

## Side Event

### Youth Engagement & Vocational Training

Innovative approaches to Address  
Discrimination, Inequality and Violence

on the margins of  
*the 5<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue*  
Baku, Azerbaijan



**Friday 3 May 2019, 11:30-13:00, Baku Convention Centre, Rooms A6+A7**

Partnership with youth is an absolute priority in the context of preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Experience suggests that prevention strategies to build the resilience of young people through economic empowerment are most effective when they combine educational, vocational training and employment opportunities.

With the participation of Member States, United Nations entities and civil society organizations, the side-event will showcase good practices to engage and partner with youth to build resilience to violent extremism, specifically by addressing discrimination and inequalities through innovative approaches.

#### ***Opening Remarks***

- Ms. Sevil Alirzayeva, Chief of the Office of the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
- Mr. Farid Jafarov, Executive Director, Azerbaijan Youth Foundation
- Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC)

#### ***Interactive Dialogue with Experts Panel***

- Mr. Keneshbek Sainazarov, Regional Director for Central Asia, Search for Common Ground Kyrgyzstan
- Ms. Wedad Al-Hassen, Executive Affairs Manager, Hedayah
- Mr. Tony Sgro, Chief Executive Officer, Ed Venture Partners
- Mr. Zain Awan, Growth and Operations Manager, Re:Coded

#### ***Interventions from the floor are welcome***

Participants are encouraged to complete this online survey <https://efm.dfs.un.org/EFM/se/6C6639C017EA0708> to share ideas and suggestions to help the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism develop its Global Youth Programme and contribute to improve the overall UN responses to address hate speech and intolerance. You may be selected to participate in a regional youth consultation workshop later in 2019. Travel and accommodation will be provided.