

Young Peacebuilders

IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Thursday, 16 June 2022

2:00pm to 5:00pm GMT+1

UNAOC Young Peacebuilders Symposium

Hotel Farah Rabat
(Place du 16 Novembre, Hassan, Rabat, Morocco)

Organized by the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)**
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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

Guided by the principle that youth are key actors to achieve peace and prevent violent extremism, UNAOC develops educational programming to enhance the ability of young people and their organizations to foster mutual respect, understanding, and long-term positive relationships between peoples of different cultures and religions.

The **UNAOC Young Peacebuilders** is a peace education initiative that is designed to support young people in gaining skills that can enhance their positive role in issues of peace and security and in preventing violent conflict. It also brings visibility to the initiatives, actions, and projects initiated by young people toward peace and the promotion of diversity and dialogue. As such, it responds to recent international policy recommendations outlined in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 2250, 2419, and 2535 on Youth, Peace, and Security and the Secretary-General's Plan of Action on Preventing Violent Extremism.

This peace education programme consists of four parts. A face-to-face workshop follows an online preparation and is led by field experts and trainers, who help the young peacebuilders to analyze conflicts, practice peacebuilding tools to build bridges between cultures and religions, and design peace projects, which will be implemented in each participant's community upon returning home. **The fourth and last phase is this final symposium, during which the young peacebuilders will share their experience, lessons learned, achievements, and recommendations with a broader audience of practitioners, policymakers, media, and the general public.**

UNAOC intends to implement this programme in different regions of the world to grow and strengthen the global movement of young peacebuilders. Through this action, UNAOC is committing to support young people's participation in peacebuilding with a growing coalition of partners. The first edition of Young Peacebuilders took place in West Africa, and the second and third editions in the region of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). This 4th edition, also focusing on the MENA region, centered on 20 young women and men, between the ages of 18 to 25, and coming from all across the region.

Implemented with the generous support of the Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AEXCID), UNAOC's Young Peacebuilders programme is a powerful example of a partnership that can strengthen the ground-breaking UN agenda on Youth, Peace and Security, which recognizes that "young people play an important and positive role in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security."

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Bringing visibility to the initiatives, actions, and projects initiated by young people towards peacebuilding and promoting diversity and mutual understanding
2. Demonstrate the skills and capacity of youth and their organizations gained through the peacebuilding training and their impact on addressing issues of peace and security and PVE
3. Bring relevant stakeholders such as government, private sector, UN, civil society, the academic world, and media together to exchange ideas about the implementation of the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA - Thursday, 16 June 2022, 2:00pm to 5:00pm GMT+1

Note: A final agenda will be shared before the date of the event.

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Snacks and Coffee
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Opening Session
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Bram van Haver, Project Management Specialist - Youth and Education, UNAOC / Ms. Dana Podmolikova, Project Management Specialist - Youth, UNAOC</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) (<i>video message</i>) • Mr. José Ángel Calle Suárez, Director-General of Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AEXCID) (<i>video message</i>)
2:15 pm – 2:45pm	Session 1: Prevention, Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Salon: <i>"Promoting Coexistence and Tolerance"</i> by Aram Mahmood Saeed Ahmed (Yemen) • Salamangy Peace Training: <i>"Introducing Peace Values, Dialogue Skills, and Conflict Resolution Methods to Young People"</i> by Ahmed Abdullah Saad (Egypt) • CELLS: <i>"Strengthening a Sense of Belonging among Young People to Prevent Violent Extremism"</i> by Mustapha Kammoun (Tunisia) • PalDebates: <i>"Teaching Debate and Dialogue Skills within the Palestinian Community"</i> by Shaker Nairat (State of Palestine) • Intercultural Learning, Identity, and Anti-racism Curriculum: <i>"Understanding the Other on an Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Level"</i> by Farrah Moussa (Egypt) • Chain: <i>"Young People for Peaceful Coexistence"</i> by Alaa Alsewid (Syrian Arab Republic)
2:45 pm – 3:15pm	Session 2: Intergenerational Dialogue & Debate
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated for everyone! <i>"Bridging the Gap between Generations in Iraqi Society"</i> by Osamah Ridha Muhi Alwash (Iraq) • Dialogue on the Human Fraternity Document: <i>"Creating a Space for Dialogue Among Young People"</i> by Youssef Sabry Attia (Egypt) • Language Coffee: <i>"Creating a Safe Space for Young People of Different Religions, Cultures, Experiences, Languages, and Ideas"</i> by Mohamed Chiker (Morocco) • Debates to Actions: <i>"Spreading the Culture of Debate among Youth"</i> by Bushra Adnan Dumour (Jordan) • Intra-youth Dialogue: <i>"Empowering Youth through Dialogue Skills and Partnership"</i> by Hazhir Ibrahim Al-Jaf (Iraq) • Rooted: <i>"How to Respect Yourself and Others through Empathy and Dialogue"</i> by Aziz Hannachi (Tunisia)

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Session 3: Media, Technology & Storytelling

- **Multi-Story Academy:** *"Digital Storytelling Programmes: Capturing Lives, Creating Advocate Communities"* by Es-saadia Zahir (Morocco)
- **PeaceFood.LB:** *"Using Storytelling and Filmmaking as a Way to 'Get to know the People behind the Plate'"* by Rayan Hanna (Lebanon)
- **Peace Issues Series:** *"Spreading Lessons about Peace, Equality, and Acceptance"* by Ranim Alhoushi (Syria)
- **Algerian Black Pearl:** *"Combating Extremism and Intolerance through Constructive Discourse"* by Abdelwahab Tayeb (Algeria)
- **Breaking the Wall to Youth Empowerment:** *"Accepting Differences"* by Mohammed Ramadan Zaid (Libya)

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Session 4: Gender & Peacebuilding

- **She Revolution:** *"Changing Stereotypes to Increase the Number of Women in Peacebuilding"* by Yasmine Falah Qalolos (Iraq)
- **Kayani for Palestinian Females Project:** *"Amplifying the Voices of Palestinian Women in Refugee Camps in the MENA Region"* by Manal Makkieh (State of Palestine)
- **Beautiful Resistance:** *"Strengthening the Role of Women through Non-Violent Initiatives and Economic Empowerment"* by Yara Ramadan (State of Palestine)

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm Session 5: Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)

- **Peacebuilding Accelerator:** *"Localizing UN Security Council Resolution 2250"* by Sarra Messaoudi (Tunisia)
- **Finnova:** *"The War in Ukraine. What is the Role of Youth?"* by Patricia Tejada (Spain)
- **Youth for Peacebuilding:** *"Raising Awareness about the YPS Agenda to Support Young Peacebuilders"* by Mariam Yousif AlAwadhi (UAE)
- **PeaceStory:** *"Promoting SDGs and Youth Empowerment"* by Mohamed Ghanem (Egypt)
- **Let's Coexist / اجيبو نتعايشو:** *"Integrating Migrants in Local Communities"* by Afaf Lamkoutar (Morocco)

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Q&A / Closing Remarks / Group Picture