



**PLURAL+**



International Organization for Migration (IOM)



Save the date:

## **PLURAL+ 2011 Awards Ceremony**

**November 10, 2011, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Paley Center for Media, New York City**

Young media makers from Malaysia, UK, Italy, Canada, Israel, USA and China, among other countries, will be in New York for the PLURAL+ 2011 Awards Ceremony. This year we have received 146 video entries from 54 countries, PLURAL+ International Jury Awards and PLURAL+ Partners Awards will be presented at the event.

Please join us in celebrating the 2011 PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival award winners at a special awards ceremony at the Paley Center for Media in New York City on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Free admission, limited seating, must [RSVP](#).

Special guests include Stephane Durarric, Director, United Nations Department of Public Information, News and Media Division; Pat Michell, President, the Paley Center for Media; and Hon. George "Rithm" Martinez, US Cultural Ambassador who will be the MC of the event. Live music by GlobalBlock Collective will also be featured.

PLURAL+ is a Youth Video Festival on Migration, Diversity and Social Inclusion. A joint project of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNOAC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with the support of many partner organizations from around the world.

A prestigious international jury selected three videos, one for each age group (9-12, 13-17, 18-25), partner organizations are also selecting video entries to PLURAL+ for awards, exciting prizes and professional opportunities. Please see the 2010 PLURAL+ award winners [here](#).

The goal of PLURAL+ is to ensure youth engagement in these important issues both at local and global levels by making their videos available through a variety of media

platforms and distribution networks including broadcasts, internet, festivals, conferences and events around the world.

Responding to the invitation by the UNAOC, the IOM, and PLURAL+ partners, young people from around the world produced short videos addressing the challenges of migration, diversity and social inclusion, as well as denouncing injustices while proposing their own original and creative solutions to develop more peaceful and multicultural societies. “I was impressed by the content and productive value, especially from younger groups”, said PLURAL+ 2011 international jury member Madeline Di Nonno.

PLURAL+ 2011 received 146 videos coming from 54 countries, representing youth visions from the five continents, advocating for a better world. PLURAL+ youth video festival is a powerful platform to raise awareness on many issues affecting communities worldwide. “Probably the most impressive thing are the stories. I learned a lot from different cultures and social issues in various nations” said PLURAL+ 2011 international jury member Renzo Devia.

PLURAL+ creates a unique opportunity for young people to express themselves on these important issues. “Authorities should be influenced by these messages” said PLURAL+ 2011 international jury member Sevilay Kora; and Markus Nickel from PLURAL+ partner BakaFORUM added “I think this year’s edition of PLURAL+ clearly shows that young people have something to say about migration and intercultural understanding. We should listen to them.”

An initiative of the UNAOC and IOM, PLURAL+ is organized in collaboration with many international partners including: Anna Lindh Foundation, BaKaFORUM, CHINH India, Roots & Routes Germany, United Nations TV, Media Education Center Belgrade, UNESCO Audiovisual E-Platform, COPEAM, Turkish Cultural Center of New York, SunChild Festival Armenia, Cine y Salud Spain, SIGNIS, Global Block USA, RED Unial Cuba, Without Borders Film Festival, Scalabrini International Migration Network, Royal Film Commission of Jordan, Universal Forum of Cultures Foundation, NEXOSAlianza Spain, ictQatar, MTS Travel, Gulen Institute, and the Paley Center for Media.

*The PLURAL + 2011 Awards Ceremony will be held at the Paley Center for Media  
(25 West 52nd Street, New York NY 10019) on **November 10, 6:00-8:00 PM.***

***Participation is free but reservations are mandatory.***

***Please RSVP at: [plural@unaoc.org](mailto:plural@unaoc.org)***

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