High-Level Thematic Debate of the UN General Assembly
Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation:
Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
UNHQ– April 21-22, 2015

Programme

April 21, 2015

9:00 am – 9:30 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Opening Session:** Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
  - H.E. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the General Assembly
  - H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General
  - H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations

9:30 am – 1:00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **High-level Plenary Session:** High-level representatives, Permanent Missions, Observers

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Interactive panel discussion:** Practical Strategies for fostering peaceful, inclusive societies and countering violent extremism
  - Chair: H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations
  - Moderator: Ms. Pamela Falk, UN Resident Correspondent, CBS News
  - Mr Dendev Badarch, Director of Division of Social Transformations and Intercultural Dialogue, UNESCO
  - H.E. Francisco Caetano José Madeira, AU Special Representative for Counter-Terrorism Cooperation
  - Ms. Naureen Chowdhury Fink, Head of Research, Global Center on Cooperative Security, NY
  - Ms. Mossarat Qadeem, PAIMAN Trust, Pakistan
  - Mr. Maqsoud Kruse, Executive Director, Hedayah
  - Dr. Patrick Ho, Deputy Chairman and Secretary-General, China Energy Fund Commitee

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Plenary Session (continued)**
April 22, 2015

9:00 am – 9:10 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Opening Session**: The Potential for Religion in Building Bridges of Tolerance and Reconciliation
  - H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General

9:10 am – 1:00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Plenary**: Priority given to religious leaders

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Interactive panel discussion**: Highlighting a counter-narrative that emphasizes tolerance for diversity, freedom of expression and human rights

- Introductory remarks: H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General

- Moderated by Ms. Laura Trevelyan, BBC

- Closing remarks: H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations

4:30 pm – 5:50 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Plenary Session** (continued)

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Closing Session**
  - H.E. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the General Assembly