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FOREWORD
WELCOME TO THE 5TH UNAOC GLOBAL FORUM IN VIENNA!

MICHAEL SPINDELEGGER
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND FEDERAL MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

Austria welcomes you to the 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. The Global Forum is the Alliance's highest-profile event. It brings together decision-makers, experts, and a variety of stakeholders in the field of intercultural and interreligious dialogue from all over the world.

At a time of dizzying change on a global scale, the Vienna Forum will focus on the promotion of **Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue.**

Our world today is more interdependent and interlinked than ever. However, this surge in communication and interconnectedness does not automatically generate an equivalent increase in understanding. In a global environment, where power is diffuse and various worldviews stand in direct competition, people around the world often see no other alternative to either a complete loss of tradition or the frantic attempt to defend one's own culture and basic values against all external influences.

Cultural diversity and integrity are universal Human Rights and fundamental conditions of human dignity – at the same time, human rights facilitate the respect for and the protection of cultural diversity.

Thus, we cannot leave people and states with these two choices. A new understanding of identity is needed. More than ever we require new concepts that acknowledge the treasure of diversity, cultivate inclusive societies and thereby spark a new kind of pluralism: one that boosts peace and fosters social progress.

Only jointly can governments, private sector, civil society, religious communities, as well as academia, professional organisations, youth, and the media change obsolete narratives about "the self" and "the other". "Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue" appeals to leaders from all sectors acting in accordance with the fundamental principles of human dignity. This in turn will lead to decisions that are based on cooperation and consensus and will provide for a long-term perspective. Responsible leadership means maximising the human profit – not only today, but also in 10 as well as in 50 years.



In our world of today, societies mutually depend on each other. Decisions taken by national governments or transnational companies influence the lives of people all over the world. The most pressing challenges of today – finding a sustainable balance between economic development and the protection of our eco-system, handling international migration for the good of migrants as well as host countries, conceiving a new religious pluralism and preserving our rich cultural heritage – can only be faced by the cooperation of decision-makers from all over the world.

Thus, by means of involving our greatest minds and the most creative and strongest opinion leaders in changing the perceptions of combating identities, it is imperative to find sustainable solutions for all of those challenges.

We are excited to host this year's UNAOC Global Forum in Austria, a country that has a long standing tradition as a hub for international dialogue, thereby contributing to stability and peace worldwide. We look forward to fruitful discussions, enriching encounters and new perspectives for concrete action.



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TO THE 5TH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

JORGE SAMPAIO
OUTGOING HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

I am delighted to welcome you to the 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations! From now onwards you are committed to the success of the Vienna Forum and are part of the global community of participants. In placing the issue of "Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue" at the core of the Vienna Forum, our take is that this topic matters in the most relevant way to the Alliance of Civilizations' vision and mission.

As is well-known, the primary mission of the UNAOC is to forge collective political will and to mobilize concerted action at institutional and civil society levels aimed at improving understanding and cooperative relations among nations and peoples across cultures and religions and, in the process, helping to counter the forces that fuel polarization and extremism. The UNAOC's particular focus is on improving relations within and among Western and Muslim societies and on addressing persistent tensions and divides.

Against this backdrop, and as I see it, the two-day journey at the Vienna Forum will be an opportunity to further explore this topic and generate informed debates about the various dimensions of this key concept, the challenges and concerns it encompasses, its intrinsic links with diversity as a fact of life and dialogue as a strategic tool that allows responsible leaders to become architects of change.

What is responsible leadership? Regardless of the context in which we think of it, the level or any sectoral perspective, "responsible leadership is geared toward the concerns of others and asks to whom and for what are leaders responsible", as an author puts it. Now of course the key questions are who "the others" are and what responding to their concerns entails.

I wish to invite you all to engage in these informed debates, by participating in the various group discussions, joining ongoing projects or by making a commitment to action at the Partners Assembly to be held on 28 February. Youth, political leaders, lawmakers, but also business people, philanthropies, religious leaders, researchers or simply you, as a citizen, are all invited to contribute with your experience, your particular insight, your mindset, your questions, and your concrete proposals to address this topical and most challenging question.



In Vienna, we want to achieve a deeper, more insightful understanding of what responsible leadership means from the perspective of the Alliance of Civilizations, what it represents in its main fields of action – education, youth, media and migration – , how leadership is about change and transformation and how the principles, values and vision of the Alliance can help shape a leadership focused on caring concern for others or a high level of other-regard. I strongly believe that Vienna can make a difference if you join in!





WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE

NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER
INCOMING HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

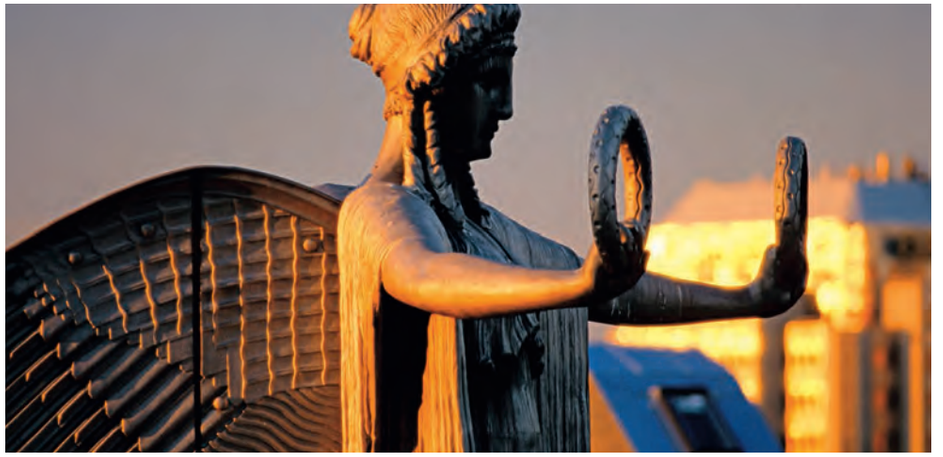
I'm very grateful to the Austrian Government for hosting the fifth 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. Throughout its history, Vienna has become one of the greatest cities in the world for culture, dialogue and innovation. There is certainly no better place to address the critical issue of Promoting Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue and to convene leaders, grassroots innovators, thinkers, youth, media… from around the world to exchange experiences and best practices and to lead the global conversation on how to advance the dialogue and understanding among cultures.

Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue is indeed a central issue in our modern world where most existing and latent conflicts may be rooted in tensions among cultures, beliefs, the claim for identity, while cultural differences may also deepen classical tensions…In that respect, the Alliance of Civilizations, together with its partners – being Governments and civil society, corporate leaders, religious groups, social media – can play a pivotal role in mediation, prevention and mitigating the risk of tensions and conflict. It is also the responsibility of the Alliance of Civilizations to strengthen the voice of those who are committed to concrete action to support dialogue and understanding among peoples and cultures. And that everyone around the world, no matter his or her role in society, feels responsible in the respect of diversity and dialogue.

At the time I'm taking over the role of UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations that member states and UN Secretary General Ban Ki moon has entrusted me with.I'm willing to humbly listen the voice of all those who will be in Vienna and to learn from you how best I can accomplish my mandate and achieve significant result. At this very moment, I would also like to express my gratitude and my admiration to President Sampaio and his team for his leadership and his vision in successfully building the Alliance of Civilizations as a mobilizing force in favor of Diversity and Dialogue.

I know that I have a heavy responsibility on my shoulders to move forward the mission of the Alliance and have it develop into a decisive actor in the promotion of peace and building inclusive society. I count on you all to assist me and my team to achieve this vital goal.

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THE MISSION

The primary mission of the UNAOC is to forge collective political will and to mobilize concerted action aimed at improving cross-cultural understanding and cooperation among countries, peoples, and communities. The Alliance develops its actions at both governmental and civil society levels. It also works to counter forces that fuel polarization and extremism. The UNAOC's particular focus is on improving relations within and between Western and Muslim societies and addressing persistent tensions and divides.

THE VISION

Respect and tolerance among human beings in the diversity of their beliefs, cultures, and languages are fundamental values at the core of the UNAOC. The Alliance aspires to the ideal of a culture of peace and dialogue, based on the conviction that "differences within and between societies be neither feared nor repressed, but cherished as a precious asset of humanity." (UN Development Declaration, 1-6).

WHAT IS THE UNAOC?

The Alliance of Civilizations is a United Nations political initiative of the Secretary General. It was launched in 2005 by former Secretary General Kofi Annan, with co-sponsorship from the Prime Ministers of Spain and Turkey. Based on the recommendations of a High-Level Group in November 2006, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed Jorge Sampaio, former president of Portugal, as his High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations. Since May 2007, President Sampaio has been in charge of achieving the mission of the Alliance by developing a functional framework for action, setting an agenda, and building a network of stakeholders.

KEY ACTIVITIES

While active on a number of crosscutting issues, the Alliance works predominantly in the following four priority areas:

1. **Education** – In increasingly multicultural contexts that shape our lives in the 21st century, education is fundamental to address the ignorance and the mistrust that are the source of human conflict. Enabling citizens to acquire intercultural competencies and skills is key to fostering intercultural dialogue, overcoming cultural stereotypes, and intolerance and winning the fight against a "clash of ignorance".

2. **Youth** – Youth is a main target group of the Alliance. Roughly one in five individuals, over 1.2 billion people worldwide, is between the ages of 15 and 24. A pool of talent, ideas and energy, young people are key agents for social change, economic growth development and technological innovation.

3. **Media** – Traditional media as well as social media and new information technologies shape perceptions, narratives, and attitudes. They hold the potential to bridge cultural and religious divides and to develop a positive narrative around diversity. Amplifying this constructive role is one of the core tasks of the UNAOC.

4. **Migration** – Migration and mobility of population shape our multicultural societies. They bring potential for development and innovation which must be harnessed, but also create new challenges that need to be addressed in order to build inclusive and tolerant societies.

PROGRAM

MAIN TOPICS

The Vienna Forum will explore how to promote "Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue", specifically in the following three major areas:

1. Promotion, protection and full enjoyment of the right to religious freedom in a context of religious pluralism which consists not only of greater diversity, but also of perceptions of that diversity and new patterns of interaction among religious groups;

2. Media pluralism and diversity of media content and their contribution to fostering public debate, democracy and awareness of diverse opinions, and

3. Shaping a new narrative for migration, integration and mobility in the global economy.

An additional emphasis will be given to regional perspectives of the Alliance.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2013

YOUTH EVENT

8:00 – 9:00 AM	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION
9:00 – 9:45 AM	OFFICIAL OPENING OF YOUTH EVENT
10:00 – 12:30 PM	WORKING-SESSION "World Café method"
12:30 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:30 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION I
3:00 – 4:00 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION II
4:10 – 5:10 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION III
5:10 – 5:45 PM	COFFEE BREAK
5:45 – 7:00 PM	FINAL SESSION WITH DISCUSSION AND OFFICIAL CLOSING

CULTURAL EVENING

6:30 – 7:30 PM	REGISTRATION – VOLKSTHEATER
7:30 – 10:30 PM	CULTURAL EVENING WITH RECEPTION – VOLKSTHEATER - Keys to the World – Vienna in Music - The Intercultural Innovation Award

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2013

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8:00 AM – 10:00 AM ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM OFFICIAL OPENING

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM PLENARY SESSION
"Promoting Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue"

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM LUNCH

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3 SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS
- Addressing rising restrictions on religion: law matters
- Back to the basics: freedom of the media matters
- Communicating better by drawing on the evidence about imigration – contributing to a new narrative on migration

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3 SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS
- Living together at ease in a landscape of religious diversity and differences: education matters
- Diversity of media content
- Diversity, multiple identities and social inclusion. Best practices in integration

6:15 PM – 7:45 PM PLURAL +, YOUTH VIDEO AWARD

8:30 PM – 11:00 PM DINNER AT THE VIENNA CITY HALL

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2013

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9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PLENARY SESSION
"Making Sense of Intercultural Dialogue in our Age"

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM WORKSHOPS

4 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS
- Promoting intercultural understanding, diversity and inclusion: Learning from the corporate sector
- Shaping a new narrative for immigrant student's inclusion in basic education and vocational studies: Sharing best practices
- Coverage of migration issues: The result of the first Global Data Journalism Study
- Youth in UNAOC National Plans

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM WORKSHOPS

4 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS
- Consolidating democracy in a sustainable way through education for democracy and human rights
- Civic unrests and early warning rapid response: Lessons learned from around the world
- Social Media: ethics of communication against intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization
- Entertainment media: Engaging Audiences in Intercultural Dialogue

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

4 SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS
- Regional Focus: Danube – Black Sea – South – Caucasus – Central Asia
- UNAOC regional strategy: The Mediterranean
- UNAOC regional strategy: Latin America
- UNAOC regional strategy: South East Asia

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:45 PM – 6:00 PM CLOSING SESSION
"Translating outcomes into actions"

PLENARY SESSIONS

Built around the three main themes of the conference, plenary sessions will feature world leaders and experts sharing their insights and cross-sectorial perspectives.

OFFICIAL OPENING



MICHAEL SPINDELEGGER

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND FEDERAL MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

On 2nd December 2008 Michael Spindelegger was appointed Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs and in 2011 he was sworn in as new Vice-Chancellor of the Republic of Austria. In 2006 he was elected Second President of the Austrian National Council. Since 1998 Michael Spindelegger has also served as Chairman of the Employees' Association of the Austrian People's Party of Lower Austria. Starting in 1992 he was repeatedly elected Member of the Austrian Parliament and also served as Member of the European Parliament, Speaker on Foreign Affairs of the Austrian Peoples Party, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and as Vice-Chairman of the Austrian Peoples Party Parliamentary Group. After graduating in Law at Vienna University he was Assistant Lecturer at the Vienna University Institute of Criminal Law, served as civil servant for the Federal State of Lower Austria and worked for a number of companies.



BAN KI-MOON

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

At the time of his election as Secretary-General, Mr. Ban was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. His 37 years of service with the Ministry included postings in New Delhi, Washington D.C. and Vienna, and responsibility for a variety of portfolios, including Foreign Policy Adviser to the President, Chief National Security Adviser to the President, Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and Director-General of American Affairs.

He received a bachelor's degree in international relations from Seoul National University in 1970 and earned a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1985.



VUK JEREMIC

PRESIDENT OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Vuk Jeremić was elected President of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 June 2012. At the time of his election, he was serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Repubic of Serbia, an office he held starting on 15 May 2007. Throughout his five years as Foreign Minister, Mr. Jeremić represented Serbia at key sessions of the General Assembly and the Security Council. He led the Serbian delegation at high-level segments of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2008, 2010 and 2011), at the annual General Conference of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and at high-level meetings of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. Mr. Jeremić holds a Bachelor of Science degree in theoretical physics from Cambridge University and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



JORGE SAMPAIO

HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNAOC

In April 2007 Jorge Sampaio was appointed as the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations. In May 2006 he was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis. Sampaio won the presidential election in 1996 and then for a second term in 2001, thus serving until March 2006. From 1989 to 1991, he was president of this political group.

Before becoming the president of the parliamentary bench of the Socialist Party, Mr. Sampaio was a member of the European Commission for Human Rights in the years from 1979 until 1984. In 1978, he joined the Socialist Party. He was later elected deputy for Lisbon in the Portuguese National Parliament the following year. Jorge Sampaio started his political career as a college student at University of Lisbon's Law School.



NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER

INCOMING HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNAOC

For the past 13 years (1998-2011) Mr. Al-Nasser served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations. He represented his country on the United Nations Security Council during the two-year term of Qatar as a non-permanent member (2006-2007). He also presided over three of the subsidiary bodies of the Council. Earlier, Mr. Al-Nasser was appointed as his country's resident Ambassador to Jordan (1993-1998), before which he was first posted to the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations, New York, as Minister Plenipotentiary (1986-1993). The recipient of numerous decorations and awards, Mr. Al-Nasser was made an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association in New York in 2009. He also holds three honorary doctorates, in international affairs and in recognition of his efforts to foster cross-cultural understanding and strengthen the work of the Alliance.



JOSÉ MANUEL GARCÍA-MARGALLO Y MARFIL

FOREIGN MINISTER OF SPAIN

Mr. José Manuel García-Margallo y Marfil has been member of the European Parliament since 1994. Before he became Vice-president of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs in 1999 (until 2004), Mr. García-Margallo held the position of Vice-president of the Subcommittee on Monetary Affairs (1994-1999). He has been practicing law since 1990, overlapping with his engagement as the spokesperson for the Economy and Finance (1986-1989; 1989-1993; 1993-1994). He also has been President of the Petitions Committee of the Spanish Congress (1979-1982) and Member of Congress (1977-1979). Mr. García-Margallo joined the Finance Inspectorate in 1968 and was Director General of Community Development at the Ministry of Culture (1977-1979). He was awarded the 'Gran Cruz del Mérito Civil' (1982) and the 'Orden del Mérito Constitucional' (1983). He holds a Doctorate in Law from the University of Miguel Hernández (Alicante) (2002), a Master of Laws (Harvard, 1972) and a Law Degree (1965).



RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN

PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan formed the 61st Government following AK Parti's victory in general elections in June 2011. Appointed Prime Minister in March 2003, Erdoğan continues to harbor his ideal of a bright and rapidly developing Turkey, implementing numerous reforms of vital importance within a short period of time. Not permitted to become a candidate deputy in the elections of 2002, Erdoğan participated in the rerun of the elections in March 2003 and became Deputy for the province of Siirt. After four months in prison, Erdoğan established the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti) with a group of friends on August 14, 2001. Erdoğan was elected Istanbul Mayor in the local elections in March of 1994. He was sentenced to a prison term because of a poem he recited in a public address and removed from office. He graduated from Marmara University's Faculty of Economics and Commercial Sciences.



HIS HIGHNESS

HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL-THANI

EMIR OF THE STATE OF QATAR

His Highness, the Emir of the State of Qatar, is the sponsor of civilian and military sports in Qatar. He gave much support and attention to youth and sports sector out of his belief in the significance of the role played by this vital sector in the process of building and developing the society.

His Highness Joined the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and graduated in July 1971, after which he joined the Qatari Armed Forces. His Highness chaired the Higher Council for Youth Welfare since it was set up in 1979 until September 1991, when the General Authority for Youth and Sports was established. He was awarded decorations and orders by a number of Arab and foreign countries in appreciation of his efforts to boost bilateral relations and promote cooperation with these countries. On June 27, 1995 His Highness acceded to power.



HEINZ FISCHER

FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA

In April 2004, Dr. Fischer was elected as Austria's Federal President, and was re-elected on 25 April 2010 with 79.3% of the valid votes for a second term in office (to 2016). From 1983 to 1987, Dr. Fischer served as the Federal Minister of Science and Research. From 1990 to 2002, he was the President of the Austrian National Council and acted as the Second President between 2002 and 2004. In 1978, he became an associate professor of political science at the University of Innsbruck and was appointed as a full professor in 1994. In 1971, Dr. Fischer was elected to the Austrian National Council, serving as a member until 2004 except for one four-year period. From 1975 to 1983 and 1987 to 1990, he was the Chairman of the Social Democratic Group in the National Council. From 1963 to 1975, he was the Secretary of the Social Democratic Group in the Austrian National Council. Dr. Fischer studied law and political science at the University of Vienna and earned his doctorate in law (Dr. iur.) in 1961.



GHIDA FAKHRY KHANE

NEWS AND PROGRAMMES PRESENTER, ALJAZEERA ENGLISH

Ghida Fakhry Khane is a News Anchor for Al Jazeera English at the network's headquarters in Doha. She joined AJE in 2006 as Lead Female anchor in Washington DC at the launch of the channel. She also presented "Witness", AJE's flagship documentary programme. She has reported extensively from the United Nations in New York. She reported on location from Afghanistan and Iraq following the US-led invasion in 2003 and interviewed top US officials in Washington. As AlJazeera's NY Bureau Chief, she covered the attack on the World Trade center in New York and its aftermath. She was also a columnist for the London-based pan-Arab daily newspaper Asharq Al Awsat. She holds an M.A Near and Middle Eastern Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and an M.A in International Relations from Boston University. She is fluent in English, French and Arabic and is conversational in Spanish.

MASTER OF CEREMONY

OPENING STATEMENTS



GJORGE IVANOV

PRESIDENT OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Gjorge Ivanov won, with distinctive majority, the 2009 presidential elections, as candidate of the political party VMRO-DPMNE. In 2012 he was promoted as European Academy of Sciences and Arts protector in Salzburg. In 2011 he received the highest Decoration of "St. Lazarus" from Jerusalem. Between 1988 and 1995, he worked as journalist in the Macedonian Radio Television after which his academic career started at St. Cyril and Methodius University.

He obtained a MA in political science on Civil Society and taught Political Theory and Political Philosophy. His PhD is "Democracy in Divided Societies: Case of Macedonia". He has received Doctor Honoris Causa at "Dimitrie Kantemir" University, Bucharest (2011), Istanbul University (2011) and at TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara (2009).



TRAIAN BASESCU

PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

Traian Băsescu, reelected in 2009, served as mayor of Bucharest from 2000 until his presidential election in 2004. In 1996 he was appointed Minister of Transportation in the government headed by V. Ciorbea, R. Vasile and M. Isărescu. Preceding his work as deputy in the Romanian Parliament (1992-1996) and his term of Minister of Transportation (1992/93) he was Undersecretary of State, Chief of the Shipping Department within the Ministry of Transportation.

From 1987-1989 he served as chief of the NAVROM Agency in Anvers (Belgium) following his naval career in the Romanain Commercial fleet and on large NAVROM – Constanþa ships. He studied advanced courses of Management in Shipping Industry at the Norwegian Academy scholarship. President Traian Băsescu is a graduate from the "Mircea cel Bătrân" Naval Institute, Navigation Faculty, commercial section.



MICHAEL TEMER

VICE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

Michel Miguel Elias Temer Lulia, widely known as Michel Temer, has been the Vice-President of the Federative Republic of Brazil since early 2011, alongside Her Excellency Mrs. Dilma Rousseff, the President of Brazil. Before taking over as Vice-President of Brazil, Michel Temer held the position of "President of the Chamber of Deputies" throughout three non-consecutive terms. Between 1995 and 1997, he was the leader of his own political party, the "Brazilian Democratic Movement Party" (PMDB, in its Portuguese acronym).

He went on to receive his Law degree from the University of São Paulo and a Ph.D. in Law from the Catholic University of São Paulo. Mr. Temer authored several books on a wide variety of legal issues, being considered one of the most renowned experts among his peers in Constitutional Law in Brazil.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS RYM ALI

FOUNDER JORDAN MEDIA INSTITUTE

HRH Princess Rym Ali has spearheaded a number of initiative, the most prominent being the Jordan Media Institute (JMI), a non-profit institution aimed to establish an Arab center of excellence for journalism education. She has also been member of the Board of Commissioners of the Royal Film Commission – Jordan since July 2005. Prior to marrying HRH Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein, Princess Rym worked extensively for international broadcasters including CNN, where she began as a producer in 1998 and later worked as a Baghdad correspondent from 2001 until 2004. She had developed her portfolio working for the BBC, Dubai TV, Bloomberg TV, Radio Monte-Carlo Moyen-Orient and United Press International-UPI. A graduate of Columbia University's School of Journalism, Princess Rym Ali also holds a MPhil in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and a MA in English Literature from the Sorbonne.



ZEINAB BADAWI

TELEVISION JOURNALIST BBC

Zeinab Badawi is the presenter of World News Today, one of BBC World News' flagship news and analysis programmes. Previously a presenter of BBC World News' The World, Zeinab has worked in UK broadcasting for two decades. She has worked on a range of programmes, reporting from Europe, Asia and Africa, where she covered the famine in the mid-1980s. After reporting and presenting programmes on UK politics from the BBC's Westminster studios, Zeinab joined BBC World News where she has become a regular face, presenting debates on major issues as well as being a presenter of HARDtalk, interviewing such personalities as the Dalai Lama, President of Sudan Omar al-Bashir and US General Tommy Franks. She is an Oxford graduate in politics and economics, with a post-graduate degree in Middle Eastern affairs from London University.

MODERATOR



OPENING SESSION

Politics, business, civil society, religious communities as well as academic circles, professional organisations, youth, and the media are all jointly in a position to shape a new agenda for living together in diversity and dialogue. Shared responsibility, and with it *responsible leadership*, is needed; leadership that understands the complexity of the world we live in and integrates value-based and ethical decision-making as well as the cross-cultural bridge-building in both the medium- and long-term perspective.



YOUSSOU N'DOUR

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE, SENEGAL

The year 2011 marks an important turning point. Mr. Youssou Ndour makes apparent his determination to spare no effort to defend the interests of his people and the great republican principles. His appointment as head of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Senegal marks a significant step in his career. In 2011, Mr. N'Dour received the title of honorary doctor at Yale University (United States of America). In 2010, he was appointed Ambassador for Peace and Security in Africa by the African Union and ECOWAS.

As a strongly committed singer he organized a concert for the release of Nelson Mandela. He devoted himself to music, from the early age of 15 years on. Mr. N'Dour is not only a passionate supporter of the African cause, but also a world citizen, who has added his voice to other European and American celebrities.



IRINA BOKOVA

DIRECTOR-GENERAL UNESCO

Irina Bokova has been the Director-General of UNESCO since 15 November 2009. She is the first woman to have been elected head of the Organization. Elected as a deputy of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (1990-1991 and 2001-2005), she participated in the drafting of Bulgaria's new Constitution, which contributed significantly to the country's accession to the European Union. Appointed in charge of political and legal affairs at the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York, she was also a member of the Bulgarian Delegation at the United Nations conferences on the equality of women in Beijing (1995), Nairobi (1985) and Copenhagen (1980).

Irina Bokova joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, where she was responsible for human rights issues, after she graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the University of Maryland (Washington) and the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University), in 1977.



BILL MCANDREWS

VICE PRESIDENT, BMW GROUP, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY, CORPORATE AND MARKET COMMUNICATIONS

Bill McAndrews, a native of the United States, joined the BMW Group Corporate and Governmental Affairs Division in September of 2006 and is currently Vice President of BMW Group Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications. Before joining BMW AG, Bill McAndrews was head of Group Press Relations and Deputy Head of Group Corporate Communications at Essen-based RWE AG since 2001. Before this, he led International Corporate Communications at Deutsche Telekom AG. Prior to these assignments, he worked in the field of corporate communications for various other leading DAX-listed international corporations. Bill McAndrews received his B.A. from Boston University and his M.A. from Middlebury College in Vermont. Before moving to Germany in 1988, he lived and worked in the Middle East for 5 years and prior to this, he lived and worked in Madrid, Spain.



EKMELEDDIN IHSANOGLU

SECRETARY-GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, a Turkish Academician and Diplomat, is the ninth Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). As the first “democratically elected” Secretary General of the OIC, Ihsanoglu took office in January 2005. Prior to taking office as Secretary General of the OIC, since 1980 Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu had served as the founding Director General of the Research Center for Islamic History, Culture and Arts (IRCICA) in Istanbul, a subsidiary organ of the OIC. He was the first professor and founding Head of the Department of History of Science in Istanbul University. He is also the founding Chairman of Turkish Society for History of Science (TBTK) and ISAR Foundation. He did his post-doctoral research from 1975 to 1977 as a research fellow at University of Exeter, United Kingdom after completing his Ph.D. studies at Ankara University, Turkey in 1974.



ZEINAB BADAWI

TELEVISION JOURNALIST BBC

Zeinab Badawi is the presenter of World News Today, one of BBC World News' flagship news and analysis programmes. Previously a presenter of BBC World News' The World, Zeinab has worked in UK broadcasting for two decades. She has worked on a range of programmes, reporting from Europe, Asia and Africa, where she covered the famine in the mid-1980s. After reporting and presenting programmes on UK politics from the BBC's Westminster studios, Zeinab joined BBC World News where she has become a regular face, presenting debates on major issues as well as being a presenter of HARDtalk, interviewing such personalities as the Dalai Lama, President of Sudan Omar al-Bashir and US General Tommy Franks. She is an Oxford graduate in politics and economics, with a post-graduate degree in Middle Eastern affairs from London University.

MODERATOR



KEY NOTE SPEECH

MAKING SENSE OF INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN OUR AGE

The 21st century seems to be shaped by increasing interdependence and growing diversity, multiple brands of modernity, diffusing power and greatly diversified political cultures. So what shall we do to forge a new pluralistic order – one that preserves stability and cohesion within and among societies and a rules-based international system amid increasing diversity of cultures, ideologies and worldviews? This session will focus on the key role to be played by intercultural dialogue, on its difficulties and pitfalls. It will also illustrate the need for further efforts to bring positive change in mindsets, shift narratives, attitudes and social behaviour as well as shape intergroup relations for the better.



TU WEIMING

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND FOUNDING DEAN BEIJING UNIVERSITY

Tu Weiming is a Lifetime Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University, China and Research Professor and Senior Fellow of Asia Center at Harvard University, USA. Tu is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1988-) and a member of the Institute of International Philosophy (2010-). Tu is the author of "Confucian Thought in Action" and the "Global Significance of Concrete Humanity".

SPEAKER



HER HIGHNESS SHEIKHA MOZAH BINT NASSER AL MISSNED

MEMBER OF THE UNAOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP AND UN GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR THE ALLIANCE

Her Highness is Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, whose flagship project is envisioned as a Center of Excellence in education and research, transforming Qatar into a knowledge-based society through investments in human capital, innovative technology, health system as well as social development. Sheikha Moza has launched projects including the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq and the Silatech initiative for youth right to education in conflict-affected areas and employment in the Middle East and North Africa.

She was appointed as UNESCO's Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education and as UNAOC Ambassador and she also became a member of the UN Millennium Development Goals Advocacy Group. She graduated from Qatar University in sociology and has been awarded honorary doctorates from among others Imperial College London and Georgetown University.

RESPONDENT (TBC)

CLOSING SESSION

The closing session will not only present findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Vienna Forum, but also allow for a closing discussion with world leaders and experts on how to best pave the way ahead for the Alliance.

SPEAKERS

AHMET DAVUTOGLU
FOREIGN MINISTER OF TURKEY

MARTY NATALEGAVA
FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDONESIA

MICHAEL SPINDELEGGER
FOREIGN MINISTER OF AUSTRIA

NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER
HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNAOC

MODERATOR

GHIDA FAKHRY KHANE
NEWS AND PROGRAMMES PRESENTER
ALJAZEERA ENGLISH





THEME I

ADDRESSING THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PROMOTING A NEW RELIGIOUS PLURALISM THROUGH EDUCATION



HEINER BIELEFELDT

PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF ERLANGEN-NUREMBERG

Heiner Bielefeldt is Professor of Human Rights and Human Rights Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (since October 2009). Before taking the newly established chair for Human Rights, he was Director of the German Institute for Human Rights (based in Berlin) which is the officially accredited national human rights institution of Germany.

Bielefeldt's research interests include different interdisciplinary facets of human rights theory and practice, such as, a non-Eurocentric intellectual history of human rights; the philosophical foundation of human rights; contribution of Kantianism to the understanding of human rights; the interrelatedness of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights; intercultural and interreligious approaches to universal rights; the development of implementation mechanisms; freedom of religion or belief; prohibition and prevention of torture; causes and phenomena of contemporary racism, human rights education. In August 2010 Heiner Bielefeldt assumed the position of UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

RAPPORTEUR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 1

ADDRESSING RISING RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGION: **LAW MATTERS**

What have States to do, to uphold the universal human right of freedom of religion, thought and conscience **in a context of growing diversity and pluralism?** The starting point for defining the application of freedom of religion or belief must be the self-understanding of human beings – thereby, the concept of **human dignity** is a **normative reference**. Against the backdrop of significant political changes in many countries, this break-out session will also elaborate on the relationship between **constitutional protections** and the various dimensions of the right to manifest one's religion or belief.



BRIAN J. GRIM

SENIOR RESEARCHER
PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S FORUM ON RELIGIOUS & PUBLIC LIFE, USA

Brian Grim is director of cross-national data and senior researcher in religion and world affairs at the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life.

He is an expert on international religious freedom and religious demography. Dr. Grim has appeared as an expert on the BBC, CNN, C-SPAN, among others and regularly briefs high level audiences including the White House, U.S. State Department, European Parliament and the UN Human Rights Council. Grim received a doctorate in sociology at Penn State University and has authored several books, including "The Price of Freedom Denied" (Cambridge Univ.) and "The World's Religions in Figures" (Wiley-Blackwell).



TROND BAKKEVIG

PASTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORWAY, AND CONVENER OF THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE HOLY LAND

Trond Bakkevig is Convener of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land. The Council is composed of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, the meeting of the Patriarchs and Bishops of Jerusalem, the Minister of Religious Affairs in the Palestinian Areas. In his daily work Bakkevig is a Dean of the Church of Norway, Oslo Diocese. Appointed by The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he is Moderator of the governing board of "Norwegian Center for Peacebuilding". Bakkevig has been General Secretary of Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Affairs. He has been a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and chaired its Public Affairs' Committee. In Norway, he has headed several government and church commissions leading up to recent changes in the relationship between church and state.

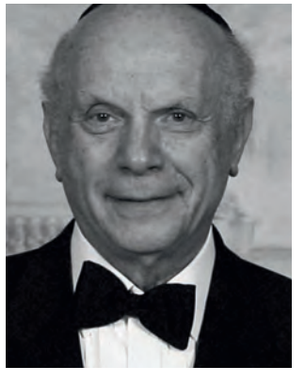


MUSTAPHA BEN JAAFAR

PRESIDENT
NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF TUNISIA

Ben Jaafar has been President of the Constituent Assembly of Tunisia since November 2011. He briefly held the post of Minister of Health in January 2011 as part of an interim Tunisian government. He attempted to run for the presidency in 2009 as the candidate of the Democratic Forum for Labour and Liberties, which he founded in 1994.

He was the secretary-general of the Movement of Socialist Democrats (MDS) in 1992. The MDS, started by Ben Jaafar and others in 1978, was the largest opposition party as of 1991. In 1976 he was one of the founders of a weekly opinion magazine and an organization that evolved into the Tunisian League of Human Rights (LTDH). In 1970 Ben Jaafar returned to Tunisia, after studying medicine in France to become a radiologist, joined the University of Tunis's medical faculty and also worked at the university hospital.



RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION

Internationally known for his leadership on behalf of religious freedom, human rights, peace, interfaith dialogue. U.S. Presidential Citizens Medal: "a Holocaust survivor who has devoted a lifetime to overcoming forces of hatred and intolerance." Founder and President, Appeal of Conscience Foundation; Senior Rabbi, Park East Synagogue; UNAOC, Ambassador, High-Level Group, U.S. Presidential envoy, first dialogue with Chinese President Jiang Zemin on religious freedom.

Hosted Pope Benedict XVI at Park East Synagogue. Convened international peace conferences to halt ethnic conflict, foster reconciliation. Headed interfaith missions to Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle East and Latin America.

Ordination, Yeshiva University, 11 honorary doctorates, U.S. and foreign universities. U.S. Alternate Rep. to U.N.; Chairman, Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad; Delegation Return Crown St. Stephen to Hungary; Stockholm Forum for Prevention of Genocide. Awards: Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, Asia Society. Born, Vienna; married to Elisabeth Nordmann.



HEIDI RAUTIONMAA

COORDINATOR, RELIGION FOR PEACE – EUROPEAN WOMEN OF FAITH NETWORK

MTh, journalist Heidi Rautionmaa is a member of the Ambassador advisory committee of the Parliament of World´s Religions. There is an iniative to create Women´s Task Force to support the call for women's full participation in the world of religions. She is a member of the co committee of Religions for Peace European Women of Faith Network. The newest activity is the Restoring campaign to help to stop violence against women on the religious field. She is a co founder of the Religions for Peace Women of Faith Network in Finland and The Faiths Without Borders, URI CC. Rautionmaa is also a member of Peace Education Standing Commission (PESC) of Religions for Peace in Europe. She was a Global Council Trustee of United Religions Iniative during the years of 2002-2008. Rautionmaa has co-ordinated activities of interfaith dialogue and co-operation on the grass root level since 2000.



FATHER NABIL HADDAD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JORDANIAN INTERFAITH COEXISTENCE RESEARCH CENTER AMMAN

Very Reverend Fr. Nabil HADDAD is Founder and CEO of Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center, Jordan. As an Arab Christian. Fr. Haddad has worked as a peace activist for over twenty five years serving human rights and worked extensively on issues of tolerance, coexistence, religious freedom, interfaith dialogue, human rights, and minorities in the Middle East.

He has been able to elevate both the moderate voice of Islam along with the Arab Christian voice in the Arab world to the international arena of debate.

In 2011 he was appointed Secretary General of the Arab Group Against Emigration of Arab Christians. In the same year he became member of the National Dialogue Committee. In 2004 he was elected chairman of the Greek Catholic Welfare Society. Additionally he is member of the Faith Group, World Economic Forum and patron to the Coexistence Trust, London.



IBRAHIM SALAMA

DIRECTOR TREATIES DIVISION OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

In August 2007, he joined the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva where he is currently holding the position of Director of the Human Rights Treaties Division. After numerous postings to Paris, New Delhi, and Geneva, he became Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Lisbon in 2003.

Born in 1959, Ibrahim Salama studied law at the University of Cairo, obtained a diploma in International Political Relations from the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris, a Post-Graduate Specialized Studies (DESS) in International Organizations and a PhD in Public Law from the University Paris XI.

MODERATOR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 2

LIVING TOGETHER AT EASE IN A LANDSCAPE OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCES: **EDUCATION MATTERS**

Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18, 2011 on "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatisation of, and discrimination, incitement to violence, and violence against persons based on religion or belief", calls for "strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue for the **promotion of a culture of tolerance** and peace at all levels" through, inter alia, **"education and awareness-building"**. This session takes into consideration existing guidelines and gives room to share best practices and discuss how to take action, in order to implement these recommendations.



CARDINAL JOHN ONAIYEKAN

CARDINAL
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF ABUJA

Mr. Onaiyekan has been named a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on November 24th, 2012 and has always had a strong interest in inter-religious cooperation both locally and globally. He has been involved in leadership roles within the Catholic Church at national, continental and international levels. In 1990 Mr. Onaiyekan was transfered to Abuja, first as Bishop and later promoted Archbishop in 1994. He has been involved in priestly formation at both junior and major seminary until June 1982, when he was appointed a bishop for Ilorin Diocese.

Ordained a Catholic priest on 3rd August 1969 he proceeded to Rome for higher eccclesistical studies from 1971-1976. Born 29th January 1944 in Kabba, Kogi state of Nigeria, after primary school education in Kabba and secondary school in Benue State, he entered priestly training in Ibadan – Nigeria and later at the Pontifical "Collegio Urbano de Propaganda Fide", Rome until June 1969.



IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR JEGA

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ABUJA NATIONAL MOSQUE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Mr. Jega is currently the Executive Secretary of Abuja National Mosque Management Board and founding Co-Chairman of Abuja Interfaith Peace Building Forum. The Abuja National Mosque is the Center of Unity for the Nigerian Muslim Ummah and other Islamic activities. He served in the Federal Civil Service and rose to the position of Director before retiring in 2010. He taught Islamic studies, Arabic and English languages in High schools before becoming an administrator in various positions of responsibilities in both Kebbi and former Sokoto states. Born in Nigeria in 1950, with sound Islamic foundation from childhood through his parents and the College of Art and Arabic studies Sokoto.He is a graduate of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria in Education/ Language Arts and happily married with children.



SHULAMITH KOENIG

PDHRE
PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LEARNING

Ms Koenig is one of five Americans since 1967 who received the "UN Prize in the field of Human rights" in 2003. She initiated an UN/GA Resolution affirming" International Year of Human Rights Learning" and "follow up" to strengthen democracy as a delivery system for human rights (2000-2011). In 2011 she received from Mikhail Gorbachev a Gold Medal: "Women of the 21st Century" for her contribution to humanity. Since 1997 Ms Koenig facilitated the development of "Human Rights Cities". Ms Koenig isFounding President of PDHRE-1988, the People's Movement for Human Rights Learning – formerly People's Decade for Human Rights Education – creating a new political culture based on human rights—enabling all to learn, know, plan on their own and act guided by the holistic human rights framework.



FAISAL BIN ADULRAHMAN BIN MUAAMMAR

SECRETARY-GENERAL, KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE (KAICIID)

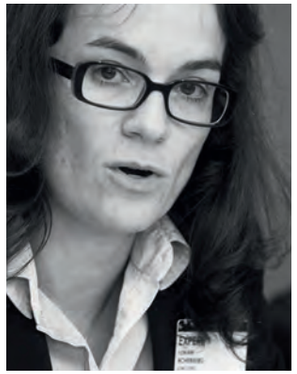
HE Bin Muaammar currently heads the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) in Vienna as Secretary General. He previously served as Vice Minister of Education in Saudi Arabia and as Secretary-General of the King Abdul Aziz Center for National Dialogue in Saudi Arabia. HE Bin Muaammar holds a BA degree from the King Saud University in 1983 and MA degree in Management, Webster University in 1985 in the United States of America.



KHALEK AWANG

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF MODERATES FOUNDATION

Khalek Awang is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Global Movement of Moderates Foundation and also the President of International Islamic University Alumni Association. He started his career as a lecturer in law, specializing in International Public Law and Corporate Law from 1992 till 1997. In 1998, he founded a legal practice and practiced law as a principal partner until early 2012.



FLORIANE HOHENBERG

HEAD OF TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION DEPARTMENT, OSCE-ODHIR

Floriane Hohenberg has been working for ODIHR since 2005. She has acted as the Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department since 2009. From 2000 until 2004 she was the Head of the Representation in Germany of the French Commission for the Victims of Spoliation Resulting from the Anti-Semitic Legislation in Force during the Occupation. She co-authored a study commissioned by the French government on the extent of the confiscation of Jewish assets in France during World War II published in 1999.



WILLIAM VENDLEY

SECRETARY GENERAL RELIGIONS FOR PEACE

William Vendley is the Secretary General of Religions for Peace (RfP), the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition advancing action to stop war, eliminate extreme poverty and protect the earth. He coordinates the activities and projects of RfP's 90 national and 6 regional councils. William has led multi-religious efforts to prevent conflicts, mediate among warring parties and heal societies in the aftermath of violence in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Liberia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Iraq and other countries. William is an advisor to a number of governments on matters related to religion and peace. He advised President Obama through the Multi-religious Cooperation and International Affairs Task Force of the White House Faith Based Council. He was recently appointed by US Secretary of State as one of ten members of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Strategic Partnership with Civil Society and is a Co-chair of the Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group.

MODERATOR

THEME II

MEDIA PLURALISM AND DIVERSITY OF MEDIA CONTENT AS KEY FACTORS TO FOSTERING PUBLIC DEBATE, DEMOCRACY AND AWARENESS OF DIVERSE OPINIONS



ALISON BETHEL MCKENZIE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE

Alison Bethel McKenzie has over 20 years of experience in journalism as a reporter, bureau chief, editor, and trainer. From 1995-2000, she was senior assistant city editor at the Boston Globe. In 2000, she joined the Detroit News as features editor, then served as the paper's Washington, D.C. bureau chief from 2001-2006. She joined the Legal Times in Washington, D.C. in 2006 as executive editor, and the Nassau Guardian, in the Bahamas, in 2007 as managing editor. Before joining IPI, she spent a year in Accra, Ghana, for the Washington, D.C.-based International Center for Journalists, as a Knight International Journalism Fellow, helping Ghanaian journalists improve their reporting skills in the run-up to the 2008 presidential election.

RAPPORTEUR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 3

BACK TO THE BASICS:
FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA MATTERS

The **availability of information** contributes to economic, social and political development and has the potential to provide a basis for conflict resolution and dialogue, if people are allowed to effectively exercise the **human right to freedom of opinion and expression**. This panel will focus on the defence of everyone's right to the exercise of the freedom of expression and information, including the issue of the safety of journalists. It will also touch upon **the promotion of the effective exercise of freedom of expression** and information through teaching and education.



GALINA SIDOROVA

JOURNALIST AND CHAIRPERSON INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE

Chair, Executive Board of the International Press Institute (IPI), a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists dedicated to the protection of press freedom. Chair of the Board of Founders, Foundation for Investigative Journalism – Foundation 19/29 (Russia). Winner of the Russian national Artiom Borovik award for the best journalist investigation (2007). For ten years (2001-2010) Mrs. Sidorova was Editor-in-Chief of Sovershenno Secretno monthly (the first independent Russian newspaper, specializing in investigative reporting) being also one of its leading authors. In 1992-1994 she worked as political advisor to the first Foreign Minister of Russia. At different stages of her career through the 80s she was a staff writer, diplomatic correspondent, member of the editorial board of the Russian weekly Novoye Vremia (New Times). She is a graduate of the Journalism School, University of International Relations (Moscow).



FRANK LA RUE

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

Frank La Rue is a lawyer and current Director of the Centro-American Institute for Social Democracy Studies (DEMOS) in Guatemala. Mr. La Rue has been serving as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression since August 2008. Mr. La Rue has previously served as Presidential Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala (2004 – 2008), Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, President of the Governing Board of the DEMOS, and consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

As a human rights activist, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. He holds a degree in law from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, and a postgraduate degree in U.S. foreign policy from Johns Hopkins University.



DUNJA MIJATOVIĆ

REPRESENTATIVE ON FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA, OSCE

Dunja Mijatovic was appointed OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media in early 2010, is an expert in media law and regulation from Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2007 she was elected President of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies – EPRA, the largest media regulators' network in the world. She held this post until her appointment as the OSCE Representative. She has chaired the Council of Europe's Group of Specialists on freedom of expression and information in times of crisis, during which the CoE Committee of Ministers adopted the Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on the protection and promotion of investigative journalism and Guidelines on protecting freedom of expression and information in times of crisis. In 1998, as one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, she helped create a legal, regulatory and policy framework for the media in a complex post-war society. She was also involved in setting up a self-regulatory Press Council and the first Free Media Helpline in South East Europe.



HADI ADANALI

SENIOR ADVISOR
OFFICE OF THE TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER

Currently Dr. Adanali is working as a senior adviser at the Office of the Prime Ministry in Turkey. As a part of his job, he is involved with the UN Project of the Alliance of Civilizations. He worked as a member of the administrative board of Anadolu News Agency between the years 2008-2010. Dr. Adanali lectured in philosophy, Islamic thought, democracy and human rights at Ankara University between the years 1995-2008. He worked as a visiting scholar at various universities including Bilkent University and Gazi University in Ankara, and Gregorian University in Rome. His research interest includes areas such as philosophy of communication, reason and rationality, and ethics. Dr. Adanali has a Ph.D. in Islamic Philosophy at the University of Chicago, a M.A. in Philosophy at Middle East Technical University in Ankara and a B.A. in Religious Studies at Ankara University.



GULYA AKHUNDOVA

JOURNALIST

Gulnara Akhundova is a media and project management expert with wide-ranging advocacy expertise. She has reported on and advocated for scores of Azerbaijani writers and journalists. Akhundova has co-authored several reports on freedom of expression. She is a member of the Expression Online Initiative, a groundbreaking coalition of freedom of expression organizations working to develop best practices and promote informed public dialogue for advancing internet access and freedom in Azerbaijan.

Akhundova specializes in strategic planning, new business development, and organizational management. She is based in Baku and serves as program manager for International Media Support. In parallel, she provides strategic guidance to the Baku-based Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety (IRFS) on shaping organizational strategy and designing advocacy campaigns. Akhundova has presented at international events, including European Broadcasting Union General Assembly, and served on panels in different cities of Europe and Eurasia.



MARTINE OSTROVSKY

FORMER HEAD, LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MEMBER OF REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Ms. Ostrovsky is a Lawyer and as such currently involved in the reform of the French legislation on the confidentiality of journalists' sources. She is the former Head of the Legal Department of the "Agence France Presse", specialised in media rights. She is Board member of Reporters Without Borders and has contributed to the abolition of prison sentences in press law. She audited the press laws in Haiti, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Bahrain, Qatar and Morocco. Ms. Ostrovsky is also member of the National Commission on Human Rights and has participated as an expert in the general Assembly of Communication in Chad. She carried out a mission for the "International Center for Journalists" about media law in Senegal. She is author of several articles and the book "Freedom of the press, the French paradox", awarded by the "Institut de France". Ms. Ostrovsky is a graduate of Public Law and the "Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris".



SYLVIE COUDRAY

CHIEF OF SECTION OF
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
UNESCO

Sylvie Coudray is in charge of ensuring public awareness of press freedom as a fundamental right by organizing the World Press Freedom events, by supervising the process for the UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize; by promoting safety programmes among journalists associations and by strengthening indepedent and free media landscape in conflict zones and countries in transition.

MODERATOR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 4

DIVERSITY OF MEDIA CONTENT

The media and cultural industries have enormous responsibility in **promoting cultural diversity** by shaping the perceptions of present and future generations. This panel will discuss the topic from two perspectives: First, the **role of governments** in ensuring that a sufficient variety of information, opinions and programmes disseminated by the media is available to the public. Second, **best practices developed by the media industry** towards boosting support for cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue.



MALU VIANA BATISTA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TELEVISION AMERICA LATINA (TAL)

Ms. Batista is the Founder and Executive Director of TAL, a network of public and cultural TVs from all Latin American countries and communities. Its mission is to promote cross-cultural understanding, to facilitate the exchange of audiovisual content and to strengthen the work of public service broadcasters. TAL also organizes joint actions such as co-productions, professional training and creative workshops.
She also worked as Executive Producer in more than 200 audiovisual works.



MILICA PESIC

HEAD
MEDIA DIVERSITY INSTITUTE

Milica Pesic is Executive Director of the Media Diversity Institute (MDI), a London-based international organization specialized in inclusion of diversity through media and media education. Milica has designed and supervised multi-national, multi-annual diversity media development programmes in Europe, NIS, MENA, SEA, Sub-Sahara, West Africa and The Caribbean. Journalist by profession she has reported for the BBC, Radio Free Europe, the Times HES, and TV Serbia. Milica has worked for New York University, the International Federation of Journalists (Brussels), and the AIM (Paris). She has co-designed an MA course in Media and Diversity taught at the University of Westminster UK). She has provided media training for the UN, Council of Europe, UNICEF, OSI, EBDR, Internews, Freedom Forum and the IFJ. She holds an MA in International Journalism from City University, London.



PATAGAW TALIMALAW

SECRETARIAT GENERAL
WORLD INDIGENOUS TELEVISION
BROADCASTERS NETWORK

Ms. Talimalaw is the current Secretariat General of WITBN. Before the official post of the Network, Talimalaw has been working as the secretariat co-ordinator at the network since March 2010. In 2006, Talimalaw joined Taiwan Indigenous TV as a journalist and later produced and presented the first Indigenous English weekly news program in Taiwan.

In 2010, under WITBN's staff exchange scheme, Talimalaw was invited to Maori Television to produce WITBN's pilot international news program, Indigenous Insight. Working under WITBN, Talimalaw is also the international project leader for news and helps establish the first media content sharing platform for WITBN, I.P.S. Media Service. Talimalaw currently resides in Karasjok, Norway, and works as an adviser for the Indigenous media NRK Sápmi.



GALINA PETRIASHVILI

PRESIDENT
GENDER-MEDIA CAUCASUS

Galina Petriashvili, currently working as a Journalist in Georgia, is an expert on Gender and Media. She is also active as the Gender Media Caucasus Journalists' Association President, as an international media expert for the Central Asia Regional Migration Programe (CARMP) jointly implemented by UN Women, IOM and World Bank.

The programe envisages interventions in four countries – Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as countries of origin, and Russia, Kazakhstan as countries of destination for migrant workers. The goal of the programe is to contribute to poverty reduction in Central Asia through improving livelihoods of migrant men and women. The purpose of the program is to protect the rights and enhance the social and economic opportunities of migrants and their families.



PASCALE THUMERELLE

VICE PRESIDENT
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
VIVENDI

Pascale Thumerelle is Vice President, Sustainable Development at Vivendi. She leads the group's sustainable development strategy and policy throughout the group. Vivendi's contribution to sustainable development consists of enabling present and future generations to fulfill their need to communicate, to feed their curiosity, to develop their talents and to encourage intercultural dialogue.

In this role as soon as 2003, she defined three strategic issues for Vivendi: promotion of cultural diversity, sharing of knowledge, protection and empowerment of youth. These 3 issues are integrated into the variable remuneration of Vivendi Senior Executives.

In 2012, Pascale launched "Culture(s) with Vivendi, A journey through cultural diversity", a new web site (www.cultureswithvivendi.com) which aims to facilitate access to knowledge, encourage the expression of talent and participation in cultural life, and promote a spirit of openness.



MARIO LUBETKIN

DIRECTOR GENERAL
INTER PRESS SERVICE (IPS)

Mario Lubetkin has been IPS Director General since 2002, after joining IPS as a journalist in 1979, and serving as Regional Director for Latin America. He served as correspondent for Italian and Latin American print media, as communication adviser for several UN agencies and regional organizations, and coordinated communications projects with the Governments of Brazil, Finland, Italy, Spain and Uruguay, among others.

Between 2000-2007, he coordinated Tierramérica, a Communication Project of the UNEP, UNDP and World Bank, the most important communication platform on environment in Latin America.

In the last years, he actively supported communication efforts at the United Nations and Civil Society major summits, also through the publication of the TerraViva conference papers. Since 2006, he teaches at a Communication Master for International Relations of the Milan Communication University IULM. He is Vice-President of Media Watch Global and co-founder of the Com+ Alliance of Communicators for sustainable development.

MODERATOR

THEME III

SHAPING A NEW NARRATIVE FOR MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND MOBILITY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



CHRISTIAN STROHAL

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA AND FORMER CHAIR OF THE IOM COUNCIL

Ambassador Strohal has been serving as Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN Office at Geneva since July 2008. From June 2011 until December 2012 he held the position of Vice-President of the Human Rights Council. From December 2010 to 27 November 2012 he was President of the main Governing Bodies of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). From 2003 to 2008, he was Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

From 2000 until 2003, he was Austrian Ambassador to Luxembourg. From 1988 to 1992, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN Office at Geneva. From 1994 to 2000, he was Director for Human Rights at the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Austrian representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights.

RAPPORTEUR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 5

COMMUNICATING BETTER BY DRAWING ON THE EVIDENCE ABOUT IMIGRATION – CONTRIBUTING TO A NEW NARRATIVE ON MIGRATION

The need to promote a better understanding and **a data-driven approach**, concerned with the **economic, social and cultural impact of migration**, in order to properly address widespread public concerns over migration issues will be at the centre of this panel. Debates will focus on sharing best practices in **policy interventions** as well as in civil society action in various countries, aiming at depoliticising migration. Furthermore, the need to challenge discriminatory descriptions and incorrect statements in the **media** will be discussed.



LACY SWING

AMBASSADOR, DIRECTOR-GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

On 18 June 2008, Ambassador William Lacy Swing of the United States was elected as the next Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). He assumed his post on 1 October 2008. From May 2003 till January 2008, as UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ambassador Swing successfully led all facets of the largest UN peacekeeping operation in history. Prior to his work in the DRC, Ambassador Swing served from 2001 to 2003 as the Special Representative to the Secretary-General for Western Sahara and Chief of Mission for the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). Ambassador Swing graduated from Catawba College in North Carolina (Bachelor of Arts) and Yale University (Bachelor of Divinity), and did post-graduate studies at Tubingen University in Germany and at Harvard University.



CHUKWU-EMEKA CHIKEZIE

CO-FOUNDER AFRICAN FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (AFFORD)

Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie served as Senior Advisor to governments of Mauritius (2012) and Mexico (2010), Chairs-in-Office of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. In 1994, Chukwu-Emeka co-founded the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) in London with a mission to mobilize and harness the African diaspora's resources for Africa's development (AFFORD Sierra Leone was established in 2008). He was Executive Director of AFFORD UK, 1998-2008.

Between 2008 and 2010, Chukwu-Emeka coordinated a multimillion-pound program to assist the government of Sierra Leone to devise and implement a strategy to strengthen the private sector. Among other achievements, this program established the country's first annual national business plan competition, now in its third generation.



JOHN D. SKRENTNY

CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE IMMIGRATION STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO

Skrentny is Director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies and Professor of Sociology at the University of California San Diego. He has written widely on law and politics as they relate to inequality and immigration. His most recent awards include fellowships and grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Center for Global Partnership of the Japan Foundation, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

His research currently focuses on three main projects: an analysis of the impact of immigration on discrimination law in the U.S.; a comparative analysis of immigration law and policy in North America, Europe and East Asia; and an analysis of the dynamics of demand for scientists, engineers and technical workers in advanced economies.



IRYNA ULASIUK

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, FLORENCE

Since November 2012 Dr. Iryna Ulasiuk has been working for the Cultural Pluralism Research Strand of the Global Governance Programme. Her fields of specialization include international and comparative legal regulation of cultural diversity, minority and migrant rights policy and law (particularly language policy and law). After the completion of the doctoral studies in 2010,

Dr. Ulasiuk joined the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute and has been engaged in various research projects, including the MEDIVA (Media For Diversity and Migrant Integration) project. Dr. Iryna Ulasiuk holds a doctorate in law from the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and a Master degree in European law from the University of Stockholm (Sweden).



JAMAL AKBAR ANSARI

CEO
AKBAR ASSOCIATES GROUP

Jamal is the CEO of Akbar Associates Group, a large business house with strong footprint in Oilfield Services, Heavy Engineering, Telecom, LPG, Mining, Construction, IT, CRM and Call Center solutions. He brings to his current position over thirty years of highly diversified industry experience from his associations with Schlumberger, Kansas Geological Survey, Alaska Department of Power and University of Alaska.

In addition to his professional commitments, Jamal remains actively involved in socio-economic & socio-political initiatives. He sits on the boards of Al-Azeem Trust, a primary & secondary education initiative, where over 6000 under privileged children get top class education and the Pakistan Foundation Fighting Blindness that helps prevent loss of sight and works to re-empower the visually impaired by making available audio libraries and other training aids. Jamal holds MS degrees in Geology & Petroleum Engineering and is the author of many papers & publications.



ALI ASLAN

TALK SHOW HOST
DEUTSCHE WELLE

Ali Aslan is currently the host of the international talk show "Quadriga" on Deutsche Welle TV. Born in Turkey and raised in Germany, Aslan has worked as a journalist for leading television networks around the world. His work at CNN, ABC News and Channel News Asia took him to Washington, New York, Istanbul, Barcelona and Berlin. Upon his return to Germany, he ventured into politics, serving as a policy and media advisor to the federal government.

Aslan holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and a Master of Science in Journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He received his Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.

MODERATOR

BREAK-OUT SESSION 6

DIVERSITY, MULTIPLE IDENTITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION. BEST PRACTICES IN INTEGRATION

Policies that **promote the integration of migrants** hold the greatest promise to maximise the economic and social benefits of migration and minimise tensions, in particular during economic crisis. Integration is viewed today as the **sum of policies and practices** that allow for societies to **close the economic, social and cultural gap** between non-migrants and migrants and their descendants. Of course, there is still much discussion on how to achieve this goal – the panel will present aspects and tools of successful integration policies in different contexts.



SEBASTIAN KURZ

STATE SECRETARY FOR INTEGRATION IN AUSTRIA

Until his appointment to be State Secretary for Integration in April 2011, Sebastian Kurz was active as Member of the Vienna Provincial Diet and Vienna City Council. Between 2007 and 2011 he was Vice-Chairman of WienXtra (a youth organization), Vice-Chairman of the organization "Vienna Youth Centres", and has been a Board Member of Club Alpbach, Lower Austria since 2005.

2008 Mr. Kurz was elected to become Federal Chairman of Young Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) after several years of commitment on a district level, which lead to his election to Provincial Chairman of Young ÖVP Vienna in 2007. Mr. Kurz studied at the English Legal Methods Summer School, Cambridge (UK) and Law at the Juridicum Vienna.



LOREN B. LANDAU

DIRECTOR, FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Prof. Loren B. Landau is director of the African Centre for Migration & Society at Wits University. With a Masters in Development Studies (LSE) and a PhD in Political Science (Berkeley), his work explores human mobility, political authority and social transformation. Author of The Humanitarian Hangover: Displacement, Aid, and Transformation in Western Tanzania, he is editor of Exorcising the Demons Within: Xenophobia, Violence and Statecraft in Contemporary South Africa and co-editor of Contemporary Migration to South Africa: A Regional Development Issue.

He has published widely in the academic and popular press and is widely cited as an expert in the domestic and international media. He also serves on the editorial board International Migration Review and the Journal of Refugee Studies, the executive committee of the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA), on the South African Immigration Advisory Board, and on the management committee for the UK-based Migrating Out of Poverty research consortium.



HASS DELLAL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL FOUNDATION

Dr. Bulent (Hass) Dellal OAM was appointed Executive Director of the Australian Multicultural Foundation in 1989, an organization established to promote a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures. Between 2002 and 2004 he was also appointed a part time Special Adviser for the Australasian Police Multicultural Advisory Bureau by the Conference of Commissioners of Police, Australasia and the South West Pacific Region.

Dr. Dellal has had extensive experience throughout Australia and internationally on multicultural affairs and has spearheaded a number of initiatives and policies for the benefit and development of the general community.

Dr. Dellal serves on many government and private sector boards and committees. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division for services to Multicultural Organizations, the Arts, and the Community on the Queen's Birthday Honors List 1997, and awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal in 2003. He was also conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences by RMIT University on the 13 December 2006.



HOWARD DUNCAN

EXECUTIVE HEAD
METROPOLIS PROJECT

In 1997, Howard joined the Metropolis Project at Citizenship and Immigration Canada as its International Project Director, and became its Executive Head in 2002. He has concentrated on increasing the geographic reach of Metropolis, enlarging the range of the issues it confronts, and increasing its benefits to the international migration policy community by creating opportunities for direct and frank exchanges between researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

He has just moved the Ottawa Secretariat operations from the Government of Canada to Carleton University in Ottawa. Howard Duncan received his Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1981 from the University of Western Ontario where he studied the history and philosophy of science.



IBRAHIM KALIN

DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY
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Ibrahim Kalin, Ph. D., is Assistant Undersecretary of State and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister of Turkey. Dr. Kalin is the founding-director of the SETA Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research based in Ankara, Turkey and served as its director from 2005 to 2009. As a broadly trained scholar of philosophy and Islamic studies, he has taught courses on Islamic philosophy, comparative philosophy, Islam-West relations and Turkish foreign policy. His field of concentration is post-Avicennan Islamic philosophy with research interests in comparative philosophy and Muslim-Christian relations. He has served as spokesperson for A Common Word, a major initiative to improve Muslim-Christian relations. He is a fellow at the Prince Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. He received his Ph. D. from the George Washington University.



YASMIN ALIBHAI-BROWN

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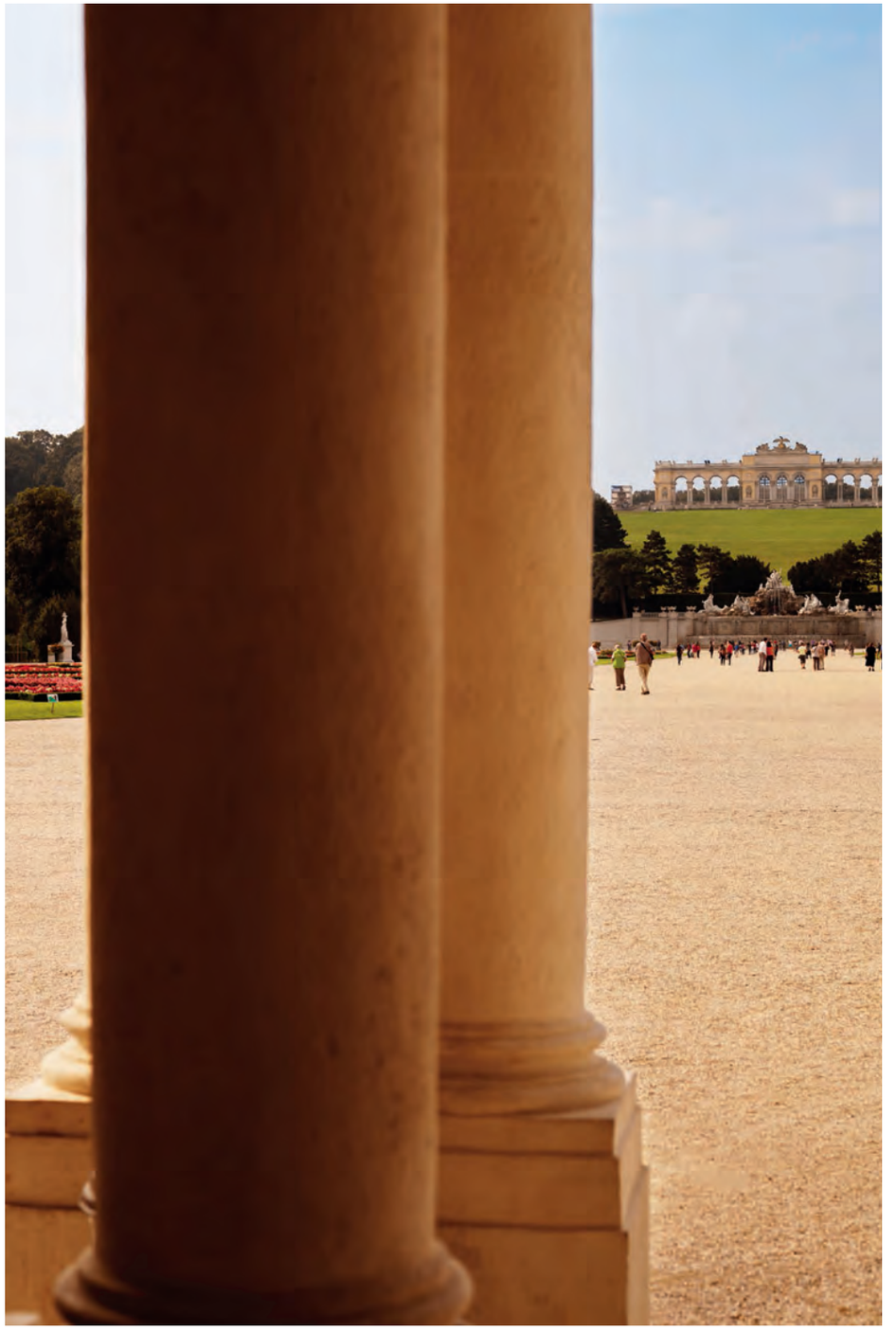
Mrs. Alibhai-Brown is a respected and award winning weekly columnist and journalist on the Independent newspaper, an author, broadcaster, activist for equal rights and professor in journalism. She is also a consulted on diversity and inclusion in the private and public sectors and an international speaker. She moved to the UK from Uganda in 1972, when Ugandan Asians were expelled by the dictator Idi Amin.

MODERATOR



REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The following four sessions provide insight into some of the Alliance's regional strategies and priority areas. Discussions will feature a number of experts and practitioners from the respective regions and thus present in-depth knowledge on national strategies, realities on the ground and future outlooks and priorities.



REGIONAL SESSION 1

DANUBE / BLACK SEA / SOUTH CAUCASUS / CENTRAL ASIAN REGIONS

This session will be devoted to the Danube and Black Sea Region, South Caucasus and Central Asia. For centuries, peoples in these neighbouring regions have witnessed growing cultural diversity. Building upon existing regional strategies the following questions will be discussed:

Where are the needs for more intercultural and interreligious dialogue in these regions? Which existing cross-cultural projects in these regions dealing with the themes of the Vienna Forum can be shared as best practice examples? Where are possibilities for new cross-cultural initiatives bringing the citizens and peoples of the regions closer to each other?

MARTON MEHES

DIRECTOR BALASSI INSTITUTE – COLLEGIUM HUNGARICUM VIENNA, INITIATOR OF DANUBE CULTURE CLUSTER, MEMBER OF THE STEERING GROUP OF PRIORITY AREA 3 OF THE EU DANUBE STRATEGY

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SPEAKER OF THE SENAT KAZACHSTAN

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DIRECTOR GENERAL DEMOCRACY HEAD OF DELEGATION OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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RAPPORTEUR

REGIONAL SESSION 2

UNAOC REGIONAL STRATEGY
THE MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTH EAST EUROPE

What are common challenges faced by societies in the Mediterranean and South East Europe? Where are the fault-lines? What are the shared expectations by peoples? This session has a two-fold focus:

The 2nd UNAOC Action Plan for the Mediterranean aims at contributing to address some of the big challenges ahead in a region that undergoes broad social, political and economic transformations. The discussion will focus on some key dilemmas such as the role of history in building a better future or the role of intercultural and inter-religious dialogue as well as that of cultural and religious literacy to foster tolerance and dialogue in people's hearts and minds.

This session will further focus on some of the key areas of the 2nd Action Plan for South East Europe 2013-2015 allowing all participants to contribute with their experience and know-how to address the persistent divides in the region as well as to share best practices.

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WILLIAM INFANTE

UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN SERBIA

MODERATOR

BORKA JEREMIC

RC COORDINATION SPECIALIST

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REGIONAL SESSION 3

UNAOC REGIONAL STRATEGY
ASIA-SOUTH PACIFIC

About 150 leaders from Governments, academic, corporate sector, media, youth, civil society from China and almost all countries from Asia/South Pacific in the region have attended the UNAOC Asia & South Pacific regional consultation held in Shaghai in November 2012. The consultation was aimed at mapping out relevant issues and topics for the work and activity of the Alliance in the region in the coming years.

The purpose of the session in Vienna will be to discuss and present a proposed UNAOC plan of action for the region in the next two years with support to concrete initiatives to contribute to enhance dialogue and understanding among people, cultures and religions in the region ; and to propose an agenda for further talks among key actors in the region engaging civil society leaders, media, youth.

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REGIONAL SESSION 4

UNAOC REGIONAL STRATEGY
LATIN AMERICA

Three years ago we held our 3rd Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which led to the recognition of the universal scope of the Alliance of Civilizations. Accordingly, countries from Latin America are about to endorse a Regional Strategy aimed at shaping a framework for cooperation. This will contribute to building inclusive and tolerant societies in this region and to enhancing the role of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue for development, stability and peace. This session will focus on possible joint initiatives to be prioritized as part of the 1st Action Plan for Latin America that will be developed as an implementation of the objectives of the Strategy. Participants are invited to make recommendations and even commitments for action.

CHRISTIAN PARDO

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FERNANDO CASAS

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STEPHANIE CAROLINA DE CASTRO

ON-LINE COURSES MANAGER
YOUTH ACTION FOR CHANGE

CÂNDIDO MENDES

WORKSHOPS

FESTSAAL

WORKSHOP 1

PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: LEARNING FROM THE CORPORATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE AND MAINSTREAMING IN POLICY

For many years the corporate sector has been at the fore front of promoting diversity and inclusion. Companies which have not embraced this effort are often confronted with serious difficulty. Some companies have built their brand and their business model around the promotion of diversity and intercultural understanding -thus being within the work force and addressing the needs and expectations of consumers. This workshop will present some of the most innovative policies put in place by corporate leaders in the field of diversity and inclusion and will discuss how these experiences can eventually inspire policy, or at least provide a useful framework for policy makers.

SPEAKERS

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WORKSHOP 3

CONSOLIDATING DEMOCRACY IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY THROUGH EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

In light of recognizing that democracy is a universal value and that all democracies share common features and face some common challenges while there is no single model of democracy and does not belong to any country or region" (UN Resolution on Education for Democracy adopted in November 2012), this session aims at reflecting upon the role of education in strengthening democracy. Sharing best practices take center stage. Furthermore the relationship between democracy, dialogue and diversity and the use of new media tools will be further explored.

SPEAKERS

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MODERATOR

TARJA HALONEN
FORMER PRESIDENT OF FINLAND – TBC

WORKSHOPS

ZEREMONIENSAAL

WORKSHOP 8

SHAPING A NEW NARRATIVE FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENT'S INCLUSION IN BASIC EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL STUDIES – SHARING BEST PRACTICES

This workshop will focus on the following main question: "What sort of education policy supports successful education outcomes of first and second generation migrants and consequently helps to promotes inclusive societies? Building upon the successful case study of Finland, this session aims at sharing best practices and holding a broad informed debate on key topics such as the "Intracultural School", the key role of language skills, full participation in society and vocational Education and Training .

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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WORKSHOP 2

DEALING WITH CIVIC UNRESTS AND EARLY WARNING RAPID RESPONSE – LESSONS LEARNED FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The aim of this workshop is to present different approaches for addressing civic unrests, such as early warning rapid response mechanisms as well as other approaches for conflict transformation and the prevention of recurrence of violence. After a presentation of two projects run in Kyrgyzstan (focused on dialogue activities set up between the government and the civil society on the prevention of violence and an early warning rapid response system in 2002-2005) and Northern Tajikistan (focused on law and religion seminars set up after 2002 in order to contain radicalization movements), an informed debate will follow with the audience and potential attendees from countries of the so-called Arab Spring will have the chance to link the cited examples to their own experience and context.

SPEAKERS

RAYA KADIROVA
PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION FOR TOLERANCE INTERNATIONAL, KYRGYZSTAN

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BOSTJAN MALOVRH
REPRESENTATIVE FROM OSCE

MODERATOR

TIM EPKENHANS

WORKSHOPS

METTERNICHSAAL

WORKSHOP 4

FIRST GLOBAL DATA JOURNALISM STUDY OF COVERAGE OF MIGRATION ISSUES

Migration remains a question that is widely and too often hotly discussed and covered, and the media has a critical role to play in advancing public understanding of a question that often polarizes communities. But do we really know what media says about migration? The UNAOC, in partnership with the EJC, and with support from the OSF, is launching the results of the first global data journalism study of media coverage of migration. A network of five journalism schools and research institutes* conducted the study through the winter of 2012 and will present the findings.

SPEAKERS

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ERIC KARSTENS
EJC, NETHERLANDS

LUCIEN CASTEX
INA, FRANCE

WORKSHOP 6

SOCIAL MEDIA: HOW A NEW ETHICS OF COMMUNICATION WILL HELP TO COMBAT INTOLERANCE, NEGATIVE STEREOTYPING AND STIGMATIZATION?

Main social media providers debate how to become platforms for the exercise of free speech while taking up a responsible role regarding practices that might subdue violent confrontations at the same time. Is censorship the right answer? Is there a right answer? What role should governments play in the free exercise and access to social media? The aim of this workshop is to engage attendees in a constructive discussion on these topics taking into consideration the need to implement the UN Resolution 16/18 that calls for “strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue”.

SPEAKERS

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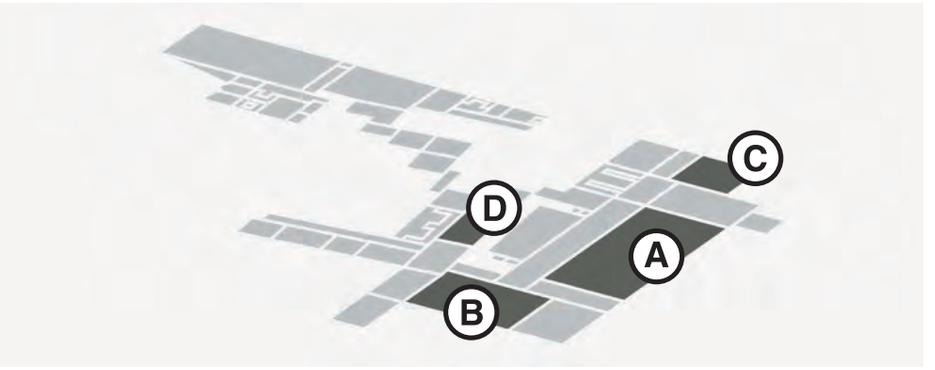
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DANIELA KRAUTSACK

WORKSHOPS

RITTERSAAL



WORKSHOP 7

ENHANCING THE ROLE OF YOUTH WITHIN THE UNAOC NATIONAL PLANS AND REGIONAL STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES – FROM BUILDING ON BOOMING YOUTH TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO STUDENT EXCHANGES AND YOUTH FESTIVALS

New trends in the field of youth exchanges, travel and cultural events are enabling more young adults to create meaningful connections. These experiences help increase their curiosity, appreciation and respect toward other cultures. This workshop gathers partners of the UNAOC who are main actors in the field of student exchanges, youth travel and tourism, as well as youth initiatives in general. In addition, data from the New Horizons III Survey will provide insights into the motivations and behaviors of young travelers.

SPEAKERS

ILJA SICHROVSKY
FOUNDER & SECRETARY GENERAL, MUSLIM-JEWISH CONFERENCE, AUSTRIA

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, UNWTO, FOCAL POINT FOR THE UNAOC, PALESTINE

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DIRECTOR OF THE MUSCAT YOUTH SUMMIT, OMAN

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FRANK FREDERICS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD FAITH, USA

WORKSHOP 5

ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA: ENGAGING AUDIENCES WITH INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

Does “entertainment media” has a responsibility in the development of a world with less cultural and religious tensions and polarizations? And if, yes what sort of responsibility? This session will highlight media practices that engage main street audiences towards awareness and better understanding of intercultural dialogue issues: from migration topics, to religious minorities, to media representation of “the other,” etc. How can the UNAOC become a platform for entertainment media outlets that plan or are already engaged in sustainable and creative intercultural dialogue?

SPEAKERS

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THE UNAOC YOUTH EVENT VIENNA



FEBRUARY 26, 2013

"Youth are a transformative force; they are creative, resourceful and enthusiastic agents of change, be it in public squares or cyberspace. We need to listen to and engage with young people. The time has come to integrate youth voices more meaningfully into decision-making processes at all levels."

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL
BAN KI-MOON, ME SSAGE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF YOUTH, 2012.

The UNAOC Youth Events traditionally take place before the UNAOC Global Fora. The UNAOC Youth Event Vienna provides room for 150 young participants of the Global Forum to connect, to discuss the topics of the Global Forum, elaborate on youth relevant aspects and draft recommendations for future priorities of the UNAOC's work.

The participants of the Youth Event 2013 have started interacting several weeks ahead of their actual encounter in Vienna. They engaged in lively debates on the relevance of the UNAOC's mandate to their lives and built up the foundation for future co-operations. On February 26, 2013, they meet at the "MuseumsQuartier" in Vienna for a whole day of concentrated talks, during which they agree on a set of suggestions for further action.

150 PARTICIPANTS
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SIDE EVENTS





CULTURAL EVENING

KEYS TO THE WORLD – VIENNA IN MUSIC
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

On the eve of the 5th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in Vienna, on February 26, 2013, a cultural night is being organised at the Volkstheater Wien. After the Awards Ceremony for this year's winners of "The Intercultural Innovation Award", a partnership between the UNAOC and the BMW Group, Slavko Ninič and his „Wiener Tschuschenkapelle", together with musical guests, will take the audience on a musical tour to the different ends of Vienna's musical universe. The evening will be hosted by Mercedes Echerer, Austrian actress, host of TV and radio shows, and former politician as well as by Jasmine Taha Zaky, TV anchor and TV concerts and events presenter from Egypt. This journey through multifaceted Vienna has been curated by musician Slavko Ninić.

It starts with the classical sound that has made Vienna's reputation, played by the Acies Quartett, four young men from Carinthia, Austria's southernmost province, bordering on Italy and Slovenia: Benjamin Ziervogel on first and Raphael Kasprian on second violin, Manfred Plessl on viola and Thomas Wiesflecker on cello. Ever since this line-up was established in 2006 they have received numerous prestigious prizes and scholarships, played in many different countries and made their name as bright young hopes of the string quartet format. This will be followed by the Wiener Tschuschenkapelle, a band that was founded in 1989 by a Croatian, a Turk and an Austrian, all of them Viennese, and whose musicians have broadened the musical palate of this multicultural city. The Wiener Tschuschenkapelle plays music from Central and Eastern Europe without national prejudice, be it Bosnian, Turkish, Russian or Greek or even their own take on traditional Viennese folk songs. After their own set Slavko Ninić, Mitke Sarlandziev, Hidan Mamudov, Maria Petrova and Jovan Torbica will be the backing band for the rest of the evening.

Traude Holzer and Peter Havlicek, performing together as Steinberg und Havlicek, will delve into the deeply melancholy, but witty world of the Viennese folk song, the Wienerlied. Traude Holzer grew up in the Styrian countryside, but it was the sound of the Wienerlied that her dad sang and played on his zither that would influence her deeply. While studying jazz at the Conservatory in Graz she met her perfect musical partner in the Viennese guitarist Peter Havlicek. He is regarded as one of the innovators of the Wienerlied, equally fluent on an electric guitar as on the double-necked contra-guitar, a typical traditional Viennese instrument with freely resonating extra bass strings.

Coming up next will be a musical alliance of civilizations, the collaboration of Aliosha Biz and Marwan Abado. Aliosha Biz was raised in Moscow as the son of a family hailing from Austria. Having studied the violin before making his way to Vienna in 1989, he soon made his name playing in klezmer ensembles. In his music, he branched out into American, then Greek, French chanson and Spanish Flamenco styles, before collaborating with a Tunisian oud player, a Russian-Israeli songwriter, a Brazilian guitarist and a Polish accordionist.

Marwan Abado is a native Palestinian who plays the oud and was once described by a BBC critic as "the closest Palestinians have to what the French call a chansonnier". He was born a refugee in Beirut in 1967 and has been living and making music in Vienna since the mid-1980s, both as a solo artist and in various groups, as well as writing stage music for the theatre. His musical roots lie in the classical Arabic music tradition of the Taq' Sim, but one can also feel the many influences of Vienna in his style.

The musical evening will be concluded by a band who feels just as at home on a concert stage as in the back room of a low-key Viennese Beisel restaurant. Die Tanzgeiger are as much musicians who play a Hungarian Csardas or an Austrian Landler with huge passion as they are a group of serious scholars. Rudi Pietsch, Walter Burian, Michael Gmasz, Marie-Theres Stickler, Dieter Schickbichler, Hannes Martschin and Claus Huber boast an eye-watering list of musical qualifications including a professoriate in Ethnomusicology at Vienna's University for Music and Performing Arts and the headship of the Haydn Conservatory in Eisenstadt.

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ABOUT THE VOLKSTHEATER

The Volkstheater or “People’s Theatre” was built in 1889 upon demand of some citizens of Vienna who wanted to have an alternative to the Burgtheater (the Imperial Theatre), a place where theatre would be closer to ordinary people in Vienna. The building was designed by architects Ferdinand Fellner and Hermann Helmer who were the busiest designers of theatre buildings of their time in Vienna and across Europe. The Volkstheater went down in the history of architecture as the first theatre that was built according to new security regulations that were decreed after catastrophic fires in theatres in Nice and Vienna in 1881, one feature being the theatre’s exclusive electric lighting.

The first dramaturge of the Volkstheater was Austrian dramatist, novelist and poet Ludwig Anzengruber. It was also with his play “Der Fleck auf der Ehr” (“The Stain on Honor”) that the theatre opened on 14 September 1889. The aim of the founders of the Volkstheater was to balance classical plays with newer productions as well as Austrian playwrights, both traditional and contemporary, with international authors.

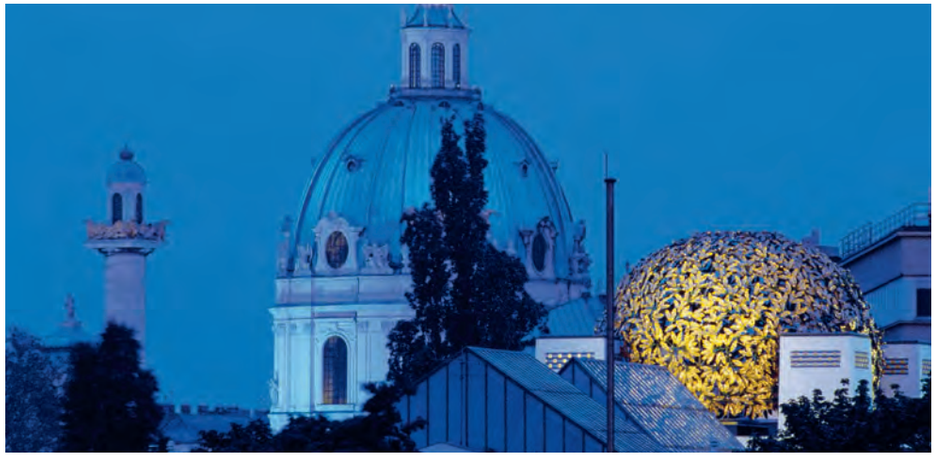
A tradition that is being followed until today. Since 2005 actor and director Michael Schottenberg is the artistic director of the Volkstheater Wien.

The Volkstheater is centrally located at the intersection of Museumstrasse, Museumsplatz and Burggasse, just across the street from MuseumsQuartier Wien and some of Viennese most popular museums.



THE INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD

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2013 FINALIST ORGANIZATIONS – PROJECTS

CHINTAN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND ACTION GROUP
Recycling as Bridge and Binder (India)

CULTURAL INFUSION
Sound Infusion (Australia)

FILMAID
Filmmaker Training and Screening Program for Refugees and Host Communities in Kenya (Kenya)

IDRESEARCH KFT.
Immigropoly (Hungary)

KAPAMAGOGOPA INC. (KI) VOLUNTEERS
Muslim Youth Volunteering for interfaith dialogue and understanding (Philippines)

PLAIN INK
When change reads like a book (Italy)

PUERTA JOVEN
Lenguas Jovenes (Mexico)

SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND – MOROCCO
Multimedia & Intercultural relations in Morocco

TAKINGITGLOBAL
TakingITGlobal Online Community (Canada)

THE PARENTS CIRCLE
Crack in the Wall (Israel/Palestine)

ABOUT THE AWARD

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the BMW Group have pooled their expertise in intercultural matters to form a long-term partnership aimed at fostering understanding and peace across cultural and religious borders. The Intercultural Innovation Award is unique in that it introduces a new form of partnership between the private sector and the UN. The award selects and supports the most innovative grassroots projects that encourage intercultural dialogue and cooperation around the world.

The most outstanding projects receive prize money as well as consulting services from the BMW Group and the UNAOC. With the award, the co-sponsors aim to strengthen the projects' effectiveness and encourage their adaptation to other contexts. Project support is customized based on the individual and specific needs of award winners.

THE AWARD CEREMONY

Ten finalists will present their projects at the Viennese Volkstheatre on Tuesday, February 26th, 2013. The High Representative for the UNAOC and Mr. Bill McAndrews, Vice President, Corporate Communications Strategy, Corporate and Market Communications will chair the ceremony, in the presence of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. High-level representatives of the UNAOC and the BMW Group will give the award to the five top organizations. The winners will not only receive prize money, but also individual support and consulting services for the duration of one year, which are intended to reinforce the success and sustainability of the award-winning projects.



GALA DINNER

The Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Michael Häupl, welcomes participants of the 5th UNAOC Global Forum to the City Hall of Vienna. Located in the heart of the city, the City Hall is one of the most splendid amongst the numerous monumental buildings alongside the Ringstraße. Designed by renowned Architect Friedrich Schmidt (1825-1891), it was erected between 1872 and 1883.

The City Hall was built in neo-gothical style, with a tower similar to gothic cathedrals. The era of historicism saw the growth of the cities and the emergence of an urban bourgeoisie towards the end of the 19th century. Today,the City Hall is the head office of Vienna's municipal administration. More than 2000 people work in the building. Visitors are stunned by the magnificent appointments of the state rooms, which frequently provide an atmospheric backdrop to various events such as press conferences, concerts or balls.

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival

PLURAL+

The international PLURAL+ video competition has been held annually since 2009 to give youth from all over the world a chance to air their thoughts, experiences, and views on issues such as migration and diversity. The global video competition is implemented through a collaborative venture between the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with the support of many partners.

This year, IOM Vienna in cooperation with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs and the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, is implementing a nation-wide Austrian video competition in line with the global PLURAL+ Initiative. Young people from 9 to 25 years of age are invited to submit short videos of one to five minutes in length expressing their views on migration, diversity, social inclusion, identity, and human rights. A jury will select three winners in three age categories (9 to 14, 15 to 18 and 19 to 25 years of age) and award them during the UNAOC Forum in February 2013. In addition, three more prizes will be awarded for Best Movie, Best Director and the Most Active and Dedicated Participant(s).

The overall objective of this project is to stimulate dialogue among youth about challenging and divisive issues such as integration and social inclusion, to strengthen youth involvement in these areas and to encourage them to participate actively in their communities. In the long term the project can contribute to a better understanding of migration and diversity and enhance the awareness of young citizens on these topics.

For more information please go to
WWW.IOMVIENNA.AT

MEDIA

The 5th Global Forum of the UNAOC has registered media representatives from all around the world. The Global Forum values comprehensive coverage of its meetings by the media and aims to foster a collegial atmosphere among participants and journalists. Therefore, all plenary and breakout sessions are open to the press wherever space permits

PRESS CONFERENCES

The press conference room is located at the ground floor of the Hofburg (conference venue). The press conference room is open to all media representatives registered for the 5th Global Forum of the UNAOC as well as to participants. Whoever is interested in holding a press conference should contact the Global Forum's media team (see contact information below) in order to book the press conference room. Simultaneous interpretation for German, French and Arabic is – in principle – available, however, due to various parallel sessions it might not be possible to provide for all languages at all times.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS

Generally speaking, media representatives have to organise and arrange for interviews themselves. However, if one wishes to get in touch with any member of a delegation the media team of the 5th Global Forum will be of assistance in establishing the appropriate contact. Interview-corners are available in the Media Centre and throughout the conference venue.

MEDIA FACILITIES

The Media Centre is located at the ground floor of the Hofburg (conference venue), next to the press conference room. The Media Centre includes the following services and activities for the press:

- OPENING HOURS FROM 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- SIMULTANEOUS TRANSMISSION OF SELECTED SESSIONS WITH INTERPRETATION (GERMAN, FRENCH AND ARABIC)
- PRESS CONFERENCE VENUE
- INTERVIEW-CORNERS
- CAFETERIA
- COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS
- WIFI CONNECTION (PASSWORD: UNAOC2013)

ACCREDITATION POLICY

Accredited members of the media must abide by the following rules:
Media registration will close on Friday, 22 of February 2013. Kindly note that no registration will be granted on the spot of the conference venue. Media accreditation for all registered media will start on Thursday, 21 of February (from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm) and will continue through Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at the accreditation desk of the Austrian Federal Press Service (Vienna, 1st District, Innerer Burghof). The accreditation desk is located approximately 3 minutes walking distance from the entrance of the conference venue. You must present a valid press card or the original letter of confirmation of your media organization together with an official photo-ID (identity card, passport, driving license). Please note that there will be no access to the Hofburg without a valid badge.

Due to security reasons, badges can only be picked up at the Austrian Federal Press Service and **not** directly at the conference venue (neither at the MuseumsQuartier, nor at the Hofburg). The accreditation badge has to be picked up latest by Wednesday, 27 February.

The Youth will take place on Tuesday, 26 of February, 2013 at the MuseumsQuartier. Please note that access to the Youth Forum is also limited to participants and accredited media representatives.

At the entrance of the conference venue, accredited reporting press will receive press kits containing the programme, the Participants Booklet and other relevant documents.

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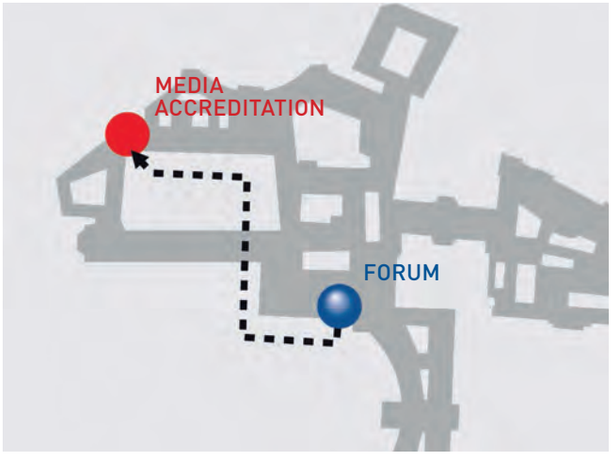
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REGISTRATION AND IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

The Media Accreditation Desk is located at the Hofburg, 1st District, Innerer Burghof

The Media Centre is on the ground floor of the Hofburg (conference venue).

The Press Conference Room is on the ground floor of the Hofburg (conference venue, next to the Media Center).

PLEASE NOTE
Media representatives should always access the Hofburg through the first entry door. The other two entrances are reserved for participants only.

IMPORTANT
All security badges will be issued at the Media Registration Desk and must be worn at all times. Please note that badges are not transferable.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

The 5th Global Forum of the UNAOC has a team of official photographers. All pictures taken by our official photographers will be available as high-resolution photos on the conference website: www.vienna5unaoc.org download and use of these photos is free of charge. Any photos published from the event should mention the 5th Global Forum of the UNAOC in Vienna.

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OTHER INFORMATION

We urge accredited journalists to arrange for their own accommodation as soon as possible. The Vienna Tourism Office (www.wien.info) can be contacted directly for hotel advisory. The 5th Global Forum will not be able to provide accommodation for accredited journalists.

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On weekends and public holidays the Vienna underground remains at the service of its passengers all night.

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The 5th UNAOC Global Forum is scheduled to be held in Vienna on 27 and 28 of February, 2013 at the Hofburg Palace. The entrance to the conference venue will be facilitating through "Heldenplatz". For more information on the venue please visit:

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REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Online registration is a pre-requisite prior to arrival. On-site registration is not possible. Once you have successfully registered online, an accreditation package composed of your badge and all relevant documentation will be prepared for you. Please note that badges are personalized with your name and picture. Badges are not transferable.

The accreditation package can be collected either prior to the conference, on 26 of February, 2013 at the conference venue – the Hofburg – or else on the morning of the conference on 27 of February, 2013 at the conference venue. We recommend for those participates arriving on the day before the conference, to collect the registration packages and thus avoid a timely process at the on-site accreditation.

YOUTH EVENT

The Youth Event is scheduled to take place in Vienna on February 26 of , 2013 at MuseumsQuartier. For more information on the venue please visit:

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Youth participants will be able to collect accreditation packages on the day of the Youth Event at the respective venue – the MuseumsQuartier. Please note to arrive on time as to ensure a smooth opening of the event. The accreditation packages will contain relevant documentation, as well as your badges. Note that badges are personalized with your name and picture and are thus not transferable.

All youth participants are eligible to participate in the UNAOC Global Forum on 27 and 28 of February, 2013.

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② VOLKSTHEATER
③ MUSEUMSQUATIER
④ CITY HALL
⑤ CITY CENTER
⑥ KÄRNTNERSTRASSE
(main shopping street)
Ⓤ UNDERGROUND



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CULTURAL EVENING

Preluding the Global Forum, the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, will host a cultural evening at the "Volkstheater", presenting a musical journey through contemporary, multifaceted Vienna. The cultural evening will also feature The Intercultural Innovation Award ceremony.

The dress code for the global forum and all side events (Cultural Evening, Gala Dinner, Youth Event) is: Business Formal

SESSION FORMATS

The Global Forum will feature a number of different discussion formats; thus responding to the different preferences of participants. The opening and closing of the Forum will be presented in form of a high-level discussion between a number of experts on the topic of "Responsible Leadership in Diversity and Dialogue". Break-out sessions will allow for expert opinions, from a wide array of sectors, to discuss the three major themes of the 5th Global Forum and encourage audience participation. Regional sessions will follow along the same lines with a stronger focus on regional perspectives and priorities.

The Workshop format will further break down discussions and thus provide the opportunity for participants to share information and experience and foster lasting cooperations.

INTERPRETATION

For the Opening Plenary Session on 27 of February, translation/interpretation services will be provided in English, French, Arabic, and German.

For Breakout Sessions and Thematic Sessions on 27 and 28 of February translation/interpretation services will be provided in English, French, and Arabic.

Regional Sessions and workshops will be held in English only.

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