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# HER HIGHNESS SHEIKHA MOZA BINT NASSER

Ambassador,  
Alliance of Civilizations



*The Alliance can rise to the challenges of our changing times - human dignity, democracy, justice, and fairness for all.*

**O**ur world, today, faces enormous challenges which can only be met by building a culture of dialogue between civilizations;

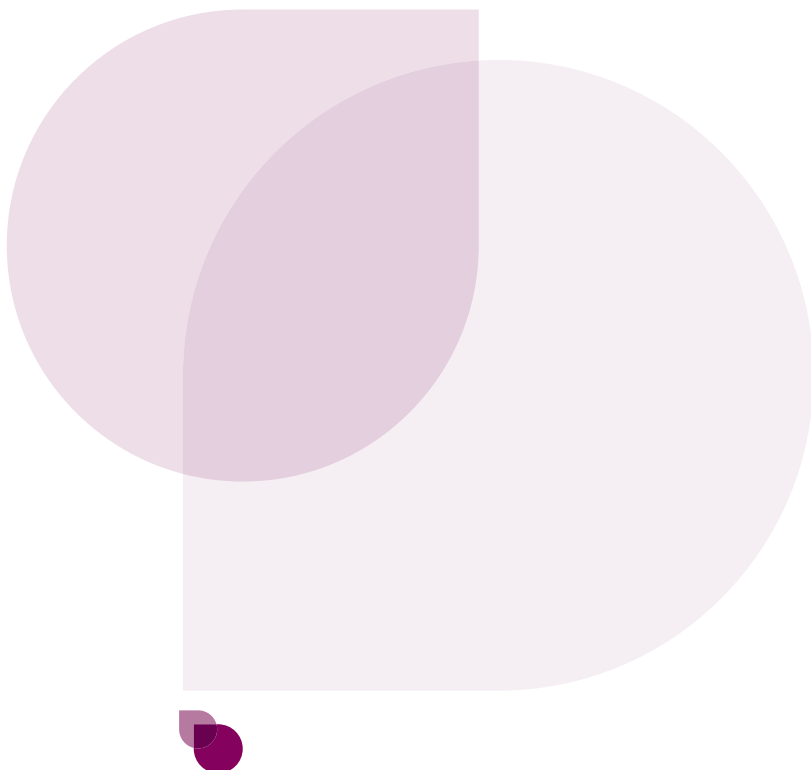
one that is based on cultural understanding and intercultural dialogue and which fosters social progress and shared prosperity, cohesion, and a lasting peace.

The Alliance of Civilizations can serve as the platform for these shared values. Through its four main fields of action – education, youth, media and migration – the Alliance can rise to the challenges of our changing times - human dignity, democracy, justice,

and fairness for all. Only in this way can we further universal human rights, enhance development and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals' Agenda.

This is why Qatar is a committed partner of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and warmly welcomes the Alliance's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum. Here, governments, civil society, NGOs, youth, academia, international agencies, and participants from more than 130 countries will engage and demonstrate their capacity to achieve the humanitarian goal we all share and strive for.





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By sharing ideas, by learning from one another, by understanding the needs in the world's different communities, and by giving voice to young people and NGOs, the Doha Forum will provide the opportunity and the platform to reiterate our steadfast commitment to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. By working together, we can add depth to our intercultural dialogue and foster a world of understanding, stability and peace.

I warmly welcome all participants to the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum and wish each and every one of you a meaningful and productive experience at this exciting moment in the history of the Alliance of Civilizations.



# JORGE SAMPAIO

High Representative  
for the Alliance of Civilizations



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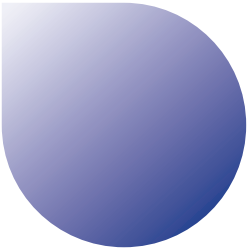
**I**t gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC).

After the “Rio Forum” in May 2010 that featured the Alliance as a global platform for intercultural dialogue and cooperation with a universal scope, it is no coincidence that this year the Forum is held in the Arab World for the first time, at a crucial juncture for this region.

A few months after the Arab spring started burgeoning, the Alliance of Civilizations will stand in Doha as a platform for the common values expressed during the so called “Arab

Spring”: human dignity, dialogue, democracy, development, justice, fairness, freedoms and rights.

The Forum three-day debates are rooted in the topical issue of the neglected link between cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, on the one hand, and sustainable development on the other. In bringing this topic to the Forum, the Alliance intends to revisit the Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000 and show that the Alliance of Civilizations’ mission and goals are complementary to the Millennium Development Goals’ Agenda. Therefore they have both to be closely developed and further interconnected.



Because it deals with cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation, the Alliance stands for the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of sustainable development. Under this large umbrella, three blocks of questions will be addressed in Doha: How does cultural diversity matter to development? How much do trust and tolerance impact on human security and development or, a contrario, how to counter intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hate speech that fuel the insecurity, tensions and violence that undermine development? How to renew the commitment of the international community but also the engagement of civil society at grass-roots level to a new agenda for living together based on shared values and goals, new strategies and tools?

Last year in Rio we reached a quantum leap – in terms of substance, outreach and participation. This year, for Doha, we set very ambitious goals and considerably raised the stakes. Thanks to the inspiring vision of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah and the strong engagement of the State of Qatar, the Doha Forum, a decade after nine/eleven and in the wake of major changes in the Arab world, aims to be a turning point in renewing the international community's commitment to put cultural diversity and intercultural understanding first, in order to reshape the global agenda for tolerance, dialogue, human security, peace and development. Building upon the results of the Pre-Forum with civil society organizations, the first ever organized by the UNAOC, which took place last May in Qatar, the Doha Forum should also lead to a new deal that engages further non State actors – civil society organizations, the private sector, foundations, faith-led organizations but also individuals - in achieving the Alliance's goals.

Last but not least, as a results oriented framework for cooperation, we will inaugurate a new trend that makes commitments to action a new defining feature of the UNAOC Forums. This step forward is needed in order to create a closer sense of participation and ownership of the projects and initiatives that are developed under the umbrella of the Alliance to achieve its mission. It depends on you, on each of us to live up to these high expectations. Let's start acting now.

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# INTRO

From December 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> a powerful network of Heads of State, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, NGOs, representatives of civil society, youth associations, foundations, media, academia and corporate sector will join efforts in Doha to make United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) 4<sup>th</sup> global forum a turning point.

## The UNAOC and its annual forums

The UNAOC was launched in 2006 by then Secretary General Kofi Annan with the sponsorship of Spain and Turkey. It seeks to forge collective political will and to mobilize concerted action at institutional and civil society levels to improve understanding and cooperative relations within and between nations and peoples across cultures and religions and, in the process, to confront and mitigate tensions and conflicts as well as to counter the forces that fuel exclusion, polarization and extremism.



The UNAOC combines both a universal scope – shown by its wide range of membership covering all continents, societies and cultures as well as by its inclusive and global perspective focused on promoting “democratic governance of cultural diversity” at large – and a specific priority emphasis on bridging relations between Muslim and Western societies, where events of the past decade have heightened the sense of a persistent gap and lack of mutual understanding. Over the past five years the UNAOC has developed significant leverage and some resources to produce soft power and has become one of the most relevant UN platforms for intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation.

The Alliance holds annual Forums bringing together world political and corporate leaders, mayors, civil society, youth, journalists, academics, foundations, international organizations and religious leaders from all around the world. Annual Forums are a unique framework

both to take stock of and to showcase at global level the progress made in the UNAOC agenda and at the same time to create new opportunities for participants to meet, network and bring about new projects and joint initiatives through which they reaffirm their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Alliance.

The 1<sup>st</sup> UNAOC Forum took place in Madrid in 2008, followed by Istanbul in 2009. The 3rd Forum, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, created an unprecedented opportunity for showcasing the global scope of the UNAOC. This year, for the first time the UNAOC annual Forum will take place in the Arab World, hosted by the State of Qatar under the auspices of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah, member of the High Level Group of the UNAOC and UN Goodwill Ambassador for the Alliance.



**«The Alliance Forum is not only about dialogue. It is about dialogue that delivers. It is about concrete, practical projects that make a real difference to the lives of people on the ground»**

High Representative  
for the UNAOC  
**Jorge Sampaio**



## The Doha Forum: a turning point

During the three days Doha Forum, cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue will be at the heart of the world's development agenda making this event a turning point. Prepared through a wide process of consultations – both with UNAOC member States and international organizations partners, as well as with civil society organizations -, the Forum is expected to bring renewed commitment by the various stakeholders to achieve the Alliance' goals.

It is not a coincidence that the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum was preceded by a Pre-Forum that brought together civil society organizations last May. These first ever consultations were aimed at helping communities make the case for the role of culture in development. Setting up a proper social movement that raises awareness of policymakers seems to be critical in integrating culture with development.

Furthermore, the Summit of Heads of State organized for the first time in the context of a UNAOC Forum is expected to make headway towards the Alliance' goals to build bridges and foster intercultural dialogue and understanding in a fast changing world. This aim is also expected to be achieved at the High Level Debate among Ministers and representatives of Governments and International Organizations to be held during the Forum.

As a third new defining feature, the Doha Forum will focus on commitments to action in order to create a closer sense of participation and ownership of the projects and initiatives that are developed under the umbrella of the Alliance to achieve its mission and goals.



## The Doha Forum: “Intercultural Dialogue to Boost Development”

The Doha Forum is driven by an impactful and clear baseline “Intercultural Dialogue to boost Development”. Through informed debates underpinned by a variety of nuanced perspectives, brought by world’s top leaders, innovators and change-makers, the Doha Forum is expected to raise key questions on how to energize development through a culture of peace and dialogue among all civilizations. Furthermore, building upon evidence through the stories of people, successful cases and failures, debates will help to create a strong vision of the positive impact of culture and diversity on development.

With the wave of changes occurring in the Middle East in particular, but also with respect to the shifts around the world more generally, the Doha Forum will help build a

strong, more unified global society that addresses some of the world’s acute problems. Building upon evidence through the stories of people, successful cases and failures, the debates in Doha will help to create a strong vision of the positive impact of culture, diversity and dialogue on development.

Through its results-oriented and integrated approach the Doha Forum is expected to shape a process that will lead to a two-edged turning point: generate renewed political commitment and determination to collectively advance and strengthen the UNAOC agenda; and enhance the global partnership for peace and development by endorsing a number of concrete UNAOC targets that meet grassroots needs and expectations which will help achieve the MDGs.



The 4<sup>th</sup> Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations will mobilize the energy and the imagination of a wide array of partners to forge new partnerships and generate ideas aimed at building trust and cooperation among diverse communities. The Doha Forum will be an opportunity to take stock of initiatives developed by the UNAOC and to launch new initiatives in collaboration with civil society, foundations, universities and corporate partners.

### «Intercultural Dialogue to boost Development»

The three main topics of the Doha Forum are:

- How cultural diversity matters to development. The missing link
- Promoting trust and tolerance to advance development goals
- New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation



# UNAOC

## The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations was established in 2005 as an initiative of the UN Secretary General, under the co-sponsorship of the Prime Ministers of Spain and Turkey. It emerged out of a conviction that, in order to achieve sustainable peace, long-standing divisions and misperceptions between cultures need to be addressed.



In April 2007, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal, as High Representative for the Alliance. Under his leadership, support for the Alliance has grown to over 130 governments and international organizations. The UNAOC works with a wide range of partners to promote dialogue that delivers meaningful change on the ground.

## The UNAOC is

- A unique political initiative of the United Nations which aims to build trust and understanding across countries and communities, thereby countering the forces of polarization and extremism
- A mobilizing platform for dialogue that delivers, in partnership with national governments, international organizations, religious and civil society groups, youth, foundations, universities, corporations and the media
- An action-driven initiative which implements and supports innovative projects, mainly in the field of Education, Youth, Media and Migration
- A global matchmaker, connecting innovative grassroots leaders with policy-makers and foundations to help bring their ideas to life
- A powerful voice that strives to reduce tensions dividing communities and build upon common values and interests shared among diverse cultures and religions





# United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Many cultures. One humanity.

## How does the UNAOC engage its main partners to deliver change on the ground?

The UNAOC invites its member countries to develop national and regional initiatives for intercultural dialogue and cooperation. These initiatives, called National Plans and Regional Strategies, aim at identifying priorities and shaping a framework for action in the four main areas of the Alliance. So far two Regional Strategies – for South Eastern Europe and for the Mediterranean – have been adopted and are being implemented and others are in the pipeline, such as for the Latin-America region. Around 30 countries have already prepared National Plans.



Furthermore the Alliance promotes or/and supports a number of initiatives. Here are some of the leading projects:

## Engaging the media

The UN Alliance's media program is based on three main pillars:

- Global Experts, an online resource which connects journalists to a wide range of opinion leaders worldwide who provide quick reactions and analysis on breaking political, social and religious issues
- A broad array of capacity-building programs designed to support journalists and opinion-makers in their efforts to increase public understanding on divisive issues
- Public debates of interest to media professionals and the broader public on international crises and issues



## Creating a new generation of media consumers and producers

The UN Alliance runs a Media Literacy Education online community in collaboration with a network of partner organizations from around the world. This resource encourages users to participate through a multi-lingual global repository of information on resources and good practices relevant to the fields of Media Literacy Education, Media Education Policy, and Youth Media.



### Supporting youth projects to create impact

The Youth Solidarity Fund provides small grants of up to US\$30,000 to youth organizations advancing cross-cultural understanding at the local, national, regional, or international level. Projects funded under this program are conceived and implemented by youth organizations and primarily for the benefit of youth.



### Creating inclusive societies

Integration: Building Inclusive Societies (IBIS) is the Migration program of the Alliance. It aims at enhancing integration prospects of migrants worldwide and improving relations between newcomers and host societies.

### Broadening knowledge

The Education about Religions and Beliefs program consists of

- A web-based portal for resources on education about diverse religions and beliefs including civic education, ethics education, and tolerance education.
- A platform for partners to provide insights on the intersections between religion and society
- A network to promote the positive role of religion and interfaith harmony



### **Fostering innovation**

Developed in partnership with the BMW Group, the World Intercultural Facility for Innovation (WIFI) connects the most innovative grassroots initiatives fostering intercultural understanding with key partners (media, governments, and donors among others) to help them to scale up, replicate, and achieve greater impact.

### **Training and connecting emerging leaders**

The International Fellowship Program is a joint initiative, launched by the UNAOC with support from the British Council, the League of Arab States, the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the government of Qatar. Its objective is to improve mutual knowledge and understanding between peoples and societies from the Arab World, Europe, and North America. It is unique in the wide range of support it enjoys across Muslim-majority and Western countries.



### **Creating forums for ground-breaking conversations**

Aiming at covering major urban centers, Dialogue Café uses state of the art video conferencing technology to enable face-to-face conversations between diverse groups of people around the world. It uses cutting-edge technology to enable people with varied backgrounds to share experiences, learn from each other, and collaborate on new ways of tackling social and environmental problems, and work together to make the world a better place.



### **Advancing in-person learning across borders**

The UNAOC organizes annual Summer Schools for young people from all around the world to learn from one another and gain additional knowledge and skills on cross cultural communication.



# PROGRAM OF 4<sup>TH</sup> UNAOC FORUM

## The Doha Forum will focus on three main topics:

- How does cultural diversity matter to development? The missing link
- Promoting trust and tolerance to advance development goals
- New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation

*Every day is devoted to one main topic. The issues and objectives of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum will be fully discussed through several structures: Plenary Sessions, Breakout Sessions, Action Networks or Lab Sessions.*

## DIALOGUE ARENA

Encounter space where participants can meet together, interact and elaborate further on any topic, project or idea picked up from the various working sessions.

### PLENARY SESSIONS:

#### Define and frame the forum's agenda

Plenary Sessions are the largest working sessions, designed to define and frame the three main topics of 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum. Organized as discussions featuring world leaders, plenary sessions present cross-sectoral perspectives and methods to address global challenges focused on three overarching main topics.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

#### Assess opportunities for action

The topics of the day will be also examined in Breakout Sessions. It drills down into issues presented in the corresponding plenary sessions. These simultaneous sessions focus on hot and/or controversial topics and assess opportunities for action and how to make commitments.

### ACTION NETWORK SESSIONS:

#### Take action on specific challenges

These small group discussions provide an opportunity to focus on an issue and to discuss opportunities for action with other members. These sessions allow participants to work together to take action on specific challenges.

### LAB SESSIONS:

#### Create new partnerships for future

These small group discussions are offering participants an opportunity to present their ongoing/future projects for which they are looking for new partnerships.

### COMMITMENT SESSION:

#### To take stock of the day sessions

Some new outstanding initiatives will be presented and general information will be provided about the commitment making process as well as on partnerships opportunities.



## Special programme for Heads of State and government

A number of Heads of State and governments will attend the Doha Forum. Further to their participation in some sessions of the main programme, a Summit, chaired by HH The Emir of Qatar, will take place on December 11, 2011, from 3 to 5pm.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

How does cultural diversity matter to development? The missing link

09:00 am – 10:30 am Arrival of participants

11:00 am – 01:00 pm **Official Opening Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum in Doha followed by High Level Debate on «How does Cultural Diversity Matter to Development? The missing link»**

01:00 pm – 01:30 pm **Awards Ceremony for Intercultural Innovation**

01:30 pm – 02:30 pm Lunch

02:45 pm – 04:15 pm **Breakout Sessions**  
Five simultaneous sessions

The role of education in sustainable development

Tourism industry and travel – Celebrating diversity, linking cultures and promoting dialogue between civilizations

The role of creative industries to boost development – from education to business

The impact of migration in development: a two way street

Sports role in promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding

04:30 pm – 05:45 pm **Action Network Sessions**  
Eight simultaneous sessions

05:45 pm – 06:45 pm **Special Session – UNAOC: a new paradigm to manage intercultural relations**

07:30 pm – 10:30 pm Welcoming Reception – Katara Cultural Village

# PROGRAM

## OF 4<sup>TH</sup> UNAOC FORUM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

Promoting trust and tolerance to advance development goals

08:15 am – 09:15 am **Lab Sessions**

09:30 am – 11:00 am **Plenary Session**

Trust and Tolerance to Advance Development Goals

11:00 am – 11:30 am Coffee Break

11:30 am – 01:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

Four simultaneous sessions

Muslim-Western Relations: Ten years past 9/11?

The future of digital freedom and public diplomacy

Conflict transformation: dealing with the past to build a better future – the role of teaching history

Today's emerging generation: one of active citizens

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm Lunch

02:45 pm – 04:00 pm **Action Network Sessions**

Nine simultaneous sessions

04:00 pm – 04:30 pm Coffee Break

04:30 pm – 05:30 pm **Commitments Session**

05:45 pm – 06:45 pm **Lab Sessions**

06:30 pm – 07:30 pm **Dialogue Arena**

08:00 pm – 10:30 pm Doh'art Intercultural Festival – Katara Cultural Village

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011**

New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding & cooperation

08:30 am – 09:45 am

**Plenary Session**

New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding & cooperation

10:00 am – 11:15 am

**Breakout Sessions**

Three simultaneous sessions

A new agenda for living together – changing the narrative on dealing with differences

New tools for building consensus and making cultural diversity an asset

Promoting intercultural dialogue, inclusion and diversity: towards a new deal that engages all actors

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Action Network Sessions**

Six simultaneous sessions

12:45 pm – 02:30 pm

**Official Closing Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum in Doha**

06:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Doh'art Intercultural Festival, Closing – Katara Cultural Village

# DAY 1 — TOPIC OF THE DAY

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## *How does Cultural Diversity matter to Development? The Missing Link*

**T**wo of the most remarkable aspects of today's global economy are the rapidly growing interaction among people around the world and the creation of faster, deeper and broader economic growth. If this interconnectedness has brought us closer and has diminished our differences, creating openness and engagement, it has also heightened awareness of our differences, generated defensive responses and, in some cases, fuelled conflicts in which cultural differences are used to divide and polarize populations.

However, economic growth has also been accompanied by widening disparities, between rich and poor both between and within countries.

With no immediate remedy in sight, this situation is likely to lead to the further demise of social cohesion and an increase of cultural tension in vulnerable societies as social divisions harden in competition for scarce resources.

### **Issues**

**How do we capitalize on diversity and not make it a dividing force?  
How do we make cultural differences a driving force for development?  
How do we plan for a diversity advantage at the workplace, the marketplace, in the public domain and in cyberspace? How do we articulate what members have in common and turn it into a common asset?**



# DAY 1 — OPENING SESSION

## Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### **Official Opening Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum in Doha by His Highness The Emir of Qatar followed by High Level Debate on “How does Cultural Diversity Matter to Development? The missing link”**

 **11:00 am – 01:00 pm**

The task of equitable development, central in the agenda of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), is intimately linked to the UNAOC mission to deepen intercultural dialogue, trust and cooperation. These two agendas are complementary and interdependent.

Recognizing this, the 2010 General Assembly Resolution admits that “the diversity of the world” and “all [the] cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind” while emphasizing “the importance of culture for development and its contribution to the achievement of the MDGs”. However, the MDGs failed to include cultural indicators, and the many established development strategies have largely been unable to address the human factor.

The plenary session of this first day will focus on a critical issue: why does culture continue to be the stepchild in development while everyone claims it should be central? Addressing this question seems a much-needed step to make the most of culture’s potential for social transformation and development, especially at a time when significant changes occur in some regions of the world.

### **Closing Remarks**

 **Theater** (Level 1)

# DAY 1 — INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## The Intercultural Innovation Award

🕒 01:00 pm – 01:30 pm

“The BMW Group Award for Intercultural Innovation in support of the Alliance of Civilizations, under the auspices of the United Nations” is a unique award in its category. It represents a new kind of partnership between the private sector and the UN system that aims to select highly innovative projects that promote exchange and cross-cultural understanding, and hence make a vital contribution to safety and peace in societies around the world.

More than 400 proposals from 70 countries representing all regions of the world have been received. Several themes include: the role of youth and women in promoting intercultural understanding; migration and integration; and the use of social media for intercultural exchange and cooperation.

Jurors have determined this year's winners that will be announced on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Award Ceremony that will take place in the IV<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the UNAOC in Doha.

### The laureates are:

- All for Peace Radio Station
- CafeBabel.com
- Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution – MEJDI.
- Chirom e. Chino
- Irènia, Jocs de Pau
- Kickfair
- Maytree Foundation.
- Participatory Culture Foundation
- Vaga Lume Association
- Youth Empowering Parents

# THE INTERCULTURAL INNOVATION AWARD

A partnership between  
**United Nations Alliance of Civilizations & BMW Group**



The Award Ceremony for The Intercultural Innovation Award will acknowledge these ten highly innovative initiatives in an event that is meant to be an exteriorization of UNAOC, BMW Group and the host country's commitment with social entrepreneurial initiatives in the field of intercultural understanding.

Following the Forum in Doha, projects will start the one year support phase. In addition to a cash prize, the UNAOC and the BMW Group are committed to help these projects expand and replicate in other settings where they may be useful. A sharp and individualized needs assessment will be conducted in order to identify the particular needs of each project. Afterwards, projects will be connected to countries and international organizations of the Group of Friends, foundations, and other organizations that will offer in-kind support and mentorship guidance to awardees.

The Intercultural Innovation award is meant to create a measurable and sustainable impact on awardees. A comprehensive evaluation methodology will be used to assess the impact of the support that they receive. Evaluation will be conducted half way through the one year support and after its completion.

For more information, please visit [www.interculturalinnovation.org](http://www.interculturalinnovation.org)

 **Theater** (Level 1)

# DAY 1 — BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Breakout sessions

Five simultaneous sessions

🕒 02:45 pm – 04:15 pm

#### 1. The role of education in sustainable development

As the lead agency for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), UNESCO strongly promotes the teaching and learning of sustainable development and related values and attitudes at all levels and in all types and settings of education. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) empowers people to shape a common future in dignity. The panel will address the relevance of education and in particular of ESD, to sustainable development, the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural understanding and will highlight, with the help of concrete examples, the contribution of multiple stakeholders to ESD.

📍 Auditorium 2 (Ground Floor)

#### 2. Tourism industry and travel – Celebrating diversity, linking cultures and promoting dialogue between civilizations

This session will focus on tourism as an economic sector based on human interaction, exchange and dialogue. How does the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism - a set of universal values, principles and standards - help tourism development to be sustainable, ethical and responsible? How do we invite people to act in a way that is conscious and respectful of culture, which promotes intercultural dialogue and ensures that local communities fully participate in, and benefit from, the development opportunities of tourism?

📍 Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220  
(Level 2)

### 3. The role of creative industries to boost development – from education to business

This session will build upon evidence provided by the Creative Economy Report 2010, showing that world trade of creative goods and services continued its expansion and that the potential of the South-South trade is increasing. Participants will devise concrete proposals to use creativity economy to advance development, promote creativity and innovation. This session will explore the linkages between creative capacities, trade, investment and technology, and will discuss how this can translate into a vibrant creative economy able to contribute to economic prosperity and poverty reduction.

🔗 **Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217**  
(Level 2)

### 4. The impact of migration in development: a two way street

Globally, the number of international migrants in 2010 is estimated at 214 million. When considering the migration-development nexus policy makers often focus on remittances as the main means of translating it into reality. However, this session will try to bring new perspectives and show that there are many stages in the migration cycle, from departure to return and reintegration back home, that there are present opportunities to make migration more “development friendly” and, conversely, to raise development awareness of migration factors.

🔗 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241**  
(Level 2)



# DAY 1 — BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## 5. Sports role in promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding

The power of sport as an agent of cohesion across social, national and regional boundaries must not be under-estimated. In a connected and global economy, sport's effectiveness at reaching across national boundaries to inspire, motivate and engage people around the world is unsurpassed. How can this serve to promote development, health and peace? A panel of experts will discuss role and responsibilities of sport in accelerating development and peace throughout the world.

👁 Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238  
(Level 2)





# DAY 1 — ACTION NETWORK

## Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Action Network Sessions

Eight simultaneous sessions

🕒 04:30 pm – 05:45 pm

#### 1. ENLARGING THE NETWORK OF CREATIVE CITIES

“Creative cities” are nowadays seen as the place of the future. What are the indicators of a creative place? What are the most promising examples? Architects, town planners, mayors, a city administrator, artists, NGOs, a social worker will discuss and share new ideas, new contacts, and new tools for making cities a better place to live, work and play in.

📍 Meeting Room 205 (Level 2)

#### 2. BOOSTING MYC4 TO SUPPORT CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND EMPOWER WOMEN IN AFRICA

MYC4 is a company that facilitates microcredits via the Internet to small businesses in developing countries. 18,730 investors from 112 countries have invested more than €14 million in 7,163 businesses in 7 African countries. Participants in this session will discuss with the founder of MYC how this kind of microcredit has generated momentum not only in the social sector, but also across traditional financial institutions?

📍 Meeting Room 209 (Level 2)

#### 3. YOUTH FOR DEVELOPMENT: PARTNERS AND AGENTS OF CHANGE

Some of the most dynamic, creative and talented stakeholders for development are young people. To prevent marginalization, how do we encourage youth-led projects that promote development while fostering intercultural dialogue? How can the networking and solidarity created through new social media be leveraged for positive social change and sustainable development?

📍 Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220 (Level 2)

#### 4. AID ACROSS CULTURES

With the help of 24hr news and the advent of social media, humanitarian disasters are reported on with unprecedented speed and detail. And yet, there are humanitarian disasters that never receive sufficient coverage. This session will examine specific cases of successes and shortcomings on the issue of cultural collaboration on humanitarian disasters. What are solutions-oriented strategies that can be used?

📍 Meeting Room 206 (Level 2)

# DAY 1 — ACTION NETWORK

## Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### 5. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

What is the role of women in contributing to sustainable development? This session will examine the contributions that women make to sustainable development through their grassroots entrepreneurship, encouragement of education, and protection of natural resources and cultural diversity, and provide recommendations for the Rio +20 Conference on Sustainable Development.

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217**  
(Level 2)

### 6. LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BASED ON DIALOGUE AND PARTNERSHIP OF CIVILIZATIONS

Participants in this session will be invited to discuss a report presented by an international team of scientists for the conference on Sustainable Development, Rio +20 as well as the program and the project for collaboration and partnership of civilizations (which includes "Arctic Energy", "Program of 3 revolutions", "Project for creating an open Internet civilization University" and "Project for civilization tourism").

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241**  
(Level 2)

### 7. RELIGIOUS MINORITIES AND THE MDGs

The practices within and towards religious communities are impacting on the realization of the MDGs – namely eradication of extreme poverty; universal primary school; maternal health and child mortality as well as combating HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis. This panel will explore how to better create the necessary enabling environment whereby all citizens can achieve the MDGs. How do we reinforce the positive role played by faith groups in supporting the MDGs?

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238**  
(Level 2)

### 8. MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AT TIME OF TRANSITIONS

The entire Arab region and a number of Muslim-majority countries have seen radical growth in their media sectors in the last 10 years. Many of the media outlets in these countries face persistent challenges. This session will convene major actors in the field of media development to explore how more targeted programs can be created in a number of Muslim-majority countries.

🕒 **Meeting Room 210** (Level 2)

# DAY 1 — SPECIAL SESSION

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## **SPECIAL SESSION – UN ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS: A NEW PARADIGM TO MANAGE INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS**

🕒 05:45 pm - 06:45 pm

After opening statements by the Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Australia, an interactive Q&A session will take place with the audience. Specific topics for discussion will include: what can be done to change the narrative constructed around diversity and make it a source of potential and advantage? How can the Alliance give an additional impulse to intercultural exchange to encourage cross-fertilization from which innovation can proliferate? How is the Alliance promoting a new paradigm that makes our own cultural diversity an asset rather than a liability? What can be done to empower the Alliance as a UN soft power tool for peace, security and development?

🎭 **Theater** (Level 1)



# DAY 2 — TOPIC OF THE DAY

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### *Trust and Tolerance to Advance Development Goals*

**T**he massive population shifts of the world are the result of many causes: increased vulnerability to extreme weather conditions, famine, war, under-development and political oppression, coupled in some cases with rapid globalization, uncontrolled urbanization and dramatic, if uneven, economic growth.

These large-scale results have almost always an influence in the escalation of ethnic and cultural tensions, particularly in areas where the migrants or displaced populations eventually settle.

Cultural and ethnic tensions are a central feature of conflicts across the world. It stands to reason that culture can also play a central role in ending these conflicts, replacing them with sustainable peace and development processes.

Debates will focus on these ever-new fissures and fault lines across the globe as well as on challenges ahead to set transformative changes in our societies of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These goals reconcile diversity and social cohesion, restore trust and tolerance, and boost prosperity.

#### **Issues**

**Key issues to be discussed include ways to enhance strengthening human security and enhance dignity with its fundamental cultural dimension? How do we boost development of dialogue and shared action aimed at promoting tolerance or acceptance and nondiscrimination? How do we encourage respect for spiritual values, conscience, religious and cultural or linguistic background and the right to communicate freely?**

# DAY 2 — LAB SESSIONS

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Lab Sessions

Sixteen simultaneous sessions

🕒 8:15 am – 09:15 am

#### 1. Engaging Historic Faiths to Advance the Common Good in the MENA Region

This session will present the main thrust of the initiative of religious leaders, assembled in Marrakesh in early November 2011 and discuss follow-up with potential partners.

Organized by: Religions for Peace.

🔗 Meeting Room 205 (Level 2)

#### 2. Intercultural Dialogue in a Web 2.0 World

What role can technology play in enhancing intercultural dialogue? What kind of platforms and processes do we need to facilitate intercultural dialogue and boost development? (For more information on Dialogue Café visit [www.dialoguecafe.org](http://www.dialoguecafe.org)). Organized by: Dialogue Café Association.

🔗 Meeting Room 210 (Level 2)

#### 3. Successful Jerusalem: vision, scenarios and Strategies

How can the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over Jerusalem be resolved? Hundreds of proposals have been presented over the years, but with little success. This session will try to resolve the confusion of “what is desired” with “what is possible.” Organized by: International Peace and Cooperation Center

🔗 Meeting Room 206 (Level 2)

#### 4. Towards the creation of a UNAOC civil society movement: Learning from the Australian and Indian experiences

This session aims to provide a platform for all CSOs interested to exchange their experience and to connect among themselves in order to strengthen the role of the civil society movement in promoting cultural understanding and diversity. Organized by: Global dialogue Foundation (Australia) and SAGE Foundation (India)

🔗 Meeting Room 209 (Level 2)

#### 5. GLOMEX - A public broadcasters global association for the free exchange of cultural programming

Meeting of GLOMEX current partners with other broadcast networks in order to broaden the scope and further develop the exchange of cultural programming around the world. Organized by: GLOMEX

🔗 Meeting Room 207 (Level 2)

#### 6. Travel / Rihla Literature and its role in Intercultural dialogue

Maybe one of the best illustrations of applied intercultural dialogue is travel/rihla literature. For over centuries people have moved from one geographical location to another and have come in interaction with other



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people. However, humans build far too many walls around them and too few bridges to meet. **Organized by:** ISESCO, Institut du Monde Arabe, OIC research center for Islamic history (IRCICA)

👁 **Meeting Room 208** (Level 2)

### **7. A Multistakeholder approach to Interfaith Collaboration as an alpha tool for Global Development**

Professor Josef Boehle from the University of Birmingham, based on his work for the Religion and Development research programme (2005-2010), will present his research and One Young World will present its campaign for including faith in the MDGs. **Organized by:** One Young World and University of Birmingham

👁 **Meeting Room 226** (Level 2)

### **8. Promoting Human Rights for Sustainability, Education, and Social Solidarity**

This session will provide an opportunity for human rights CSOs, specialists, educators and other entities interested in the promotion of democratic governance, consolidation of human rights to connect with each other. **Organized by:** Fundación SES, International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (Argentina) and People's Movement for Human Rights Learning (PDHRE)

👁 **Meeting Room 231** (Level 2)

### **9. Educating youth for dialogue, reconciliation and peace**

Youth can have a major role in building, restoring, sustaining or promoting peace in the context of reconciliation initiatives. Examples of UNESCO's work in the area of culture, violence prevention, sport for development and peace, education and ICTs, have demonstrated this strong potential.

**Organized by:** UNESCO

👁 **Meeting Room 227** (Level 2)

### **10. Democracy and Civilizations: Role of Democracy Education In Seeking Common Grounds Between Them**

How should democracy education be addressed at national, regional and international level? How can the UNAOC and Community of Democracies work for the common cause of building trust and understanding among societies and cultures, thus preventing conflicts and defusing tensions? **Organized by:** Mission of Mongolia to the UN

👁 **Meeting Room 230** (Level 2)

### **11. Thematic Platform "Bridging the divide in the field of humanitarian and international development cooperation"**

The objective is to bring together the members of the UNAOC Group of Friends who have already participated or showed interest in the platform as well as other potentially interested focal points to jointly take a look back and ahead into the future. **Organized by:** Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs

👁 **Meeting Room 228** (Level 2)

## 12. Collaborating on Research Opportunities in the area of Intercultural Dialogue and Understanding

The Qatar National Research Fund, the EU, and the UNAOC encourage cross-cultural collaboration with outside institutions in several research areas. This matchmaking session will allow academics and research projects to be matched with potential Research Coordinators and EU program officers/ QNRF officers, and representatives of institutions could seek partnership opportunities to work on projects in which the UNAOC has an interest (e.g. measuring indicators, evaluating regional strategies, etc.)

Organized by: Qatar National Research Foundation, UNAOC Research Network

🔗 Meeting Room 229 (Level 2)

## 13. Towards the creation of a Forum on Citizen Diplomacy and a Global Alliance of Citizens

Presentations of this session will focus on the role of youth, education, culture, corporate social responsibility, international volunteer service abroad and the role of technology and social media in promoting global citizenship.

Organized by: the British Council and the US Center for Citizen Diplomacy

🔗 Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217 (Level 2)

## 14. Synthesis of the Education, Media and Culture on the basis of the Bulgarian project “Winds and Suns on Balkans” (The Balkans: Historical Aspects and Contemporary Perspectives of the Dialogue of Civilizations)

The project consists of three segments. A sociological survey on the issues of tolerance and intercultural dialogue on the Balkans; Bulgarian National Radio’s special rubric “Cafe Alliance” and mission of the Alliance of Civilizations. Organized by: Bulgarian Government and Sofia University

🔗 Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238 (Level 2)

## 15. Generation 2030

Regardless of how different we may be there is one thing we all equally desire most - that is a happy and prosperous future for our children. It is high time for us to see that the front line of combating violence and intolerance in modern world lies with our children and the next generation. Organized by: International Foundation For Survival and Development of Humanity

🔗 Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220 (Level 2)

## 16. Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

The objective of this Lab Session is to discuss ways and best practices in promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms and to illustrate that social diversity can be a great asset for the development of wealth and prosperity. Organized by: EU and the German Government

🔗 Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241 (Level 2)

# DAY 2 — PLENARY SESSIONS

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Plenary Session

🕒 09:30 am – 11:00 am

#### Trust and Tolerance to Advance Development Goals

Culture and cultural diversity are an essential component of human development. But culture is also a key dimension of peace and security. Several conflicts today have a cultural dimension and are constructed along ethnic and social fault-lines. Most conflict-prone and post-conflict societies face serious challenges because states are unable to protect, care for and empower their citizens and fail to provide for their survival, livelihood and dignity. However peace-building and the prevention of tensions and conflicts, on which development depends, require more than ensuring physical security and providing for basic needs such as jobs and poverty alleviation. It demands building or restoring social relations and trust, in particular after conflict.

How do we focus efforts on repairing dignity and on removing injustices to support reconciliation in a context of inclusive development and social integration? How to translate into concrete targets and actions the fundamental values essential can we international relations: freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance and shared responsibility?

👁️ **Conference hall** (Level 2)

# DAY 2 — BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Breakout Sessions

Four simultaneous sessions

🕒 11:30 am – 01:00 pm

#### 1. Muslim-Western relations: ten years past 9/11?

Ten years after 9/11, the latest Pew Global Attitudes Survey shows that tensions persist and that Muslim and Western publics continue to see relations between them as generally negative with both sides holding negative stereotypes of the other.

What are the causes of problems for these troubled relations and negative perspectives? Which side holds the high ground on key issues? Further to disagreement, what are the points of agreement? What are the shared concerns? These are some of the questions to be tackled in this session.

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📍 **Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220**  
(Level 2)

#### 2. The future of digital freedom and public diplomacy

Many governments now see building Internet infrastructure as a basic development issue. How does greater connectivity better serve their citizens, in terms of health and education? And in the case of emerging economies, how can Internet investment help countries leapfrog in development? Internet access and digital freedom are relevant not only to personal rights, trade, and development, but nearly every aspect of society. When it comes to public diplomacy in the 21st Century, the interaction that the Internet enables across borders can radically transform cross-cultural relations. What the world has seen this year in the uprisings in the Arab world only represents a fraction of this potential. This panel will bring together ICT industry leaders, civil society, government representatives, and the media for an in-depth conversation touching on a range of issues pertaining to digital freedom.

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📍 **Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217**  
(Level 2)



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### 3. Conflict transformation: dealing with the past to build a better future – the role of teaching history

This session will focus on the relationship between education, history, memory and identity in particular in post-conflict situations. The pivotal role that history education can play in providing people with the tools to increase cross-community relations, bridge divides and ultimately promote trust and reconciliation will be addressed. From reforming the education system and history curriculum to story-telling and remembrance activities, the participants will discuss a wide range of options within formal and non-formal education on the basis of concrete cases.

👁 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241**  
(Level 2)

### 4. Today's emerging generation: one of active citizens

We are seeing an increase in the number of young activist getting organized and using non-violent strategies to be heard by leaders and contribute to their country's peaceful progress. The recent events in the Middle East have shown that the vast majority of youth are calling for positive social change and making their own contribution toward that goal. How can these uprisings be transformed into mainstream social and political participation? What needs to be done to open channels of social and political participation for these young activists?

👁 **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238**  
(Level 2)



# DAY 2 — ACTION NETWORK

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Action Network Sessions

Nine simultaneous sessions:

🕒 02:45 pm – 04:00 pm

#### 1. BUILDING A NETWORK OF CENTERS/MUSEUMS FOR TOLERANCE

Museums, Cultural Centers and other intercultural spaces can play a unique role to bridge cultures in spite of the ambiguous relationship that they have with interculturalism sometimes. This session will explore how to successfully create a network for connecting and sharing experiences. How can we place museums at the heart of creating a new space for intercultural dialogue and tolerance?

🕒 Meeting Room 205 (Level 2)

#### 2. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: WHEN CORPORATE POLICY CONFLICTS WITH COUNTRY LAWS AND TRADITION

Over the past years, many global corporations have adopted human resources and diversity/inclusion rules that sometime exceed or conflict with the laws and customs of the countries where they operate or seek to operate. This session will take stock on these rising tensions, create space for open dialogue, and establish an agenda for action (create a “Doha process”).

🕒 Meeting Room 206 (Level 2)

#### 3. THE ARAB SPRING: YOUTH AND NATION-BUILDING

The Arab Spring is an extraordinary example of how non-violent tactics are an effective means of creating change. The large population of young

people in the Middle East has a role to play in the Arab Spring. They are now working hard to ensure that it leads to sustainable and systematic changes. What can be done to support these efforts? What are some success stories we can learn from?

🕒 Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220  
(Level 2)

#### 4. MINORITY RIGHTS: THE KEY TO CONFLICT PREVENTION

Some of the world's long running conflicts are fueled and fought over ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural issues. Minority rights have been marginalized and are not being understood as such in international conflict prevention. This session will focus on the analysis of some recent concrete conflicts that failed to be prevented or solved by sustainable peace settlements.

🕒 Meeting Room 209 (Level 2)

#### 5. REPORTING AND TRAINING ACROSS DIVIDES

In an ever-changing landscape, media professionals have to must face many important changes. This session will convene a prestigious panel of media professionals, experts, and educators to discuss the role of media in bridging cross-cultural divides, with a focus on the role of journalism trainings.

🕒 Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217  
(Level 2)

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## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### 6. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN HELPING COMMUNITIES TO MANAGE DIVERSITY?

We often argue that the 'clash of civilizations' is actually more like a 'clash of ignorance'. The way we manage diversity in our communities, our corporations, our communities often determines whether tension becomes conflict, or cohesion becomes a permanent characteristic. What are the key components for managing diversity?

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241**  
(Level 2)

### 7. WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD? FIVE STEPS TOWARDS A PEACE PROCESS

The purpose of the workshop is to encourage peace, harmony and understanding between peoples regardless of their ethnic origin or religion. It introduces five practical steps towards a peace process. It offers participants the opportunity to develop a greater awareness of our responsibility for peace in our own life and acquire more skills to apply around us.

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238**  
(Level 2)

### 8. ADDRESSING RISING RESTRICTIONS ON RELIGION

According to a new study by the Pew Research Center's Forum, more than 2.Billion people – about a third of the world's population – live in countries where government restrictions or social hostilities involving religion are increasing. Specific topics for discussion will include religious change and its impact on societies around the world, as well as patterns of religious change, and constraints on religion in different countries.

🕒 **Meeting Room 210** (Level 2)

### 9. YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES: THE NEED TO SCALE UP EFFORT AND TO MAINSTREAM TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE IMPACT AND REACH

When people happen to know each other, they learn from other cultures and respect differences. There is a need to scale up significantly exchange programs for young professional and emerging leaders. This session will discuss how to scale up these programs, engaging public-private partnerships.

🕒 **Meeting Room 207** (Level 2)

# DAY 2 — SPECIAL SESSION

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### SPECIAL SESSION - COMMITMENTS SESSION

🕒 04:30 pm – 05:30 pm

📍 Conference Hall (Level 2)

One of the main defining features of the Doha Forum is creating a closer sense of participation in and ownership of the projects and initiatives that are developed under the umbrella of the Alliance to achieve its mission and goals.

Putting commitments to action first is part of the turning point that the Doha Forum intends to reach. Commitments can be small or large, global or local, financial or nonmonetary in nature. But first and foremost a commitment is a plan for addressing a challenge or contributing to find innovative solutions for making the world a better place to live.

Many commitments are the result of cross-sector partnerships, combining efforts by all players to scale up their projects and expand their impact.

The UNAOC supports the development of commitments by facilitating dialogue, providing opportunities to identify commitment partners, showcasing the actions taken by members and communicating results.

During this session some outstanding new initiatives will be presented and general information will be provided about the commitment-making process as well as the opportunities for partnership.

### THREE STEPS TO CREATE A COMMITMENT

1. Discuss with UNAOC staff ideas projects to address particular challenges – in education, youth, media or migration. We can help you either to develop your own project by exploring cross-sectoral initiatives as well as partnership opportunities or propose you join ongoing UNAOC commitments that meet your plans.
2. Once you have finalized your plans and decide to turn them into a commitment, we will ask you to provide information on the objectives, implementation strategy, timeline and assessment, using our Commitment to Action proposal form via email to:  
[commitmenttoaction@unaoc.org](mailto:commitmenttoaction@unaoc.org)

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3. Throughout the duration of your commitment, UNAOC staff will request annual progress updates to follow up the implementation and share your success with the UNAOC community, in particular on the occasion of our annual Forums.

### **PROJECTS TO BE FEATURED AT COMMITMENTS SESSIONS to which you can commit:**

"Dealing with the past to build a better future"  
"Reporting and training across cultures"  
"Fellowship Programme"  
"Network of Dialogue Cafés"  
"UNAOC Summer Schools "  
"Reconciling Diversity and Social Cohesion"  
"One diversity Campaign"  
"Boosting creative industries to empower women"  
"Network of Creative Cities"  
"Hubs for Tolerance"  
"Intercultural competences – I want to know more!"  
"UNAOC Diversity Observatory"  
"Do one thing for diversity and inclusion"  
"DOHA'ART Annual Festival: Youth for the Alliance"

(For a full overview of initiatives open to commitments please see the UNAOC leaflet)

# DAY 2 — LAB SESSIONS

## Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Lab Sessions

Sixteen simultaneous sessions

🕒 05:45 pm – 06:45 pm

#### 1. The virtuous cycle of social inclusion and economic growth: The Economics of Shared Societies.

The main questions to be addressed are related to the concept of “shared societies”, the economics of shared societies and how to translate into reality these approaches through policies and actors. **Organized by:** Club of Madrid

🌀 Meeting Room 205 (Level 2)

#### 2. Cross-Cultural Education For Human development and Sustainable democracies

Based on success stories and experiences, the lab will present the crucial importance of promoting and developing Cross-Cultural Education within and across different fields of studies and geographic areas. **Organized by:** Adyan Foundation with the Al Akhawayn University (Ifrane – Morocco: Masters in Islamic Studies), the Cairo University (Egypt - Faculty of Mass Communication), and Danmission (Denmark, Euro-Arab Leaders for interreligious Understanding Program).

🌀 Meeting Room 210 (Level 2)

#### 3. Transforming Cultural and Social Crisis into Renaissance through Participatory Theater

The main objective of this Lab Session is to share experiences on how

participatory Theater can facilitate dialogue out of crisis in different countries and create the basis for renaissance of communities with a view to strengthening intercultural understanding. **Organized by:** CRT Foundation, the Masters programme on Social and Community Theater at the University of Turin, and the project Caravan – Artists on the Road (EU-funded).

🌀 Meeting Room 206 (Level 2)

#### 4. New Formats, New Media content: how to reach out to the general public on complex issues?

Through the illustration of the 100 Questions about Islam project, panelists will discuss the role of new media and formats to reach out to the general public, in particular on complex and often polarizing issues. **Organized by:** University of Missouri School of Journalism and British Council

🌀 Meeting Room 209 (Level 2)

#### 5. Photography and Cross-Cultural Dialogue

What is photography? How can it be a powerful tool of story/telling? What are the digital technology tools that one can access today through the computer, the internet, and the latest smart phones. **Organized by:** National Geographic

🌀 Meeting Room 207 (Level 2)



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### 6. Towards a Good Governance of International Migration

The session "Towards a good governance of international migration" aims at providing a forum to discuss actual government experiences in managing the movement of migrant workers, from a host and origin countries' perspective. **Organized by: International Organization for Migration**

🔗 **Meeting Room 208** (Level 2)

### 7. Communication works for those who work at it

Virtual Majlis is a program of 90-minute video dialogue that fosters critical thinking, cultural exchange, and greater awareness between worldwide students. The participants are empowered by the facilitators to create the agenda for the conversation based on the unique curiosities and concerns they have. **Organized by: Al Fakhoora**

🔗 **Meeting Room 226** (Level 2)

### 8. Religion and Intercivilizational Dialogue

Led by Professor Patrick Laude (Georgetown University, Qatar), this session will present the main issues that have contributed to misunderstandings and conflicts between religions, and particularly between Islam and the West. **Organized by: Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID)**

🔗 **Meeting Room 231** (Level 2)

### 9. Two States solution on the spot

The session will discuss what the obstacles are facing the peace process and the reasons that made reaching an agreement impossible. Besides, it will discuss how the Arab spring will affect the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis. **Organized by: One Voice**

🔗 **Meeting Room 227** (Level 2)

### 10. Multi-lingualism, Intercultural Dialogue, Development

A session aiming at further developing multi-lingualism in contemporary societies, analyzing the role of multi-lingualism in culture, media and development and realizing that multilingualism is fundamental in order to better understand other cultures.

**Organized by: Linguamon**

🔗 **Meeting Room 230** (Level 2)

### 11. The Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest: a project that contribute to the UNAOC goals

The session will be an avenue to promote the Rio+20 GYMC in the Forum and will highlight its link to support the UNAOC goals. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during an interactive discussion and bring their valuable inputs on the ongoing project. **Organized by: The International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) Vienna/Ljubljana**

🔗 **Meeting Room 228** (Level 2)

## 12. Presentation of the Report on study of the Muslim Youth in 2011

Issued by Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, the report tackles issues such as education, youth mobilization, growing community role of youth in light of Arab Spring. **Organized by:** Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFC)

🕒 **Meeting Room 229** (Level 2)

## 13. Home front: Portraits from Sheikh Jarrah

The award-winning creators of Budrus present Home Front: Portraits from Sheikh Jarrah, a series of short documentaries telling the story of a remarkable nonviolent struggle at the center of the world's most contested city, Jerusalem. **Organized by:** Just vision, Julia Bacha

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217** (Level 2)

## 14. New Partnerships for Development and Democracy

The impact of Arab Spring on relations of these countries to Europe and the West will be discussed through several questions such as : What can Europe and the West offer in terms of democratic and socio-economic development to these countries? Will Arab countries and societies accept western expertise and assistance? Should mutual conditions be applied? **Organized by:** European Union (Commission)

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238** (Level 2)

## 15. Bringing cultural dialogue and diversity to the agenda of political parties in Europe

The challenge lies today in the redefinition of freedom, equality and solidarity. These notions have to become universal in order to show the interdependence between the individual, the society in which we live in and the world at large. **Organized by:** Foundation for European Progressive Studies

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220** (Level 2)

## 16. Active Citizens Program

This session is about the Active Citizens Program, how it can be expanded and how the UNAOC can become a partner and bring added-value. Active Citizens program aims to develop leadership skills in young people around the globe. **Organized by:** British Council (Pakistan)

🕒 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241** (Level 2)

## Dialogue Arena

🕒 **06:30 pm - 07:30 pm**

🕒 **Level 2**

## Doh'art Intercultural Festival - Katara Cultural Village

Free Access to the Doh'art Intercultural Festival

🕒 **08:00 pm – 10:30 pm**

# DAY 3 — TOPIC OF THE DAY

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## *New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding & cooperation*

**S**uccessful intercultural dialogue is essential to help us navigate the unprecedented challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century world. It represents a dynamic and challenging process that enables individuals and groups with different cultural backgrounds to engage in an open and respectful exchange of views, to share experiences; to develop a better understanding of each others' aspirations and better practices of living together.

Public policies and political initiatives designed to engender intercultural dialogue can be seen as strategic instruments to promote cultural diversity and cooperation. It can also facilitate social cohesion on the basis of human rights, solidarity and fairness.

Intercultural dialogue can therefore provide a communication avenue where understanding has become complicated. It can open new channels of conflict resolution where other mechanisms fail.

### Issues

**What can the various communities teach the world - drawing on their unique cultural resources - in order to make poverty history and achieve the Millennium Development Goals? How could it be specifically relevant in pursuing greater gender equity, youth development and education? How to explain the increasing demand for public recognition of cultural rights put forward by different groups and individuals in contemporary multicultural societies? How dialogue can be facilitated, not only between opposing cultures and 'civilizations', but also between the globalised elite and various local groups? How to find practical ways to talk, to moderate cultural positions?**

# DAY 3 — PLENARY SESSION

## Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Plenary Session

🕒 08:30 am – 09:45 am

#### **New strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding & cooperation**

With only four years left to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the question of how to boost a global partnership for a more peaceful, prosperous and just world is an urgent one.

We need to chart a new course for people in the world and join with millions of citizens, men, women, youth and children around the world to help them pursue a better life. Together, we must also commit with people in every country and of every culture to speak out for respect for universal rights and fundamental freedoms. It is to stand up with the burgeoning democracies in the Arab world and join efforts to live up to their aspirations. It is also to speak up against rising intolerance, xenophobia and racism in many parts of the world. Last but not least, it is to engage beyond elites and reach out to ordinary people – particularly young people - who will shape the future of our planet.

How can the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) contribute to making globalization fully inclusive and equitable? How can the UNAOC do more within its mission to help realise universal human rights, achieve development and hence support MDG's Agenda?

📍 **Conference hall** (Level 2)

# DAY 3 — BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Breakout Sessions

Three simultaneous sessions

🕒 10:00 am – 11:15 am

#### 1. A new agenda for living together – changing the narrative on dealing with differences

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations was launched in 2005 with the aim to build bridges between societies, promote dialogue and understanding and forge the collective political will to address the world's imbalances. Today, the new global order dramatically lacks UN soft power tools: the UNAOC can make a difference in helping bridge this gap. The Alliance of the Civilizations has a unique role to play in addressing people's insecurities, weaknesses and vulnerabilities. It is now time to reinforce it and make it a strong driving force for change, to renew the global commitment to achieve the Alliance's goals and integrate them into the global priorities.

We need to develop and reinforce the democratic fabric based on human rights, freedoms, development and human dignity. We need to create people's trust in public life, be it at local, national or international level. There is also a need to move to reform global governance, focus on the broader issues of the transformation of the social and economic context and develop new forms of equity and solidarity.

👁 Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220  
(Level 2)

#### 2. New tools for building consensus and making cultural diversity an asset

It is generally accepted today that a sustainable peace is one that empowers people, and that helps them acquire skills and build institutions to manage their different and sometimes conflicting interests. Dialogue is universally recognized as the tool par excellence to address and resolve the differences – objective and subjective – that caused conflict in first place. However one defines it, dialogue is a democratic method aimed at resolving problems through mutual understanding and concessions, rather than through the unilateral imposition of one side's views and interests.

👁 Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217  
(Level 2)



### 3. Promoting intercultural dialogue, inclusion and diversity: towards a new deal that engages all actors

Many actors are actively involved in promoting intercultural dialogue and diversity among governments, international organizations, civil society organizations, corporate sector and foundations.

However, they tend to work in isolation with a lack of sharing of knowledge and experience; actually, they would gain immensely in building synergy and learning from each other experience, policy and practice.

This session is jointly organized by the corporate sector, civil society and intergovernmental organizations. The session will emphasize this need for closer and regular collaboration and will aim at creating a working mechanism to encourage it.

✳ **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238**  
(Level 2)

# DAY 3 — ACTION NETWORK

## Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Action Network Sessions

Six simultaneous sessions

🕒 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

#### 1. INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCES AND SKILLS – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Intercultural dialogue is a response to the conflicts and loss of identity that have resulted from globalization. The purpose of this session is to discuss an accurate definition of Intercultural Competence and to point out the pedagogy and methodology required in order to integrate intercultural competences and skills in the education process.

🔗 **Meeting Rooms 218, 219, 220**  
(Level 2)

#### 2. NEW ICT STRATEGIES FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

One of the main reasons of polarization and tensions among people and cultures is ignorance. New media platforms, from social media to entertaining media (video games etc.), offer extraordinary opportunity to actively engage citizens of all ages in constructive ways to question their assumptions about other cultures, about their understanding of “the other”. The session will aim at creating the beginnings of a collaborative and innovate ICT application to entertain and educate people about other cultures.

🔗 **Meeting Rooms 215, 216, 217**  
(Level 2)

#### 3. CHANGING THE NARRATIVES ON MIGRANTS: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The migration process is a complex process and on both sides the phenomenon is further compounded by a lack of information and stereotypes. How can we disseminate and encourage the correct picture of migration and migrants in both sending and destination countries? What can be done in destination and sending countries to stimulate a more realistic image of migration and migrants?

🔗 **Meeting Room 205** (Level 2)

#### 4. INTERNATIONALIZING ACADEMIA FOR SUSTAINABLE DIALOGUE, UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT – IMPACT, CHALLENGES AND NEXT STEPS

Doha, as the host city and country of the Forum with its emphasis on the Education City, would be a good location to explore the impact, challenges and next steps of internationalizing academia at the level of high-school students, college students, and faculty. What are the challenges? What are the next steps to enhance this? The outcome will be to create a petition to enhance these exchanges.

🔗 **Meeting Rooms 239, 240, 241**  
(Level 2)




## 5. A NEW AGENDA FOR PHILANTHROPY: MAINSTREAMING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Though there is consensus on the rising importance of intercultural dialogue and building inclusive society to promote peace and development, the philanthropic sector has been so far not much involved in this field of work. The aim of this session will be to create a platform among philanthropic organizations to discuss the importance of these issues and how it should increase its support for it.

 **Meeting Room 210** (Level 2)

## 6. DO ONE THING FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: JOIN THE WORLD ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Last May 21<sup>st</sup>, on the occasion of World Day for Cultural Diversity, a group of major corporations from the Silicon Valley have launched in partnership with the UNAOC and UNESCO a world campaign to encourage people from around the World to "DO ONE THING FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION". After the successful pilot edition in 2010, the campaign will be scaled up in 2012, involving new major partners.

 **Meeting Rooms 236, 237, 238** (Level 2)

## Official Closing Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Forum in Doha

 **12:45 pm – 02:30 pm**

The Closing Plenary session concludes three days of meetings, exchanges, and new ideas. During this final session of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNAOC global forum, H.H. Sheika Mozah, and the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Jorge Sampaio, will highlight the accomplishment of the Doha Forum. The presence of the Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister of Austria - Michael Spindelegger - at the closing session will mark the bridge between the Qatar and Austria, where will be held the 5<sup>th</sup> UNAOC Global Forum in 2012.

 **Theater** (Level 1)

## Doh'art Intercultural Festival, Closing – Katara Cultural Village

 **06:00 pm – 10:30 pm**

# DAY 3 — SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR MINISTERS AND HEADS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ministers and Heads of Intergovernmental Organizations are indeed very much welcome in all sessions of the Doha Forum both as speakers and observers. Further to these working opportunities, there are special rooms available for bilateral meetings upon request. Last but not least, during the course of the Doha Forum, there are several media opportunities. Professional media relations experts are available to develop media strategies of the delegates, help edit press releases and book media appointments.

## High level Ministerial debate

🕒 02:45 pm - 04:15 pm

The main Ministerial Session of the Doha Forum takes place on 12 December, 2011. It comprises four parts:

- **First part:** it encompasses four breakout sessions – Ministers are kindly requested to sign up to one of the four sessions and indicate whether they want to play a speaking role;
- **Second part:** it consists of a working lunch which will feature a key note speaker who will kick off a wide debate on a long term vision for the post-2015 Development Agenda, which will take into account the need to mainstream cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue into development strategies. The debate will be facilitated by a prominent moderator.
- **Third part:** Ministers and Heads of Intergovernmental Organizations will hold highly interactive table discussions, led by knowledgeable facilitators. This segment will be divided into two parts:
  - Part a) parallel debates on five different topics during which participants will collaboratively assess opportunities for action (14:45-15:45);
  - Part b) the final segment will reconvene the larger discussion and through the use of information technology will enable real-time analysis and a summary of the many proposals developed during the table discussions by rapporteurs (15:45-16:15).
- **Fourth part:** the “commitments session”: a unique opportunity to take stock of the most innovative projects discussed throughout of the Forum targeting its focus areas and that will have a positive impact on the lives of people. These projects are to be transformed into commitments to action at the replenishment Session that will take place beginning 2012 in Turkey.



**The five topics proposed for the parallel debates are the following:**

- Topic 1 – **How do we develop further the Alliance as a soft power tool to build intercultural understanding and trust within and among divided societies?**
- Topic 2 – **Reconciling diversity and social cohesion within societies**
- Topic 3 – **Combating hate speech as a priority of the global agenda**
- Topic 4 – **The need to strengthening the role of human rights as a tool for human dignity and development**
- Topic 5 – **How much does the Israeli-Palestinian conflict impact the course of the Arab democratic processes?**

# SPEAKERS

## OF 4<sup>TH</sup> UNAOC FORUM



### **Elizabeth ADJEI**

Elizabeth Adjei is one of the founders of the Migration Policy and Advocacy Network (MPAN), a West Africa NGO established to promote the contribution of the diaspora for the development of the continent. From 2002, Elizabeth Adjei is the first female Director of Ghana Immigration Service (GIS).



### **Sami ADWAN**

Sami Adwan is a professor of Education and a teacher trainer at the Faculty of Education at Bethlehem University. He is the Palestinian director and cofounder of the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East (PRIME). He was at the head of the employee union at Hebron University and chair of the Education program. Currently, he is the coordinator of the subject area teachers training program.



### **Prince Ali bin AL HUSSEIN**

HRH Prince Ali bin Ali Hussein is the fourth son of the late King Hussein of Jordan, and the second child of the king with his third wife, Queen Alia. Since 6 January 2011, he is the Vice President of FIFA. Prince Ali holds the Al-Nahda decoration of the first degree as well as a number of foreign decorations including the French Légion d'honneur, and the Order of the Rising Sun of Japan. He also holds the rank of a Brigadier in the Jordanian Armed Forces.

**Amany ASFOUR**

Graduated of the Faculty of Medicine, she soon realized the importance of setting up an organization targeting at Economic Women Empowerment & Young Women Entrepreneurship Promotion. Dr. Amany Asfour has been granted many awards from Egypt, Africa and other Arab countries for her local and international work on the African, Arab and Mediterranean regions. She is actually the president of several organizations such as the Cairo Chapter at Organization of Women in Trade, of the Egyptian Federation of Business & Professional Women (BPW-Egypt) and the Egyptian Business Women Association.

**Mohammad ASIDEH**

Graduated from An-Najah National University, Mohammad Asideh enters into regional politics. He has made the future generations of Palestine the focal point of both his civic service and his political action.

**Sally ASKER**

Sally Asker is the director of InSIGHT Sustainability. She holds key expertise in corporate sustainability, international development and education across the Asia/Pacific region. Her strong project management experience in assisting public and private sector organizations to make the change toward practical sustainability is complemented by her provision of innovative stakeholder engagement tools and techniques.



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## **Hajiya Amina AZ-ZUBAIR**

Hajiya Amina Azzubair is Senior special assistant to the President of Nigeria on the MDGs. She is in charge of the coordination of the achievements of the MDGs in Nigeria through the establishment and implementation of a Virtual Poverty Fund. She is currently a member of the advisory panel of the global development program of the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, as well as the advisory panel of the rights to education project co-funded by Actionaid International, Amnesty International and the Global Campaign for Education. She also sits on the board of the International Development Research Centre in Canada.



## **Najib BALALA**

He began his political career as the mayor of Mombasa, Kenya. He also served at various times as Minister for Gender, Sports Culture and Social Services, Minister for Labour, Minister of State for National Heritage and Minister of Tourism. Najib Balala is currently the sitting Member of Parliament for Mvita Constituency one of the 210 Constituencies in the Republic of Kenya.



## **Nadia BERNOUSSI**

Moroccan lawyer, Nadia Bernoussi is Vice President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (AIDC). Doctorate in public law, Nadia Bernoussi is professor of Constitutional Law at the Law Faculty of Rabat and at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in France, she also teaches at the Higher Institute of Administration and the School of the Interior Department officials in Kenitra.

**Leila BERRADA**

Leila Berrada one of the founders of Teach4Morocco. Teach4Morocco is an initiative by young Moroccan students in Morocco and abroad, to improve the current situation of education, and to promote its role. The organization wants to introduce the concept of volunteering in Morocco, encourage youth engagement, and generate awareness of the importance of good basic education for all.

**Malte BOECKER**

After being admitted to the bar at the district court of Bielefeld (Germany), and the completion of a Master of Law degree in «International Copyright and Business Law» at the University of California Berkeley, Malte Boecker joined the Bertelsmann Stiftung in 2000, first as spokesman for media policy, and since 2001, as project manager for Cultural Affairs and most recently as project manager for International Cultural Dialogue.

**Irina BOKOVA**

General director of UNESCO, former Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to France and Monaco, Personal Representative of the Bulgarian President to the OIF, Irina Bokova is also a Permanent Delegate to UNESCO from 2005 to 2009. She served as Bulgaria's representative to the UN and as her country's Secretary of State for European integration and Foreign Minister. As Founder and Chairperson of the European Policy Forum, she worked to overcome divisions in Europe and promote the values of dialogue, diversity, and human dignity.





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## **Martin BRACKENBURY**

Martin Brackenbury is president of the International Federation of Tour Operators, Chairman of the Federation of Tour Operators UK, Vice Chairman of the WTO Business Council, and Director of Classic Collection Holidays. He is active in promoting the ideas of sustainable development in tourism worldwide.



## **Chukwu-Emeka CHIKEZIE**

Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie is Former Executive Director (and Co-Founder) of the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD). AFFORD's mission is to expand and enhance the contribution that Africans in the diaspora make to Africa's development. Mr. Chikezie is also a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of art, manufacture and commerce.



## **Danielle CLICHÉ**

Danielle Cliché has carried out a wide range of international comparative research studies and has co-authored and published several books and reports in the fields of culture and communication. She was a member of the UNESCO led Technical Sub-Committee on Culture and Development, UNDP/Spain MDG Achievement Fund (2007) and a member of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity, German Commission for UNESCO.

### **Rola DASHTI**

Rola Dashti is a Kuwaiti activist advocating democratic reform, gender equality and increased roles for women in public life. Dashti lobbied for the May 2005 decree permitting Kuwaiti women to vote and run for parliamentary elections for the first time. In the 2009 parliamentary elections, she and three other women won seats to become the first women to enter the Kuwaiti parliament.



### **Halit EREN**

Dr. Halit Eren joined the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (IRCICA) in 1981 as a senior researcher and Head of the Library and Documentation Department. A few years later he was assigned to the post of Deputy Director General while carrying on with his former duties. He was the coordinator of the IRCICA Congress Organizing Committee responsible for Caucasasia, Central Asia and the Balkan countries. He was appointed Director General of IRCICA in January 2005 and is currently working in this capacity.

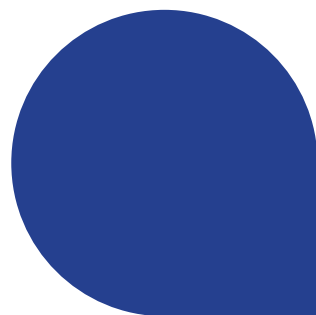


### **Beatrice FAUMUINA**

Beatrice Faumuina is the first woman of the Southwest Pacific region to win a World Championship title. In 1997 in Athens, she struck gold at the discus throw. Winner of the 1998 and 2002 Commonwealth Games, the 2002 International Association of Athletics Federation World Cup and seventh at the 2004 Olympic Games, Ms. Faumuina set eleven New Zealand discus throw records from 1993 to 1997. She was recently awarded the title of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to athletics. On 16 October 2005, Ms. Faumuina, from New Zealand, was appointed FAO Goodwill Ambassador.



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## **Françoise FONING**

Françoise Foning is one of the most powerful Cameroonian business woman, she is also a mayor in her city, Douala, and a member of parliament. She is President of the World Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Cameroon.



## **Bience GAWANAS**

Bience Gawanas was elected as the African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs in 2003. Her work involves advocacy and the harmonization and coordination of regional and continental policies and programs relating to social development issues such as health, infectious diseases, migration and social welfare of vulnerable groups. Among the several positions she has occupied, Bience Gawanas served as a member of the Global Task team on Improving Coordination Amongst Multilateral Institutions and Donors and was also part of the International Board of Trustees of the African Child Policy Forum, an African NGO based in Ethiopia.



## **Laura GUCCI**

Laura Frati Gucci is World Vice President of the Association of Women Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders and also Director of Pirene, an event planning agency. She continued to work for her own family's business the Arpel Spa-Frati Group during 18 years and she has established units in Tunisia, Morocco, Poland, Germany and the United States.



**Ken HACKETT**

Ken Hackett is president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), one of the world's most effective and efficient relief and development agencies. He oversees operations in more than 100 countries. Mr. Hackett is a native of West Roxbury, Mass. Mr. Hackett was named a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great, one of the highest Papal honors.

**John HAMER**

John Hamer is a highly respected educational consultant, author and former HM Inspector of Schools, among many public appointments. John Hamer was the first Education Policy Advisor to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and is a consultant to the Council of Europe. John Hamer is a Special Lecturer in the School of Education at Nottingham University, Chairman of the Heritage Education Trust and governor of two other schools.

**Poul HANSEN**

Poul Hansen is the Head of the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace. The UNOSDP, based in Geneva and supported by a Liaison Office in New York, provides the entry point to the United Nations system with regard to Sport for Development and Peace, bringing the worlds of sport and development closer together. Poul Hansen has more than ten years of experience in the UN system, working previously with UNCTAD and UNECE; he is specialist on issues such as international trade and development.



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## **Princess HASSAN**

HRH Princess Sarvath El Hassan is the wife of Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan. Princess Sarvath served as Crown Princess of Jordan for over 30 years. She initiated, sponsored and continues to support many projects and activities in Jordan, mainly in the field of education, in addition to issues pertaining to women and the family, social welfare and health.



## **Jesse HAWKES**

Jesse Hawkes is a social activist, a film artist and youth development worker who currently lives in New York, but who lived and worked in Kigali for nearly six years. Jesse Hawkes is the Executive Director for Global Youth Connect, a human rights education and activism organization creating multicultural programs for youth and local organizations in Rwanda, Bosnia, and other countries.



## **Effenus HENDERSON**

Effenus Henderson is an internationally recognized diversity thought leader and has been invited by numerous companies and organizations to share his expertise. He has addressed members of the General Assembly of the United Nations on intercultural and interreligious diversity, and also addressed a high level panel of the Alliance of Civilizations in Madrid, Spain and in Istanbul. He has advised members of the United Nation's Alliance of Civilization and Global Compact offices on emerging issues. Additionally, he has advised leaders of Club de Madrid's Shared Societies Project on cross-cultural inclusion.

### Markus HIPPE

After taking up positions in the marketing and publishing industry in Munich and in Augsburg, Markus Hipp joined in 1998 the Robert Bosch Foundation in Stuttgart as assistant to the executive director. He became in 2000 the Foundation's deputy chief executive for Central and Eastern Europe, before being appointed to establish the Berlin office of the Robert Bosch Foundation in 2002, which he directed until August 2006. Since then he is the executive director of the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt.



### Desmond HUI

Desmond Hui is Director of the Centre for Cultural Policy Research, Master of Graduate House at the University of Hong Kong, and advisor to the UNESCO on cultural industries in Asia and the Pacific. His work includes *The Culture of Space* (published in 1999) and his research includes *Study on the Relationship between the Pearl River Delta and Hong Kong's Creative Industries*.



### Enrique IGLESIAS

Enrique Iglesias is the current secretary at the Ibero-American General Secretariat. Formally Enrique Iglesias has occupied distinguished positions; he was President of the Inter-American Development Bank, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean, Santiago de Chile; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Uruguay; Governor of the Central Bank of Uruguay and secretary of Planning, in Uruguay. He was also a University professor. A fulfilled career during which he received with decorations from several countries such as France, Spain and Japan.



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## **Giorgio INAUDI**

Giorgio Inaudi is the director of “Fondazione per la scuola della compagnia de San Paulo”. “Working with schools and for schools” to promote a better quality of education: this is the mission of this foundation. The Foundation develops and supports projects in collaboration with schools ; it also promotes better information about the European Union, the awareness of common European citizenship and interest in participating in EU programs and projects.



## **Leo JOHNSON**

Leo Johnson is a Partner in PwC’s Sustainability and Climate Change team, and Co-Founder of Sustainable Finance Ltd, now a part of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Group. Leo Johnson’s specialization is making business sense of sustainability, identifying environmental and social megatrends and the risks and opportunities for business leaders. He is a Business Fellow of the Smith School of Enterprise and Environment at Oxford, and a regular lecturer for Cambridge University’s Program for Sustainability Leadership. He has commented and written guest columns for BBC, CNN, CNBC, Financial Times and Wall Street Journal.



## **Siddiqa JUMA**

Guided by the Qur’an and Islamic tradition, Siddiqa Juma creates art that celebrates a rich religious and cultural heritage. She creates art that brings her Islamic background to life, with vibrant colours and patterns designed to inspire and invigorate.



### Joke VAN DER LEEUW-ROORD

Joke Van Der Leeuw-Roord is the Founding President and the Executive Director of EUROCLIO a European History Teachers' Association specialized in long-term projects in order to improve the level of history education. She worked from 1972 till 1993 as a history teacher, teacher trainer and history advisor. She was President of the Dutch history Teachers Association, VGN and editor of the Magazine on the Learning and Teaching of History in the Netherlands, Kleio. She works as consultant for the Council of Europe, UNESCO, OSCE, International Alert and the European Union.



### Claudia LEITÃO

Claudia Leitão is presently the secretary of Creative Economy at the Ministry of Culture. Graduated in law and in art education, she is also advisor of the Living Culture Program, is part of the Network of Cultural Policies Studies (Redepcult), and of the editorial board of the electronic magazine Políticas Culturais em Revista, at the Federal University of Bahia.



### Wilfried LEMKE

Wilfried Lemke, was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as his Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace in March 2008. Mr. Lemke has over 25 years of professional experience in both sport and politics. From 1999 to 2008, he served as Senator for Interior and Sport as well as Senator for Education and Science of the State of Bremen, Germany.



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## **Mohamed KABLI**

Mohamed Kabli is the director of the Royal Institute for Research on the history of Morocco. He holds a Ph.D in History at the University of Sorbonne in Paris in 1984. From 1962 to 1980, he taught at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Rabat). He was later charged with high academic functions. His research has focused on the social history and issues of society and religion in North Africa during the Middle Ages Islam.



## **Lucia LEMOS**

Lúcia Lemos is the current project manager of the Center for Creative Industries in Macau since its establishment in 2003. She is a photographer that had several exhibitions since 2000. She currently lives and works in Macau since 1982, a city that has inspired most of her published work. She started her artistic career in 2000 by participating in collective exhibitions with works that used different mediums.



## **Abba MAHDI**

Abba Mahdi has an experienced history in entrepreneurial studies and woman development issues. She has occupied several senior positions in Sudanese organizations such as the Quality Assurance Department and the UNICEF Women's Development Program. She is also a member of various Arab and international associations. She has also founded several civil Sudanese organizations (like "Hawwa" Sudanese Organization). With this fulfilled career, Abba Mahdi is continuing to study and currently working on a graduate degree in the role of civil society organizations in decision making.

**Joseph MIFSUD**

President of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Piran (EMUNI) since 2008, Joseph Mifsud is also a Professor from Malta. He has been a local, international and governmental consultant, and advisor to numerous institutions and countries as well as an editorial consultant.

**Beverly MILTON-EDWARDS**

Beverly Milton-Edwards is a professor of politics at Queen's University in Belfast and also a writer focus on the Political Islam and the Politics of the Middle East. She wrote many books and has been awarded in 2004 with the 'Oscar of Higher Education' – a National Teaching Fellowship, and also awarded THES/LTSN E-tutor of the year 2002.

**Dalia MOGAHED**

Dalia Mogahed is the Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, a non-partisan research center that provides data and analysis to reflect the views of Muslims all over the world. She was selected as an advisor by U.S. President Barack Obama on the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Along with John Esposito, she co-authored the book *Who speaks for Islam? What a billion Muslims really think*.



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## **Hadia MOHAMMED GONDJI**

Founding member of EWEA - Ethiopian Women Exporters' Association – Hadia Mohammed Gondji has 36 years of experience in diplomatic missions, UN organizations and private organizations. She is the Managing Director of Holetta Roses, Hadia Seed enterprises agribusiness, Hadia Flower, Hadia Supermarket. Board member of different national and international organizations, she's also a country representative of AWAN (African Women Agribusiness Network) and AAFWA (African-American Foundation of Women Association) and member of BPW.



## **Maha MOHY**

Maha Mohy is part of the Egyptian Business Women Association, EBWA, an association established to accomplish certain objectives in the field of the development of the Business Women's career and the creation of young Business Women generation who are able to start their own Businesses and are capable of managing their enterprises and contribute in the growth of economy and decrease the unemployment rates by creation of new job opportunities.



## **Jane MUNYAO**

Jane Munyao is Chairman of the Association of East African Women Entrepreneurs, an apex body for women entrepreneurs in the East African region whose membership is open to all women entrepreneurs irrespective of the businesses sectors they are in.

**Mohamed NASHEED**

Mohamed Nasheed is the President of the Maldives and a former member of Parliament for Malé. He was a journalist and activist human rights before he entered politics. Due to his criticism of the past governments and their policies, he was arrested and sentenced several times. He is the founder of the Maldivian Democratic Party. In April 2010, President Nasheed won the United Nations 'Champions of the Earth' environment award.

**Eyal NAVEH**

Professor Eyal Naveh is a Senior Fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute, where he heads the Political Education project. Eyal Naveh was the chairperson of the General and Interdisciplinary Studies program at Tel Aviv University. He is a professor of U.S. history in the History Department at Tel Aviv University. In addition, he lectures at the Kibbutzim College of Education and is a member of its Academic Council.

**Rosalind NEWLANDS**

Since 1983 Rosalind Newlands is an active Scottish Tourist Guide and President of the World Federation of Tourist Guides Associations, representing over 65 countries. In addition to her tourist guide activities and her global role, she is also Course Director for the 2-year Scottish Tourist Guide Training Course at the University of Edinburgh.



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## **Hass Dellal OAM**

Hass Dellal Oam is the Executive Director of the Australian Multicultural Foundation. He has over twenty years of experience in policy, management, community development and programming for cultural diversity. He has extensive experience nationally and internationally in multicultural affairs. He has prepared programs on community relations on behalf of Government authorities and the private sector.



## **Auma OBAMA**

Dr. Auma Obama is CARE USA's Sports for Social Change Initiative Technical Advisor that aims at promoting the integration and multiple approaches in using sports as a tool for social change for vulnerable and At-Risk Youth, in particular girls. Dr. Obama is pioneering this new Initiative in East Africa. Currently she sits on the boards of Women Win that promotes gender equity through sports and of the 50x15 Foundation that creates the means and opportunity for communities in high-growth markets to participate in and benefit from the "life services" accessible by the Internet and computing capabilities.



## **Tariq RAMADAN**

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss academic writer. He is also a Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies in the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Oxford University. He advocates the study and re-interpretation of Islamic texts, and emphasizes the heterogeneous nature of Western Muslims.

### Ana Carla Fonseca REIS

Ana Carla Fonseca Reis is a founding partner of the consultancy company “Garimpo de Soluções - economics, culture and development”, UN Special Advisor on Creative Economy, volunteer Director of Economics of Culture of Instituto Pensarte, and monthly collaborator to the digital newsletter “Cultura e Mercado”, researcher, professor and coordinator of a number of university courses.



### Andreas RICCARDI

Founder of Community of Sant'Egidio, a global community dedicated to charity, evangelizing and peacemaking, Andrea Riccardi, was appointed minister for International Cooperation and Integration Policies of the new Italian government lead by Mario Monti. He is also a professor of Contemporary History at La Terza University in Rome and has received honorary degrees in recognition of his historical and cultural merits from several universities including the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), Cardinal Herrera University - CEU of Valencia (Spain) and Georgetown University in Washington (USA).



### Taleb RIFAI

Taleb Rifai is Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) based in Madrid, Spain. Mr. Rifai has an extensive background in international and national public service, the private sector and academia. Prior to joining UNWTO, he was the Assistant Director General of the International Labour Organization (ILO). He has also served in several ministerial portfolios in the Government of Jordan: Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Minister of Information and Minister of Tourism and Antiquity.





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## **Robert I. ROTBERG**

Robert I. Rotberg is an American who served as President emeritus of the World Peace Foundation (1993-2010). An American professor in governance and foreign affairs, he was director of the Program on Intrastate Conflict, Conflict Prevention, and Conflict Resolution at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (1999-2010), and has served in administrative positions at Tufts University and Lafayette College.



## **Jeffrey SACHS**

Jeffrey Sachs is the Director of the Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. From 2002 to 2006, he was Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals. Sachs is also President and Co-Founder of Millennium Promise Alliance.



## **Edna DOS SANTOS**

Edna dos Santos is a development economist who started her international career at the United Nations in 1983. She joined the Minerals & Metals Branch of the Commodities Division of UNCTAD in Geneva, and was for 12 years in charge of intergovernmental action and technical research in the area of iron ore and steel-related commodities. In 1995 she joined the Cabinet of the Secretary General of UNCTAD and was Chef de Cabinet for 10 years. In 2005 Ms. Dos Santos became Chief, Creative Industries Programs of UNCTAD.

### Rabbi Arthur SCHNEIER

Rabbi Arthur Schneier is internationally known for his leadership on behalf of religious freedom, human rights and tolerance, with specific interest in China, Russia, Central Europe and the Balkans. Founder and President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation (1965) and spiritual leader of New York's Park East Synagogue (1962), he was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal by President William J. Clinton. Recipient of U.S. Department of State Special Recognition Award for his ecumenical work in favor of mutual understanding, tolerance and peace.



### Catherine SMITH

Catherine Cornelius Smith is the General Partner of True Bell Inclusion, a position that comes after a career that has provided her the opportunity to serve in the White House, as a trusted and as a business builder and corporate strategist around a diversity and inclusion platform within broadcasting, publishing and online media. Catherine Smith served as an executive team member with Diversity Best Practices where she lead relationships and provided consultation to dozens of Fortune 500 companies. She has earned a reputation of trust among many corporate and nonprofit leaders in the community.



### Dhananjayan SRISKANDARAJAH

Dr. Sriskandarajah Dhananjayan is the Interim Director of the Commonwealth Foundation, an inter-governmental agency established in 1965 to promote international understanding across the modern Commonwealth. He is also an established author and commentator on international migration and ethnic diversity.



# **SPEAKERS** OF 4<sup>TH</sup> UNAOC FORUM



## **William Lacy SWING**

Prior to his work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, United States 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). During a long diplomatic career at the US Department of State, Mr. Swing was a six-time ambassador, managing some of the largest diplomatic missions and foreign development and humanitarian aid programs in two hemispheres, with a record of strengthening bilateral relationships. On 18 June 2008, Ambassador William L. Swing was elected as the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).



## **Dougal THOMSON**

Dougal Thomson has spent the last eleven years organizing high-level conferences on issues including trade, innovation, sustainability, urban development, energy and sport. Based in Geneva, he produces Economist Conferences' events in Continental Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Prior to joining The Economist Group, Dougal Thomson worked for research company Datamonitor, developing the company's events program.



## **Pascale THUMERELLE**

Pascale Thumerelle is Vice President of Sustainable Development of Vivendi 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. Pascale Thumerelle began her career in publishing. Subsequently she worked for the European Commission and at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs before joining Vivendi in 2001.

### Jean-Pierre TITZ

Jean-Pierre Titz is the Head of the history division at the Council of Europe. From early on, the Council of Europe has encouraged its Member States to confront and revise their textbooks in order to dispel the erroneous clichés and interpretations concerning their neighbour states. After having helped teachers and students from across Europe to discover and understand their common history since 1989, the Council of Europe aims to promote a lively and attractive historical education which incorporates the study and understanding of great events: the teaching of memory, the prevention of crimes against humanity and the greater appreciation of the European dimension in the teaching of history.



### Mateusz TRYBOWSKI

Mateusz Trybowski – Vice President of International Federation of Liberal Youth – hails from Montreal, Quebec and is 25 years old. He has been involved in Canadian liberal youth politics since 2005 at both the federal and provincial levels. He also possesses professional political experience through past work as a legislative assistant to numerous Liberal Members of Parliament and the Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons. Before being elected as an IFLRY Bureau Vice-President, he served as the Alberta Young Liberals' External Coordinator.



### Martijn VAN DE VEEN

Martijn van de Veen is the General Manager of International Student Identity Card (ISIC). The ISIC Association's main product is the ISIC card, the only internationally accepted proof of full-time student status. It is endorsed by organisations such as UNESCO, the European Council on Culture and the Andean Community of Nations. Martijn Van De Veen has developed the ISIC to create ground-breaking new products such as the ISIC MasterCard student bank card.



### Dawid DE VILLIERS

Dr. Dawid de Villiers is the former Deputy Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, he is currently the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Task Force for the Protection of Children. He was one of the sport's greatest scrum halves and captain of the South African national team from 1965 to 1970. After his playing days ended, he went on to a highly successful political career. He was minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism from 1980 to 1994. He also served as South Africa ambassador to the UK and was one of three ministers from the apartheid-era government included in the national unity government formed under Mandela.



# LET'S DOH'ART

**D**oh'Art Intercultural Festival will be held from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2011 in Doha's cultural city, Katara, as a creative support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

## **Doh'Art Intercultural Festival**

The Festival of dialogue, melting-pot, development of identities and cultures.

A festival is a unique opportunity to awaken the consciousness of a history, the legacy of a civilization, a culture, so that the identity and values held by all its actors become sources of pride. The Doh'Art Intercultural Festival is the necessary tool and natural distribution for this message. It will be a time of openness, exchange and sharing with other people one's culture, arts and stories.



### A special spirit

Through a large selection of famous international artists, representing many cultures, the Festival is targeting a very large public, especially the young people. Exhibitions, concerts, cultural events (food tasting, visit of mosque, workshops, conferences...) will follow the same theme: **"Filling the gap existing between different cultures in order to consolidate peace through dialogue and development"**.



All the present artists will perform with one or more Qatari or other regional artist. The Doh'Art Intercultural Festival will also heighten in credibility by leveraging a large network of public figures and various institutions from the world of culture: Institutions, NGOs, Associations and UNESCO's Creative Cities Network.

They will all try to develop and present, together, events and content that put the spotlight on intercultural dialogue; affirming, together, the fundamental importance and central role of culture in development.



### A special place: Katara

The Cultural Village Foundation "Katara" is an exceptional project of hope and human interaction. It aims to contribute to raise the cultural movement in Qatar and to promote and highlight the creative energies through the management of its different buildings and facilities. Katara is a suitable environment for caring and activation of cultural and creative intellectual and artistic activities. It will be a forum for artists and intellectuals, the center for the promotion of cultural awareness through festivals, exhibitions, symposiums, concerts, and all kinds of artistic expressions.

The **Doh'Art Intercultural Festival** could play a double role by promoting Katara as a cultural and "creative" village and by creating an annual artistic event focused on the intercultural dialogue (traditions, modernity, creation, innovation, etc...). The dialogue between the arts will show a shared commitment for peace and will carry a message of hope to the world.



# PROGRAM

PERMANENT, AS FROM 10 DECEMBER 2011

Traditional Crafts and Creators (Designing Hope)  
Art Center (building 5)

Jazz at your fingertips (by Sophie le Roux)  
Art Center (Gallery 1)

Shared Glass Exhibition (by VCUQatar and Fabrica)  
Art Center (Gallery 2)

Fragmentos by Ruben Alterio  
Photographic Society (building 18)

All Roads Exhibition (by National Geographic)  
Photographic Society

The musical soul of our planet (by Christian Holl)  
Photographic Society

Beyond the Being (by Patrick de Wilde)  
Palisades







#### SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2011

- 07:15 pm to 08:00 pm Brazilian percussions (by Banda Pracatum)  
Katara's Streets
- 08:00 pm to 10:00 pm Chico and the Gypsies and Gypsy Rai with the participation  
of Saoud Jassim Shaheen  
Drama Theater (by invitation only)
- 08:00 pm to 11:00 pm Flavors of the World (Katara's restaurants)  
Promenade Restaurants

#### SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2011

- 07:30 pm to 11:00 pm Welcoming reception  
Promenade

#### MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2011

- 09:30 pm to 10:30 pm Brazilian percussions by Banda Pracatum  
Art Center (courtyard)
- 08:00 pm to 11:00 pm Flavors of the World (Katara's restaurants)  
Promenade Restaurants

#### TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2011

- 07:15 pm to 08:00 pm Percussions from Qatar by Al Lulua Band  
Katara's Streets
- 08:00 pm to 10:00 pm The Doh'Art's Night (Los Vivancos, Gypsy Project, Banda Pracatum,  
The Doha Jazz Orchestra, Fahad Al Kubaisi)  
Drama Theater (by invitation only)
- 08:00 pm to 11:00 pm Flavors of the World (Katara's restaurants)  
Promenade Restaurants

# ARTISTS & EXHIBITIONS

## The Doh'Art is under the patronage of :

- Her Highness Office

## It's godfathers and godmothers will be :

- Her Royal Highness Princess Béatrice of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, who is the president of Arte Nostra Foundation, she strives to preserve and encourage the living heritage of Mediterranean craftsmen
- The franco-maroccan actor Saïd Taghmaoui, a UNESCO Artist for Peace
- The actress and model Marisa Berenson (USA), unforgettable star of the movies "Barry Lyndon", "Cabaret" and "Death in Venice"
- The franco-maroccan Artist Titouan Lamazou, the author of the incredible exhibition "Women of the World", a series of pictures representing the women of the 5 continents.



## Among legendary musicians we will see

- Chico and the Gypsies who's the leader and founder of the Gypsy Kings, Chico is an internationally well known artist in the world of popular music. His commitments and engagements have granted him the title of UNESCO Artist for Peace.
- The Algerian Prince of Rai music, Cheb Aïssa, will present with Chico the coming out of their new album Gypsy Rai (EMI Arabia).
- Al Lulua is a Qatari group; its musical and poetic art is heir of Qatari traditions.
- Saoud Jassim Shaheen is a Qatari singer, combining tradition with modern interpretation.
- Fahad Al-Kubaisi, best young arab singer 2007.
- "Banda Pracatum", a group of young drummers coming from Salvador de Bahia in Brazil, sponsored by the famous musician Carlinhos Brown.
- In the dancing area we'll see the famous contemporary Flamenco ballet « Los Vivancos » (Spain).

## A series of exhibitions will be held with

- the Contemporary Argentinean artist Ruben Alterio,
- the great franco-belgian reporter Patrick de Wilde. He has taken during 30 years pictures of endangered and isolated populations on the five continents,
- the photographer Sophie Le Roux with « Le Jazz au bout des doigts » (Jazz at your fingertips). During 30 years, Sophie Le Roux has taken pictures of the greatest jazzmen of the planet such as Miles Davis, BB King, Al Jarreau and Phil Woods,
- the musician of the Nature Christian Holl (Franco-Netherlands),
- the French Designer Cyrille Varet , Founder of the "Designing Hope" association for the disadvantaged women of Southern Africa. He worked with more than 100 world wild well-known designers such as Alber Elbaz, Christian Lacroix, Jean Paul Gauthier and Xuly Bei, the fashion designer and weaver Eric Raisina from Madagascar, with French and Asians origins. A trip in Mali allows him to study the Dogon Art. Then he organizes some fashion shows in Dakar every year and in 2000, he opens his own design studio in Siem Reap Capital of the Khmer Empire in collaboration with local craftsmen, embroiders, weaver, dress designers.

**Book-signing session and open discussion (Talk Art) will be held** at Katara Art Center around the topic « Arts and Cultural Enterprises on local Communities » that will gather leaders of creative industries.





## AL JAZEERA NETWORK

Al Jazeera Network is one of the world's leading media corporations, encompassing news, documentaries and sport. Al Jazeera started out fifteen years ago as the first independent Arabic news channel in the world dedicated to providing comprehensive television news and live debate. Al Jazeera was formally named the Al Jazeera Network in March 2006, transforming its operation into an international media corporation – the Al Jazeera Network now consists of the flagship Al Jazeera Arabic channel, Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera Balkans, Al Jazeera Sport, Al Jazeera Mubasher, Al Jazeera Documentary, the Al Jazeera Media Training and Development Center, and the Al Jazeera Center for Studies.

● <http://www.aljazeera.net>



## FRANCE 24

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● <http://www.france24.com>

## EURONEWS

Launched in 1993, Euronews is a multiplatform media covering world affairs 24/7 in 11 editions with 400 journalists. It has 7m daily viewers in Europe. 1<sup>st</sup> international news channel in Europe, Euronews has been striving to supply factually-correct information in a non-superficial format. In 2011, Euronews took one step further and reinvented itself as a powerful multimedia globalnewschannel thanks to its international network.

► <http://www.euronews.net/>



## MONTE CARLO DOUALIYA - MCD

Subsidiary of RFI, Monte Carlo Doualiya is the first French radio in Arabic. It broadcasts to Middle East on 23 FM channels in 12 countries. All programs and information are produced and performed in its studio in Paris. A team of 80 journalists around the world, provides independent information, a modern grid that informs, entertains and focuses on direct, interactive and local emissions. The radio is listened to by 7.6 m of auditors.

► <http://www.france24.comar/mcd>



## arabian **Business**

### ARABIAN BUSINESS

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◆ <http://www.arabianbusiness.com>



### QATAR NEWS AGENCY - QNA

The Qatar News Agency started in 1975 as the first Arab news agency in the Gulf region. Its daily bulletin reports official government as well as private sector news on local, regional and international politics, business, finance, stock market, education, sports and culture. QNA has gradually expanded its role in order to fully serve the news and media industry. It provides studies, researches as well as audio and video news services. It also coordinates with media organizations in order to facilitate news reporting on local and international events.

◆ <http://www.qnaol.net/QNAAr/>

## INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - ITH

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◆ <http://global.nytimes.com>

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## AL SHARQ AL-AWSAT

Asharq Al-Awsat is the world's premier pan-Arab daily newspaper, the headquarter is located in London, and it's being distributed both in the Middle East (Mashreq) and the Maghreb, especially in Morocco. Progressive and comprehensive, Asharq Al-Awsat is the preferred daily Arab- language newspaper, with its readership penetrating all socio-economic groups. Famous for conducting in-depth interviews with prominent and influential personalities alike, Asharq Al-Awsat's news team provides their world wide readers with objective and impartial news coverage, thus cementing the journalistic integrity of the newspaper.

◆ <http://www.aawsat.com>

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◆ <http://www.unmultimedia.org>

## le soleil

## LE SOLEIL

The «Société Sénégalaise de Presse et de Publications» (SSPP) - called «Le Soleil», editor of the newspaper «Le Soleil» printed at 25,000 copies distributed all over the world - is a corporation founded in 1970. This is a press, publishing and distribution company for all newspapers, periodicals and books. «Le Soleil» employs about 175 people. Its online edition Internet has been running since April 3, 1998.

◆ <http://www.lesoleil.sn>

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY / ALL ROADS

The National Geographic Society has been inspiring people to care about the planet since 1888. It is one of the largest non-profit scientific and educational institutions in the world. Its interests include geography, archaeology and natural science, the promotion of environmental and historical conservation. The All Roads Photography Project is a National Geographic Society Mission's Program dedicated to providing a platform for indigenous and underrepresented minority-culture storytellers around the world to showcase their works to promote knowledge, dialogue, and understanding with a broader, global audience.

► <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>

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◆ <http://www.africa-union.org>



### **ARAB LEAGUE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION - ALECSO**

It is a Tunis-based institution of the Arab League. ALECSO implement development activities related to education, culture and science in the Arab world and the dissemination of the values of peace, tolerance and dialogue. ALECSO is also working to develop international cooperation in these areas. ALECSO is responsible for several tasks including, in particular, the human resource development and modernization in the areas of education, culture and science in the Arab countries. It also works to promote the language and Arab culture and the establishment of bridges of dialogue and cooperation between Arab culture and other cultures.

◆ <http://www.alecso.org.tn>

### COMMUNITY OF PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE COUNTRIES – CPLP

The Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries is a multilateral forum for deepening mutual friendship and cooperation among its members. Created in 1996 the CPLP overall objectives are to coordinate the political and diplomatic relations between State members and to strengthen their presence in the international arena, to encourage cooperation in all fields and finally to promote and disseminate the Portuguese language.

◆ <http://www.cplp.org>



### COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Council of Europe, based in Strasbourg (France), now covers virtually the entire European continent, with its 47 member countries. Founded on 5 May 1949 by 10 countries, the Council of Europe seeks to develop throughout Europe common and democratic principles based on the European Convention on Human Rights and other reference texts on the protection of individuals.

◆ <http://www.coe.int>



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### INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION- IUP

Founded in 1889, IPU is the focal point for world-wide parliamentary dialogue. It works for peace and co-operation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative democracy. The IPU supports the efforts of the United Nations, whose objectives it shares, and works in close co-operation with it. The Union also co-operates with regional inter-parliamentary organizations, as well as with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which are motivated by the same ideals.

● <http://www.ipu.org>



### INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION - ILO

The International Labour Organization is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, pursuing its founding mission that labour peace is essential to prosperity. It is the only tripartite U.N. agency with government, employer, and worker representatives. The tripartite structure makes the ILO a unique forum in which the governments and the social partners of the economy of its 183 Member States can freely and openly debate and elaborate labour standards and policies.

● <http://www.ilo.org>

### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION - IOM

With 132 member states, a further 17 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated since 1951 to ensure the management of humane and orderly migration. It does so by providing services and advices to governments and migrants. IOM strives to promote international cooperation on migration issues, assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

◆ <http://www.iom.int>



### ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION - ISESCO

The idea for the establishment of the ISESCO took a concrete form during the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Dakar in 1978. ISESCO is an independent institution for joint Islamic action, as a result of the common will of the Muslim Ummah embodied in the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, and the Founding Conference of ISESCO.

◆ <http://www.isesco.org>



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### LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES- LAS

The League of Arab States is a regional organization of Arab states founded in 1945 with the main goal to "draw closer the relations between member states, co-ordinate collaboration between them, to safeguard their independence and sovereignty, and to consider in a general way the affairs and interests of the Arab countries». The organization is constituted of several institutions that facilitate political, economic, cultural, scientific and social programs designed to promote the interests of the Arab world.

◆ <http://www.arableagueonline.org>



### ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE - OIF

It is an international organization of politics and governments with French as the mother or customary language, where a significant proportion of people are francophone (French speakers), or where there is a notable affiliation with the French language or culture. The International Organisation of Francophonie was created in 1970. Its mission is to embody the active solidarity between its 75 member states and governments (56 members and 19 observers), which together represent over one-third of the United Nations' member states and account for a population of over 890 million people, including 220 million French speakers.

◆ <http://www.francophonie.org>



### ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES – OAS

The Organization of American States is the world's oldest regional organization, dating back to 1889. The Organization was established in order to achieve among its member states "an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence". The Organization uses a four-pronged approach to effectively implement its essential purposes, based on its main pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development.

◆ <http://www.oas.org>



### ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION – BSEC

On 25 June 1992, the Heads of State and Government of eleven countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine signed in Istanbul the Summit Declaration and the Bosphorus Statement giving birth to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC). It came into existence as a unique and promising model of multilateral political and economic initiative aimed at fostering interaction and harmony among the Member States, as well as to ensure peace, stability and prosperity encouraging friendly and good-neighbourly relations in the Black Sea region.

◆ <http://www.bsec-organization.org>



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### ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE - OIC

Since 1969, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (formerly Organization of the Islamic Conference) has been the collective voice of the Muslim world. It has consultative and cooperative relations with the UN and other inter-governmental organizations to protect the vital interests of the Muslims and to work for the settlement of conflicts and disputes involving Member States. OIC is the second largest inter-governmental organization after the United Nations which with 57 member states spread over four continents.

◆ <http://www.oicun.org>



### ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE- OSCE

With 56 States from Europe, Central Asia and North America, the OSCE is the world's largest regional security organization. It offers a forum for political negotiations and decision-making in the fields of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, and puts the political will of its participating States into practice through its unique network of field missions.

◆ <http://www.osce.org>

### RESEARCH CENTER FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE - IRCICA

Established in Istanbul in 1980, IRCIA is the first subsidiary organ of the Organization of the Islamic Conference concerned with culture. Its main purpose is to be a focal point and meeting place for scholars, researchers, artists, institutions, organizations and other parties which deal with studies and research on various aspects of the Islamic civilization.

► <http://www.ircica.org>



### SECRETARIAT GÉNÉRAL IBÉROAMÉRICAIN- SEGIB

The first Summit of Heads of State and Government of Latin America in 1991 established a Latin American Conference, composed of Spanish and Portuguese European and American States. The annual meetings led to progress in political cooperation, economic and cultural cooperation. To reinforce this process, the XIII Summit decided in 2003 to create the General Secretariat as a new international organization. The SEGIB, which is headquartered in Madrid, is the permanent body of institutional and technical support to the Ibero-American Conference and the Summit of Heads of State and Government, composed of the 22 Latin American countries: nineteen in Latin America and three in the peninsula Ibérica.

► <http://segib.org>



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### **UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION - UNESCO**

UNESCO was established in 1945 at the time of the creation of the UN. It has 194 Member States (in 2011), and 8 associate members. The UNESCO works to create the conditions for dialogue among civilizations, cultures and peoples, based upon respect for community shared values. UNESCO aims also to build peace through education, science, culture and communication.

● <http://www.unesco.org>



### **UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES - UNHCR**

Established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly, UNHCR is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

● <http://www.unhcr.org>

### UNION LATINE - UNILAT

The Latin Union is more than ever conscious of its vocation to give a visible expression and substance to the solidarity that must unite the members of the Latin family and strengthen their exchanges with non-member states. In this spirit, the Latin Union is committed to developing an ongoing dialogue with Member States and intergovernmental bodies, including regional actions based on the principles of complementarity and subsidiary, oriented towards the promotion of Latin languages and cultures and the development of the common heritage.

◆ <http://www.unilat.org>



### UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - UCLG

United Cities and Local Governments represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage, regardless of the size of the communities they serve. Headquartered in Barcelona, the organization's stated mission is: "To be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community."

◆ <http://www.cities-localgovernments.org>



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### UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION – UNWTO

The World Tourism Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations and the leading international organization in the field of tourism which headquarters is based in Madrid. UNWTO serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues, a practical source of tourism know-how. It plays a central and decisive role in promoting the development of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism, paying particular attention to the interests of developing countries. Its membership includes 154 countries, 7 territories and over 400 Affiliate Members representing the private sector, educational institutions, tourism associations and local tourism authorities.

◆ <http://www.unwto.org>



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### AL-FAKHOORA

Al Fakhoora is an international student solidarity campaign, led by students across Qatar and supported by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Special Envoy to UNESCO for Basic and Higher Education. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the plight of students in Gaza and to appeal to the international community to raise its voice in insisting that education be protected during this crisis.

● <http://fakhoora.org>



### ARAB DEMOCRACY FOUNDATION - ADF

The Arab Democracy Foundation was established on May 27, 2007 at the initiative of Arab Democracy advocates who convened in the First and Second Forums on Democracy and Political Reform in the Arab World. Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned announced the birth of this foundation and chaired its Board of Trustees. ADF is an independent international Arab civil society organization advocating democracy as a culture, as a way of life, and as the best system for good governance. It provides material and moral support to organizations and activists in this field, by using all possible peaceful means, and by channeling all human and financial resources available at the local, regional and international levels.

● <http://www.adf.org.qa/>

### DOHA CENTER FOR MEDIA FREEDOM - DCMF

The Doha center for media freedom is a non-profit organization working for press freedom and quality journalism in Qatar, the Middle East and the world. Since press freedom and quality journalism are vital for empowering citizens to participate in social and political life and that functioning media are crucial for healthy societies and sustainable economies, Doha Centre for Media Freedom focuses its activities on three domains:

- Direct assistance to journalists and media organizations
- Training and education
- Research, reflection and memory

► <http://www.dc4mf.org>



### DOHA INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE - DICID

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue was established in May 2008 as a result of a recommendation of the Fifth Doha Interfaith Conference that took place on May 2007 in Doha. With its annual conference for interfaith dialogue among religions, its research center, its scientific journal and other activities, the centre strives to become a leading model in achieving peaceful coexistence between followers of different faiths and an international reference for interfaith dialogue.

► <http://www.dicid.orgenglish/index.php>





# PARTNERS

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### FANAR

Fanar is Qatar's Islamic Cultural center striving to help all non-Arabs to be more informed about Islam. It's wide services and activities include taking care of new converts' affairs, carrying out research and studies in order to attain the goal of the Charity, holding Arabic language courses for the non-Arabic speakers and organizing cultural and social activities for the propagation of the Islamic way of life. By diffusing Islamic culture through multiple styles and means, Fanar uses the exact metaphor of the lighthouse to act as a beacon of light to humanity, hoping to present culture to feed and nurture the soul.

◆ <http://www.fanar.gov.qa>



### NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE - NHRC

Since the Accession of his Highness the Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, there has been an increased emphasis on liberalizing Qatar, in order to facilitate its social, cultural and economic development. The NHRC was established on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2002, on the basis of Emiri Decree No. 38 of that year. It is bound by the Paris Principles – a set of guidelines set by the United Nations for National Human Rights Organizations. The NHRC is not affiliated to the United Nations or any other International Bodies and it aims mainly to uphold and promote the human rights in the International Treaties which the State of Qatar has acceded to.

◆ <http://www.nhrc-qa.org>

### REACH OUT TO ASIA - ROTA

The idea for an initiative, which would reach out to the Asian continent to provide those in need with quality education was conceived by Qatar's Heir Apparent, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in 2005. Reach Out To Asia operates as NGO within the framework of Qatar Foundation - a private non-profit organization foundation. ROTA's mission is to extend that assistance into Asia - where it's strategic geographic location gives it a unique opportunity to support its neighboring countries as they overcome developmental difficulties. As more than 60% of Qatar's own expatriate community is of Asian origin, ROTA receives insight and understanding of the needs and cultural norms of the Asian people.

◆ <http://www.reachouttoasia.org>



**REACH OUT TO ASIA**  
أيادي الخير نحو آسيا

Member of Qatar Foundation عضو في مؤسسة قطر

### SILATECH

Silatech was founded in January 2008 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser with broad support from other regional and international leader. It aims to address the critical and growing need to create jobs and economic opportunities for young people. The initiative promotes large-scale job creation, entrepreneurship, and access to capital and markets for young people, starting first in the Arab world, where the highest rate of youth unemployment exists.

◆ <http://www.silatech.com>

**Silatech**™

Young People...Enterprise...Employment...

### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY RESEARCH INSTITUTE - SESRI

It is a recent initiative of Qatar University established at the end of 2008. The mandate of the Institute is to conduct survey research on issues related to the development and welfare of Qatari society, including the social, economic, and cultural areas. The data produced by SESRI will be useful for informing decision making and for guiding policy formulation and planning. Equally importantly, the Institute will build capacity at the national university in survey research methodology by serving as a platform for QU faculty and senior students to conduct their own research.

◆ <http://www.qu.edu.qa/sesri/>

**SESRI**

معهد البحوث الاجتماعية والاقتصادية للمسح  
Social & Economic Survey Research Institute

# PARTNERS OF THE FORUM SESSIONS

Adyan (Foundation Lebanese foundation for interfaith studies and spiritual solidarity, with Christian and Muslim founding members)

Club of Madrid

CRT Foundation (Cassa di Risparmio di Torino = Banque d'Epargne de Turin)

Dialogue Café Association

Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Fundacion SES, International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (Argentina) and People's Movement for Human Rights Learning (PDHRE))

Global dialogue Foundation (Australia) and SAGE Foundation (India)

GLOMEX (Global Media Exchange)

Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace

ICT4Peace (information Communications Technology (ICT) for peace)

ICTQatar (information Communications Technology (ICT) for Qatar)

Institut du Monde Arabe

Institute for Community Cohesion, Association of International Education Administrators

International Foundation For Survival and Development of Humanity

International Organization for Migration

International Peace and Cooperation Center

Intuit

IRCICA (Le Centre d'Etude de l'Histoire, de l'Art et de la Culture Islamique)

ISESCO

Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFC)

Just vision

Linguamon

One Voice

One Young World and University of Birmingham

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

Religions for Peace

Simon Kondratieff Institute (Russia) and the Simos Kuznets Institute (Ukraine)

Soliya

The British Council and the US Center for Citizen Diplomacy

The International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) Vienna/Ljubljana

The Masters programme on Social and Community Theater at the University of Turin

The project Caravan – Artists on the Road

True Blue Inclusion

University of Missouri School of Journalism and British Council

World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## QATAR NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (QNCC)

The Qatar National Convention Centre is one of the largest convention and exhibition centres in the Middle East and member of the Qatar Foundation. Opened in 2011, the Qatar National Convention Centre is an unequalled convention facility, boasting iconic design and cutting edge facilities in a world-first green-technology venue. The QNCC is located alongside elite universities, research and technology institutions in Education City, a new global hub of ideas and innovation.

### QATAR FACTS & FIGURES

**Official Name**  
State of Qatar

**Capital City**  
Doha

**Population**  
1.7 million

**National Day**  
18 December

**Main Towns**  
Al Wakra, Al Rayyan, Al Khor, Dukhan, Mesaied, Ras Laffan, Al Shamal, Umm Salal.

**Language**  
Arabic is the official language. However English is commonly used as a second language.

**Climate**  
Doha enjoys sunshine almost every day of the year. December is expected pleasantly warm with outside temperatures ranging from 15 to 25 degrees Celsius.

### QNCC

Education City PO Box 34195  
Doha, Qatar  
T: +974 4454 6000  
F: +974 4454 6006

### Ground transportation

UNAOC Doha Forum welcome team will be greeting you at the Welcome desk into Arrivals Hall and will help for transfers to hotels.

- Transportation Shuttles from Doha airport to Forum selected Hotels and vice versa will be arranged by the State of Qatar for participants who indicate their arrival/departure details on the on-line registration form.

- Transportation between the appointed hotels to the meeting venue (QNCC) and vice versa will also be organized as well as transportation from hotels to Katara for opening evening on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

- For participants interested by the Doh'art intercultural Festival, shuttle service will be provided between Forum selected hotels and Katara.

### Wi-Fi Access:

- Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout the venue on 'QNCC-guest'. No password is required.

### Business centers & Internet Points:

- Two Business centers - each with an Internet point - are placed at your disposal at:  
Level 1 – "Meeting Rooms" 101 & 102

### Prayer Rooms:

- Prayer rooms are located in the concourse areas of ground level and first level.

### About Qatar

Qatar is one of the most dynamic economies in the Middle East. It has undergone exceptional economic and social development over the last 20 years. With an attractive business environment and a progressive national leadership, the country continues to be one of the fastest growing economies in the region.

Qatar is an Islamic country and as courtesy visitors should dress modestly. Public displays of affection between men and women are discouraged and if deemed to infringe on moral values can be a punishable offence. Alcohol may be purchased and consumed only on licensed premises. Drinking and driving is a serious offence and the country has zero tolerance towards drugs.

### About Education City

Qatar Foundation's flagship project is Education City, in Doha, dedicated to a unique cluster of elite institutions housed in futuristic buildings. The QNCC is located in Education City. Top American universities and world-class research and technology centers have sprouted from the desert to form this oasis of knowledge and innovation.

### QATAR FACTS & FIGURES

#### Time zone

GMT + 3 hours in winter.

#### Banking and currency exchange

Qatar uses the Riyal (QAR) as its currency unit, which is divided into 100 dirhams. Notes in circulation are in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500.

#### 1 EUR




approximately 5.50 QAR










#### 1 US\$



approximately 3.65 QAR

# PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS

## ROOM ASSIGNMENT

-  Registration
-  Box Office
-  Baggage drop-off

-  Elevators
-  Stairs
-  Escalators
-  Cafe
-  Male Toilets
-  Female Toilets
-  Male Prayer Room
-  Female Prayer Room
-  Medical Centre

-  Underground walkway to car park
-  Bus drop-off point

### Conference Hall

Plenary Session Day 2, Plenary Session Day 3 and  
Commitments Session Day 2

## QNCC – GROUND FLOOR



Entrance 1: Bus, Taxi, VIP Drop-off.

Entrance 2: VIP Drop-off.

Entrance 3: Bus, Taxi Drop-off.

Entrance 4: Visitor Car Park, Exhibition Centre, Loading Dock.



## QNCC – LEVEL 2

### Meeting Rooms

Breakout Sessions, Action Network Sessions and Lab Sessions

### Theater

Opening Session, Plenary Session Day 1, Special Session Day 1, Award Ceremony for Intercultural Innovation and Closing Session

## QNCC – LEVEL 1

### Media Center

### Business Center

### TV Wall

### Dialogue Arena

Library, NGO's Stands, Face to Face, Sitting, Relax...

### Auditorium 3

TV Studio

### Theater

Opening Session, Plenary Session Day 1, Special Session Day 1, Award Ceremony for Intercultural Innovation and Closing Session







