



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



Bosnia and Herzegovina

**THE FIRST ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS
SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE**

PROGRAMME

Sarajevo, 14 December 2009

Building of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Great Hall

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Monday

14 December 2009

08:30 – Arrival of the participants. Registration

*Venue: The Building of the Parliamentary Assembly of
Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Great Hall*

09:00 - Opening session of the Conference

Speakers:

(5 minutes each)

- Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Željko Komšić
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Sven Alkalaj
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, Mr. Miguel Moratinos
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu
- Speaker of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Milorad Živković,
- UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Mr Jorge Sampaio

09:30 – 09:35 – Video on the Alliance of Civilizations

¹ Some last minute modifications may be necessary

09:40 – 10:40 - Plenary Session – **“Unlocking diversity to strengthening intercultural dialogue and cooperation in South-Eastern Europe”**

“A positive impulse to intercultural exchange is vital to encourage cross-fertilization from which innovation can proliferate. It will require new outlooks, skills and aptitudes from politicians, professionals and ordinary people. The most important of these are cultural literacy and cultural competence” – Phil Wood and Charles Landry, The Intercultural City

Chair : H.E. Minister Sven Alkalaj

Key-note introductory remarks by Mrs Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO followed by a debate

Moderator: Ms. Radmila Sekerinska, Member of Parliament, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (tbc)

Panellists: Mr Hido Biscevic (Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council),

Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, president of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni (Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue for the Council of Europe), Ambassador José Lindgren Alves (representative of Brazil), Ambassador Stefan Lehne (Austrian diplomat).

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11: 00 - 12:15 Presentation of the Sarajevo Declaration and the Alliance of Civilizations’ Regional Strategy for Southeast Europe followed by Ministerial Statements by Protocol order (5 minutes each – all Ministers in the podium).

Chair: President Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

12:15 – Closing of the first part of the Conference

Family Photo

12:15 – 12:45 Press Conference (MFA of B&H, High Representative of the UNAOC),

*Venue: Hall for press conference
(second floor)*

12:45 – 14:30 Official lunch, hosted by H.E. Sven Alkalaj, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Invited: Ministers/Heads of delegations

*Venue: The Building of the Parliamentary
Assembly (ground floor)*

For the other members of delegations and participants of the Conference a buffet lunch will be provided

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Afternoon session:

The afternoon working sessions are intended to held informed debates on practical ideas and possible projects to be included in the framework of the future Plan of Action for 2010-2012 implementing the Regional Strategy adopted and presented in the morning

14:30 – 16:00 –Action Network Workshops (sign up required)

ACTION NETWORK WORKSHOPS

Action Networks are small targeted sessions intended for participants who want a deeper discussion on a specific topic and who want to identify like-minded partners within that topic area; these sessions also provide partnership-building opportunities for participants with shared interests and offer approaches for best practices.

14:30 – 15h30 – Two simultaneous workshops:

Workshop 1 – Education on cultural diversity - Teaching history

Venue: Room 1 (first floor)

“What is the relationship between education, historical memories of violence, and the formation of cultural and national identity? What can and should history education try to achieve in deeply damaged societies to foster development in young people and transformation of attitudes? How can the teaching of history help transitional societies become more democratic?” (Elizabeth Cole and Judy Barsalou, “Unite and Divide? The challenges of Teaching History”)

Kick-off: Mr Jean-Pierre Titz (Council of Europe, History Teaching Division)

Respondents –Nr Nenad Sebek (CDRSEE, Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe), Ms Joke van der Leew-Roord (EUROCLIO), Dr. Georg. Stöber (Georg Eckert Institute, tbc), Mr. Mladen Dragešević (Regional Cooperation Council), Lejla Mazlić. (Human Rights House Sarajevo), Katerina Stenou (UNESCO).

The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and/or put forward ideas for new projects to be developed and implemented in the region in 2010-2012

Workshop 2 – Engaging youth in change

Venue: Room 2 (first floor)

“Kindergartens, schools, youth clubs and youth activities in general are key sites for intercultural learning and dialogue. For this to be true, children and young people should be given the opportunity to meet and engage with their peers from diverse backgrounds, with a view to communicate and to develop joint activities. The more integrated these sites are, the more effective they are in terms of intercultural learning.” (Council of Europe, *White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue*)

Kick-off: Mrs Regina Boucault (IOM, tbc)

Respondents: Ms Jelena Spasovic (Advisory Council of Youth, Council of Europe), Mr Jasmin Jaraseciv (PRONI Center for Youth Development), Mrs Irina Vassileva (Vifralie Programme), Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov (ICYF-DC), Mrs Zagorba Aksentijevic (GRUPA 484), Ms Linda King (UNESCO).

The audience will then have an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and/or put forward ideas for new projects to be developed and implemented in the region in 2010-2012

15h30 – 16h30 – Workshop 3 - New tools for building local intercultural citizenship

Venue: Room 3 (first floor)

“There is an urgent need to invest in cultural diversity and dialogue. Integrating cultural diversity into a wide range of public policies – including those somewhat remote from the cultural field proper – can help renew the international community’s approaches to two key objectives: development and peace building and conflict prevention” (UNESCO World Report, *Investing in Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue*)

Kick off: Mrs Katerina Stenou (UNESCO)

Respondents: Mrs Sanela Fezic (JU Gimnazija Vaso Pelagic BRCKO), Sara Piteira (Executive Director of Dialogue Café), Mrs Galina Shtarbeva (Re inventing the Balkans), Mrs Lucica Humenuc (Romania Independent Society of Human Rights), Dr Calin Rus (Intercultural Centre), Juan Carlos Antunez (Civil consultant EUFOR).

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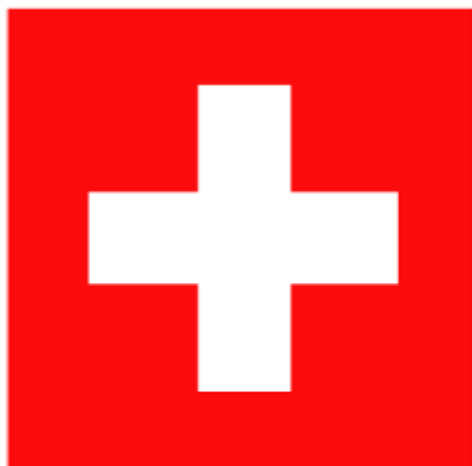
16:30- 17:00 - Coffee break

17:00 – 17:15 – **Wrap up session** by Mr. Jean-Christophe Bas (Senior Advisor, Strategic Development and Partnerships, Alliance of Civilizations’ Secretariat) – sharing outcomes from workshops and announcing partnership-building opportunities for participants with shared interests

17:15 – **Closing** of the Conference by President Sampaio

17:30 – Adjourn

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