



Fourth UNAOC Forum in Doha, Qatar, 11-13 Dec. 2011

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Dear Partners and Friends,

As you may already know, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations will convene its Fourth Annual Forum in Doha, Qatar from December 11-13, 2011. At this occasion, political and corporate leaders, civil society activists, youth groups, faith communities, research centers, foundations and journalists will come together to agree on joint actions to improve relations across cultures, combat prejudice and build lasting peace.

The UNAOC's Forum in Doha will be a milestone in the UNAOC's existence. In Qatar, the UNAOC will define the conditions that will allow global intercultural dialogue to emerge as a key driver for development, security and peace. Under the theme '*Intercultural Dialogue to Boost Development*', high-level debates on how advancing towards the goals of the UNAOC can contribute to foster sustainable development and, in particular, achievement of the MDGs, will be conducted.

The Doha Forum will be a platform to share ideas and learn from each other, present new initiatives and announce exciting commitments from partners and the organizers. The program will also feature project-specific working sessions, interactive discussions and debates, as well as provide a convening space for civil society organizations to present their exciting initiatives.

We encourage you to follow the developments by visiting the Doha Forum website - www.qatar4unaoc.org In the coming days and weeks, you will find new stories, descriptions of sessions, participants' profiles and further materials. You will also have an opportunity to share views and ideas about the Forum and the Alliance at qatar4unaoc on twitter.

For queries regarding the Forum, please contact the UNAOC in New York (contactaoc@unops.org) or submit an online request through the Doha Forum website - <http://www.qatar4unaoc.org/category/contact>.

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About the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

The UN Alliance of Civilizations was established in 2005 as an initiative of the UN Secretary General, under the cosponsorship of the President of the Government of Spain and the Prime Minister of 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. It is supported by a growing Group of Friends of 130 governments and international organizations.
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