



# UNACOC GLOBAL FORUM

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At the launch of the UN Youth Strategy, the Secretary-General stated “...I want the UN to become a leader in working with young people: in understanding their needs, in helping to put their ideas into action, in ensuring their views inform our processes.” The global agenda is increasingly focused on young people as agents of change and key actors in powerful social movements. The Youth Strategy itself acknowledges that young people need to be full-fledged partners in the UN’s work of building a better world for all.

The Youth Event: #UNAOCyouth will bring together 100 youth leaders who have partnered with UNAOC through organizational programmes and initiatives over the past ten years. In UNAOC’s High-Level Group report released during 2006, youth was identified as one of the four priority areas for the activities of UNAOC. UNAOC has developed programming in the intervening years which recognizes young people as essential partners in achieving the vision of the organization. Examples of UNAOC’s programmes and initiatives include the Fellowship Programme, the Intercultural Innovation Award, PLURAL+, PEACEapp, Summer Schools, Young Peacebuilders and the Youth Solidarity Fund.

Innovative formats will be used to ensure participation by all 100 young people. The points of discussion will be the following:

1. Achievements of young people on the ground in the areas of:
  - Youth and Peacebuilding Using Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue;
  - Youth and the Use of Media and New Technologies; and
  - Youth and the Prevention of Violent Extremism.
2. Good practices from the partnership between youth and UNAOC, and how these can be mainstreamed.
3. Input from young people to the operationalization of the recently launched UN Youth Strategy.

# AGENDA

## Opening Remarks:

**Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**

High Representative for the United Nations  
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## Keynote Speaker:

**Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake**

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## Open Dialogue with UNAOC youth focusing on:

- Youth and Peacebuilding Using Inter-cultural and Interreligious Dialogue
- Youth and the Use of Media and New Technologies
- Youth and the Prevention of Violent Extremism

## Featured Moderator:

**Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi**

Secretary General, World Organization of  
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## Interventions from the floor



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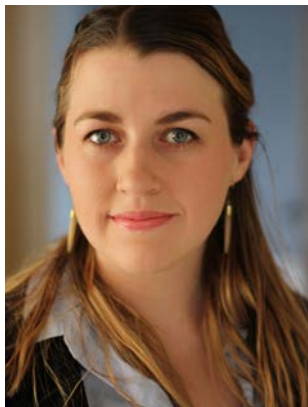


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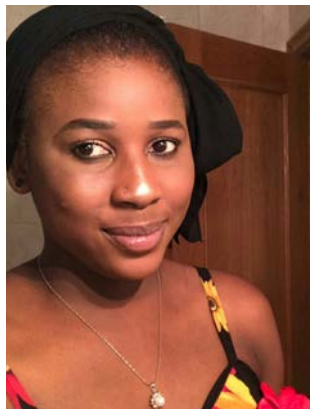
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