

**71<sup>st</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly**

**UNAOC Side Event:**

*“Combating xenophobic language in the media and  
fostering inclusive integration of migrants and refugees”*

**Co-sponsored by the European Union, the International Organization for Migration and the  
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations**

Thursday 15 September, 10:00 – 13:00, Conference Room 5, United Nations Headquarters

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**10:00 – 10:50**

**High-Level Opening Remarks**



**H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)



**Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations



**H.E. Mr. William Lacy Swing**, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

*Keynote Presentation:*



**H.E. Mrs. Karen AbuZayd**, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants

**10:50 – 11:00**

**Screening of PLURAL+ video**

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival is a joint initiative of UNAOC and IOM that invites the world's youth to submit original and creative videos focusing on the themes of migration, diversity and social inclusion.

**11:00 – 12:45**

**Panel**



*Moderator:*

**Mr. Arun Venugopal**, Reporter and Host of Micropolis, WNYC's ongoing examination of race and identity

*Panelists:*

**Ms. Cindy Carcamo**, Staff Writer, *Los Angeles Times*



**Ms. Rachel Peric**, Deputy Director, Welcoming America



**Mr. Mohamad Bazzi**, Associate Professor of Journalism, New York University



**Ms. Sharon Moshavi**, Vice President, New Initiatives, International Center for Journalists



**Mr. Mohammad Al-Shami**, Youth Activist & Freelance Trainer (TBD)



**Ms. Alexandra Walden**, Counsel, Free Expression & Human Rights, Google (TBD)

*Designated discussants: [5 minutes each]*

**Ambassador João Vale de Almeida**, European Union Ambassador to the United Nations



**Ambassador Alvaro Albacete**, Deputy Secretary General for External Relations, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, KAICIID (TBD)

*Discussants*

*At the end of the panel, participants are invited to ask questions and share comments with panelists.  
They may also join the conversation online using #SpreadNoHate*

**12:45 – 13:00**

**Closing Remarks**

**13:00**

**Close**

*A full report of the day's discussions will be made available on the website of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations [www.unaoc.org](http://www.unaoc.org). For any questions related to the UNAOC #SpreadNoHate initiative, please feel free to contact: [HateSpeech@unaoc.org](mailto:HateSpeech@unaoc.org)*