



Mr. Miguel Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC, addressed the **Ministerial to Advance Freedom of Religion or Belief** hosted by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**. In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos discussed the disheartening increase in the number of individuals subjected to persecution, harassment, alienation, and exclusion because of their religion or belief. "Global efforts to combat this menace will only be successful through a holistic approach, with all state and non-state stakeholders working together to combat all forms of discrimination," he stated. "As One Humanity, we all have a responsibility to look out for one another, respect our differences, and promote peaceful coexistence." The conference included high-level diplomats and politicians such as US Secretary of State Mr. Mike Pompeo and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Mr. Zbigniew Rau. (16 November)



Ms. Nihal Saad, UNAOC Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson, participated in a virtual discussion entitled, **"Transforming Tomorrow by Advancing Gender Equality: The Role of Women in Diplomacy"**, organized by **Religions for Peace**. In her remarks, Ms. Saad emphasized the key role of women in diplomacy and the inequalities they have been facing in society. "We have seen how women who do not hold leadership positions have been on the frontlines of the pandemic and have also disproportionately suffered from the impact of job loss", she stated. (11 November).



Mr. Moratinos participated in a virtual event organized by the **Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations** on the occasion of the **International Day of Tolerance**. "We should all unequivocally condemn and stand up against all acts of intolerance and violence based on religion or belief," Mr. Moratinos stated, emphasizing the need to move beyond tolerance towards mutual respect, humility, compassion, and common understanding. (16 November)

HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Moratinos participated in the virtual **Meeting of Special Envoys and Coordinators Combating Antisemitism** entitled “**The Role of the United Nations in Combating Antisemitism**” organized by the **World Jewish Council**. Reiterating his commitment as UN Focal Point to Monitor Antisemitism, Mr. Moratinos stated:

“I hope that together, we will identify synergies in our work so that we can eliminate the menace posed by antisemitism. The main takeaway here is that hate is the common denominator in all these forms of discrimination practiced against specific communities on account of their religion, belief, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation”. (19 November)

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It is imperative for civil society organizations to exhibit a zero tolerance for exhibiting antisemitism and all forms of discrimination on-line and off-line.

— **H.E. MIGUEL MORATINOS**

High Representative for the UN Alliance of Civilizations

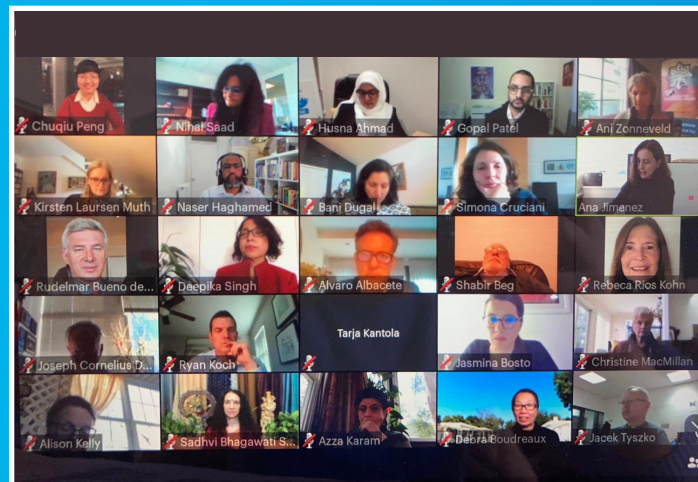


Mr. Moratinos addressed the sixth edition of the Rome MED 2020 Conference co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy on the theme “Beyond Covid-19: Navigating Solutions for Post Pandemic Times”. In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos spoke about the influence and impact religious leaders have on their communities.

“We can no longer wait for terrorist attacks to show solidarity and work together. Instead of coexistence, let’s work for living together. Instead of tolerance, let’s work for mutual respect,” he stated. (25 November)



Mr. Moratinos spoke live with **CBS News** about the 2019 FBI Annual Hate Crimes Report. In his exchange with journalist Ms. Tanya Rivera, Mr. Moratinos referred to the rise of hate crimes as a “hate virus” and spoke about the work of UNAOC to foster dialogue and respect. (20 November)



Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for UNAOC, and Ms. Ana Jimenez, Political Advisor for UNAOC, held substantive discussions during the **Multi-Faith Advisory Council (MFAC)** retreat, chaired by **ACT Alliance, Bhumi Global, Global One and the Baha’i International Community**, which included the whole community of the **UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development (IATF)**. (24 November)



Mr. Moratinos, along with the **Permanent Representatives of Spain and Turkey, Ambassadors Mr. Agustin Santos Maraver and Mr. Feridun Sinirlioglu**, welcomed Côte d'Ivoire and Cuba as the newest members of the **UNAOC Group of Friends** during a luncheon hosted by the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations. (New York, 24 November)



Mr. Miguel Moratinos met with the **Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Christoph Heusgen**, and presented new initiatives and projects. (10 November)



The High Representative for UNAOC had a meeting with the **UK Independent Advisor on Antisemitism, Lord Mann**, to explore ways to coordinate and enhance a UN system-wide response to combat antisemitism. (25 November)



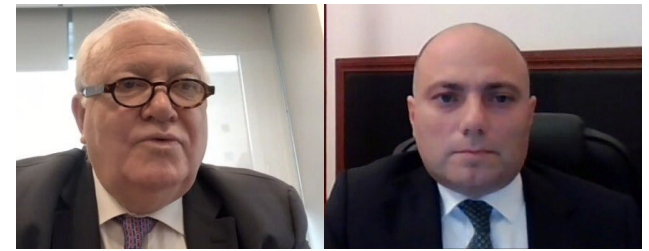
The High Representative for UNAOC held a virtual meeting with the **Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta, H.E. Mr. Evarist Bartolo**. They discussed avenues of collaboration and joint projects of mutual interest in the fields of interfaith dialogue and education. (30 November)



The High Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Moratinos, met with the **Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Mr. T.S. Tirumurti**, to present the work of UNAOC and discuss issues of common interest, such as the role of pluralism, democracy, harmony, and tolerance in the face of terrorism, radicalization, infodemic and other divisive forces. (6 November)



Mr. Moratinos met with the new **Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Ambassador Mr. Jukka Salovaar**, to discuss the priorities of UNAOC as well as topics of mutual interest such as mediation in identity-based conflicts, interfaith dialogue, and women as peace mediators. (20 November)



The High Representative for UNAOC met with the **Acting Minister of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Anar Karimov**, to explore areas of collaboration, particularly the protection of religious sites and the upcoming Intercultural World Forum in Baku. (23 November)



The High Representative for UNAOC met with the **Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Ambassador Ms. Anna Karin Enestrom**, to discuss the work of UNAOC, particularly in its mission to combat antisemitism and promote interfaith dialogue and women as peace mediators. (20 November)

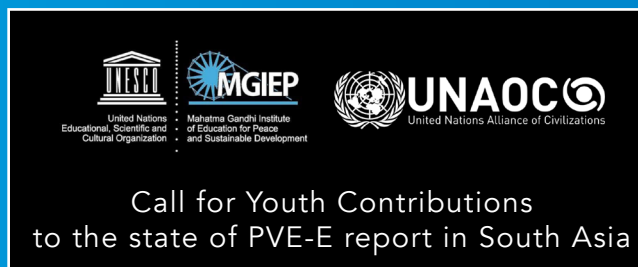


Mr. Miguel Moratinos met virtually with the **European Commission Coordinator on Combatting Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life, Ms. Katharina Von Schnurbein**. They discussed areas of collaboration and means of enhancing a system-wide response to combat antisemitism. (12 November)

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



As a part of the fourth edition of its Young Peacebuilders programme, UNAOC, with the generous support of AEXCID (Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo), organized the seventh and eighth session of its “Sunnyside Workshop”. These online webinars provided participants from the Middle East and North Africa with skills and tools for facilitation and trained them in the basics of mediation as a tool for conflict transformation . (6 November and 20 November)

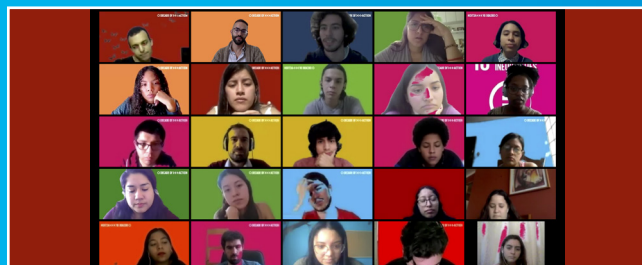


As part of the second phase of **UNESCO MGIEP** and **UNAOC's programme #YouthWagingPeace: The Whole Community Approach to PVE**, participants are calling for contributions from other young leaders to a Report on the State of PVE-E in South Asia.

The call seeks to amplify youth participation in preventing violent extremism. All the information can be found on the UNAOC website, www.UNAOC.org.



UNAOC maintains its commitment to championing the crucial role of youth and sport in countering and preventing violent extremism through the upcoming **Online Youth Consultation on 20-21 January 2021**. The gathering seeks to gather the contributions of young leaders in developing various outputs that advance the role of sport in PVE and create a safe space for young people to consult with Member States on improving the integration of youth in decision-making processes. People can apply on the UNAOC website, www.UNAOC.org.



UNAOC organized a webinar on “**Youth and Leadership and Action for a Better World**” in partnership with **Ms. Rosario Garavito** and on the margins of the **Young Leaders Conference coordinated by MCW Global**. The webinar provided participants with advocacy tools and best practices on ways to engage with the United Nations. (3 November)



UNAOC and BMW Group organized a webinar as part of their joint initiative, the **Intercultural Innovation Award (IIA)**, in partnership with Accenture. IIA recipients were mentored online on “**Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning**”, which provided them with the tools to enhance their organizations’ knowledge management skills in their current and future projects. (10 November)



UNAOC conducted a number of check-in sessions with the recipients of its Youth Solidarity Fund in Kenya, Uganda, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka to ensure the smooth implementation of their remaining project activities. Amid the pandemic, the youth-led organizations are driven to constantly adapt and present innovative ways to promote intercultural dialogue and interfaith harmony.



UNICRI launched a call for proposals within the framework of the **UN Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism**, implemented by the **UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)**, in partnership with UNAOC and the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS). The objective is to strengthen UN engagement and cooperation with civil society, with a particular focus on youth-led organizations, while supporting the delivery of innovative projects, disseminating lessons learned, and communicating best practices to make full use of the power of sport and its social values as a tool to prevent violent extremism. (7 November)