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## DIALOGUE FOR PEACE: THE IMPACT OF YOUTH

### VIDEO

RIO LANDMARKS – CHRIST  
STATUE / SUGARLOAF

RIO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART –  
FORUM SITE

LEADERS SPEAK AT OPENING  
CEREMONY/ LEADERS PHOTO-OP

YOUTH LEADERS

MUHAMMAD ON CAMERA

MUHAMMAD SPEAKS ON STAGE

MUHAMMAD ON CAMERA

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Here, the Alliance of Civilizations – a UN initiative tasked with promoting peace and tolerance worldwide – held its third annual Forum. Over 2,000 participants, including Heads of State and members of civil society, met to discuss new ways to build trust and understanding across cultures. Over 140 youth leaders from 60 countries came together to attend the Forum, participate, learn and, more importantly, be heard. (36'')

MUHAMMAD: (English) **M**

*"This Third Rio Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations was a great experience..."* (4.8'')

#### NARRATION

Muhammad Shahzad is a young human rights activist from Pakistan. (4.6'')

MUHAMMAD: (English) **M**

*"Young people, they have very concrete*

*solutions to the problems. They only need the platform. I think the Rio Forum was a platform for them.” (9”)*

NARRATION

YOUTH ATTENDEES SPEAK AT  
DIFFERENT EVENTS

These youth attendees have been actively involved in grassroots efforts to combat discrimination in their home countries, and many have been personally affected by cultural and religious intolerance. Like Nela Sladojevic, from Bosnia... (16.7”)

NELA AT FORUM BUILDING

NELA: (English) **F**

NELA ON CAMERA

*“Before the war, I was born in a country named Yugoslavia; we were diverse and we had a nice life. In one night everything changed and people started killing their neighbours.” (12”)*

NARRATION

...or Aimé Sindyigaya, from Rwanda. (3.7”)

AIMÉ ON CAMERA

AIMÉ: (English) **M**

*“What happened in Rwanda in 1994, the genocide... I saw things. By that time I was 16 but I saw basically people lying in the street, dead. I was even threatened to be killed because they thought I was Tutsi.” (19.3”)*

NARRATION

YOUTH GATHERED IN SAARA

The day before the Forum’s official opening, they went on a guided tour of Rio’s most culturally and religiously diverse

LOCALS IN SAARA STREETS

neighbourhood: the commercial district of SAARA. The youth were greeted by the former

YOUTH WATCHES SAMPAIO  
ADDRESS

President of Portugal and High Representative  
for the Alliance of Civilizations, Mr. Jorge  
Sampaio. (20.6”)

SAMPAIO ON CAMERA

SAMPAIO: (English)

*“It’s important to show that by cross-fertilization  
of habits, of cultures, of dynamics, one is going  
across what is necessary to improve  
understanding. We belong all to the same  
world, and we have to live together.” (18”)*

SAMPAIO POSES FOR PICTURES  
WITH YOUTH

NARRATION

LOCALS IN SAARA STREETS

The neighbourhood is home for a large number  
of migrants of European, Middle Eastern,  
African and Asian descent. The walk aimed at  
showing how a vibrant neighbourhood can  
stem from the peaceful coexistence of diverse  
communities. Krisztian Gal is a youth media  
representative from Hungary. (20.7”)

MIDDLE EASTERN SHOP SIGNS

YOUTH TOURS DISCTRICT

KRISZTIAN GAL: (English) **M**

KRISZTIAN GAL ON CAMERA

*“I went to a store that is owned by a Muslim  
and an Israeli, who 20 years ago were fighting  
against each other in the same war. And right  
now they’re friends and have the same store...”  
(12”)*

SAARA STORE OWNERS SPEAK TO  
YOUTH

MUHAMMAD: (English) **M**

MUHAMMAD ON CAMERA

*“They have very diverse backgrounds. They’re  
very diverse in terms of religion, they’re very  
diverse in terms of ethnicities, but they’re living  
together. They are the real example of the  
peace and the harmony.” (13.4”)*

YOUTH TOURS SAARA CHURCH /  
LOCALS OF DIFFERENT  
ETHNICITIES PRAY AND LIGHT  
CANDLES

NARRATION

ATENDEES SIT OUTSIDE FORUM  
SITE

The following day the youth met at the Forum site to discuss and draft a set of recommendations to world leaders. The

YOUTH DISCUSSIONS

discussions followed the official agenda of the forum, and included topics such as conflict

GAL AND OTHER YOUTH PRESENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AT CLOSING  
CEREMONY

resolution, education, and human rights. The final youth recommendations were presented at the closing ceremony of the Forum. (26.4")

MUHAMMAD: (English) **M**

MUHAMMAD ON CAMERA

*"I really liked the statement from Ban Ki-moon, as he said we should learn from young people. These world leaders are ready to listen to the young people."* (12.8")

BAN KI-MOON AND HEADS OF  
STATE ON STAGE AT OPENING  
CEREMONY

NARRATION

YOUTH ATTENDEES POSE FOR  
OFFICIAL PHOTO

The United Nations has proclaimed the first International Year of Youth on Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, starting in August 2010.

YOUTH ASSEMBLE IN FORUM HALL

Some of these young leaders will meet again in Baku this fall for the first meeting of the Global Youth Movement. Through dialogue, they'll continue to work towards finding common solutions to some of the most pressing issues of their generation. Tal Harris is an activist from Israel. (30.5")

HARRIS: (English) **M**

HARRIS ON CAMERA

*"The learning process to me was great. It's very easy to lose your faith in human beings, in "humanity" when you're living in a conflict – like*

HARRIS ADDRESSES OTHER

YOUTH  
YOUTH DANCE IN SAARA

*I am – and these past couple of days allowed me to reiterate that faith within myself.” (18”)*

NARRATION

UN LOGO

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