



GDF signs MoU with UN Alliance of Civilizations - towards the nucleus of a planetary citizens assembly

Building intercultural inter-ethnic, inclusive and sustainable societies



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The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) during the 7th Global Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan, reflects a

strong commitment by civil society to the process of intercultural dialogue and building global inclusivity.

“Living Together In Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal”, as a top priority of the UN and the global community, was the theme of the 7th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations. The Forum was presented in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

As the premier global platform for ‘building inclusive societies’, the UN Alliance of Civilizations 7th Global Forum brought together leaders from all walks of life, to discuss, explore and strengthen collaboration in this high-priority area. <http://baku.unaoc.org/> [Baku Declaration](#)

Among the speakers were H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Ban Ki-moon United Nations Secretary-General (by video), H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E José Manuel García-Margallo Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain. Plus, an eminent list of speakers from government, business, academia, civil society and business. <http://baku.unaoc.org/speakers/>



GDF’s Director-General & CEO Peter (Pece) Gorgievski said, “This MoU signing honours the efforts of civil society around the world. In particular, the members of Unity in Diversity-World Civil Society, and is a step towards stronger collaboration by citizens, governments and religions, at local, regional and global (UN) levels, for aligning efforts in building intercultural, inter-ethnic, inclusive and sustainable societies.”

During the Forum, Mr. Gorgievski addressed the panel on “Civil Society and Business: Working Together for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development” in partnership with Global Compact. The session explored partnership development. [Panel Concept Note](#), [Panelist Biographies](#), [Panel Recommendations](#).



Mr. Gorgievski highlighted the recent launch of Unity in Diversity-World Civil Society India, as an example of creating opportunities for WIN-WIN solutions. <http://www.gdfunityindiversity.org/indialaunch.htm>

On behalf of its members, GDF extends sincere appreciation to the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



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Non-governmental organisations, civil society and community-based groups, private and corporate organisations are invited to join Unity in Diversity - World Civil Society. Applications can be submitted online, <http://www.gdfunityindiversity.org/worldcivilsociety.htm>