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GLOBAL FORUM



Fez, Kingdom of Morocco | 22-23 November 2022

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

INFORMAL MEETING TO THE UNAOC GROUP OF FRIENDS

Background: Why Fez



- Ancient History of Fez
- Recognition of Fez Medina as UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Home to the University of Al-Quaraouiyyine
- Home to Moroccan Jewish community since the 8th century
- Authentic center for traditional artists and artisans
- Exemplary model of peaceful coexistence between the three Abrahamic faiths
- Fez symbolizes the ancient civilizational character of the Kingdom of Morocco
- Fez, a land of ancestral character and deep-rooted spiritualism

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

- Official Opening Ceremony
- High-level Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting
- Youth Forum
- 3 Plenary Sessions
- 8 Breakout Sessions
- Closing Ceremony
- Cultural Event

The High-level UNAOC Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting: *Format and Modality*

- GA-style format
- Speaking level: Minister or Vice Minister / Head of Organization or Deputy Head of Organization
- Access: 1+2 for each delegation
- Speaking duration: 5 minutes maximum
- Interpretation in 6 official languages

WHERE WE ARE:

- Save the Date sent to Member States, Observer States, and Heads of international organizations which are members of the UNAOC Group of Friends on *1 October 2022*
- Personalized Invitations co-signed by H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco and the High Representative of UNAOC addressed to Foreign Ministers of Member States, Observer States, and Heads of International Organizations which are members of the UNAOC Group of Friends on *12 October 2022*
- To date, we received confirmations from **30 Member States** (*at the level of Ministers and Vice Ministers*) and **12 International Organizations** (*at the level of Heads and Deputies*) that are Members of the UNAOC Group of Friends.
- Next and urgent step: **REGISTRATION**

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Protocol Arrangements Upon Arrival

- Heads of States and Governments, Heads of Delegations (Ministerial level) will be provided with a liaison officer, security protection and special transportation upon arrival to Fez (TBC in due course).
- All other members of delegations will be provided with shuttle service to and from the recommended hotels and meeting venues.
- The contact details for the liaison officers will be provided before the beginning of the 9th UNAOC Global Forum.

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Registration and Distribution of Badges

- Due to security reasons, only participants with visible accreditation badges will gain access to the Forum venue and must carry them throughout the whole Forum. Accreditation badges will only be provided to those participants who have completed the preliminary **online registration** via the Forum's website,
- No on-site last-minute registration will be available. Therefore, please make sure to follow the registration deadline (extended to 12 November).
- **Distribution of ID Badges:** Participants can collect their Forum Badges at D-1 of the Forum at the Marriott Jnan Palace Hotel (main venue of the Forum).

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Transportation from Airport to Hotels, Transportation from hotels to venues and back

Relevant information about the shuttle service will be provided at the welcome desks of these international airports:

- Mohammed V International Airport (Casablanca)
- Rabat-Salé Airport (Rabat)
- Saïss Airport (Fez)

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Visa, Passport and Travel Information

Visa issued by Moroccan Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts: Participants residing in countries where there are Moroccan Diplomatic Representations are invited to submit their visa applications to the Embassies and Consulates of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Visa issued at the Border: The Moroccan Security Services can issue free short-stay visas to participants arriving from countries with no Moroccan diplomatic representation. (To receive visa confirmation letters from the host country upon arrival at the airport, requests must be submitted to the organizing committee via the email address:
9unaocforum@maec.gov.ma

Electronic Travel Authorization to Morocco: Nationals from Mali, Congo Brazzaville and Guinea Konakry need an Electronic Travel Authorization to Morocco (AEVM) and in this case the procedure to follow is detailed via the following: <https://www.acces-maroc.ma>

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Bilateral Meeting Rooms

Information on bilateral Meeting Rooms for Officials and Heads of Delegations will be available next week via the official Forum website.

HOW TO BOOK HOTELS

All details regarding accommodations in Fez, including a list of recommended hotels with a promotional rate, will be provided next week via the official forum website

OUTREACH AND MEDIA



Webcast: Via UN Web TV

Also embedded on the Forum website
(Live and on demand)

International and Local Media
PRESENCE

Main website: fezforum.unaoc.org

Live Social Media Coverage:
[#FezForum](https://twitter.com/FezForum)

Outcome of the Forum:

The Fez Declaration

- The Fez Declaration will be jointly drafted by the UNAOC Secretariat and the Host Country.
- It will be an apolitical, focused and concise declaration.
- It will be shared with you in due course.

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

fezforum.unaoc.org



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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE #FezForum?
