultural understanding, hate speech, and diversity. Mr. Moratinos co-chaired a round table focusing on "Mobilizing religion as a force for mutual-understanding in an age of hyper-diversity." (13 September 2019, New York)

UNAOC HOLDS SERIES OF BILATERAL MEETINGS DURING UNGA 74



On the margins of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly, the High Representative for UNAOC, H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, held a series of bilateral meetings to discuss UNAOC avenues of collaboration and future projects and activities. Totalling 29 official meetings, Mr. Moratinos met with the Presidents of Lebanon and Kazakhstan, as well as the Foreign Ministers of Qatar, Morocco, Azerbaijan, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Cuba, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Mauritania, and Iraq. Mr. Moratinos also met with officials from the United Arab Emirates, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Sweden, the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM), the Holy See, the League of Arab States (LAS), the BMW Group, and GUAM – Organization for Democracy and Economic Development.



UNAOC Chief of Cabinet Ms. Nihal Saad and **UNAOC programme alumni** from Tunisia, Rwanda, South Africa, and Algeria participated in a virtual interactive dialogue entitled **"Unlocking the Mediterranean Generation's Agency for Global Peace-Building and Climate Resilience"** to share pioneering practices on peacebuilding and climate resilience. The event was

organized in partnership with the Anna Lindh Foundation at the Delegation of the office of the European Union to the UN. (25 September, New York)



The High Representative for UNAOC, H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, delivered a keynote address at the **XVIII High-Level Meeting of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center** entitled, **"Geopolitics in the Age of Sustainable Development"**. He spoke about the challenges of multiculturalism in the current global context. (24 September, New York)