

Abdulaziz Al-Nasser: UNAOC builds knowledge on cultural diversity

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the breakout session “Alumni Showcase: Impact Across UNAOC Pillars” provided alumni will the opportunity to present their work at a showcase within the context of the Global Forum. The showcase followed an innovative, TED-talk format, with alumni grouped by the four UNAOC pillars. Close to 30 alumni presented during the showcase, Azertac reports.

In his remarks at the session, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, said: “This breakout session is the opportunity for you to demonstrate the concrete action taken within our programming at a grassroots level and relate the influence your work has had within the four pillars of the Alliance.”

“Through our programmes and with your collaboration, UNAOC builds knowledge on cultural diversity, enhances tolerance and peace across religions, and develops intercultural partnerships.” “But UNAOC activities and programming do not only

focus on promoting dialogue between cultures. They also emphasize other forms of concrete action in the four pillars of education, media, migration and youth.”

He said: “PLURAL+ supports videos produced by youth on migration, diversity and social inclusion. The Fellowship Program helps challenge stereotypes by providing emerging leaders with a first hand exposure to cultural diversity.”

“The Intercultural Innovation Award selects the most innovative grassroots projects working on intercultural understanding and aims to amplify their impact. PEACEapp encourages innovative action by inviting developers to create apps or mobile games designed to generate new opportunities for cultural dialogue and conflict prevention,” he said.

“The Summer School brings together young people from around the world, exposing them to critical peace education topics, fostering global citizenship and intercultural harmony. The Youth Solidarity Fund provides seed funding to outstanding youth-led initiatives that promote long-term constructive relationships between people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds,” Mr Al-Nasser added.

Points of discussion at the session included How are alumni working within the UNAOC’s pillars of education, media, migration and youth?; What impact have alumni had within the four pillars?; How has UNAOC programming impacted the alumni?

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