

CONCEPT NOTE

High-Level Event to Mark the
International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations

Exploring New Pathways for Dialogue Among Civilizations And Jointly Writing New Chapters for Global Governance

10 June 2026, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York

BACKGROUND

On 7 June 2024, the General Assembly unanimously adopted resolution A/RES/78/286, with co-sponsorship by over 80 member states, declaring 10 June the International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations. It invites all Member States and organizations of the UN system, as well as other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders to commemorate the International Day, to raise awareness of the value of the diversity of civilizations and promote dialogue, mutual respect, tolerance and global solidarity.

The world has entered a new period of turbulence and transformation, marked by a growing array of crises and challenges. Deficits in global governance are deepening. Misunderstanding

and mistrust increasingly turn differences into disputes. In the absence of constructive, good-faith dialogue, consensus remains elusive while risks of conflicts heightened. Against this backdrop, dialogue among civilizations has assumed unprecedented importance. The International Day offers a timely and valuable opportunity to promote mutual understanding, strengthen mutual trust, and highlight the indispensable role of such dialogue in making global governance more just and equitable.

Last June, the first International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations has brought together hundreds of participants in constructive, inspiring interactions. This year, as we mark the 25th anniversary of the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations, it is important to build on the strong momentum of dialogue, as part of our collective efforts to reaffirm the common values of humanity and provide greater stability and certainty to a rapidly-changing world.

In order to implement Resolution A/RES/78/286, the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, in partnership with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will organize this high-level event, co-sponsored by other member states to commemorate the International Day. The event will focus on how exchanges and mutual learning among diverse civilizations can foster stronger drivers for improving global governance.

OBJECTIVES

The event aims to provide a platform for all stakeholders, including Member States, international organizations, the private sector, academics and civil society, to share their perspectives on how dialogue among civilizations can contribute to mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual trust, which will lay the groundwork for cooperation in making the global governance system more just and equitable.

PROGRAM

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Fu Cong, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations

Opening dance performance

Opening Statements

- Pre-recorded address by H.E. Mr. Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
- Written message by H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations, delivered by H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Message from the PGA delivered by Ms. Sofia Borges, Chef de Cabinet for H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock, the President of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos,

Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for UNAOC

Special Address

- Address by H.E. Mr. Gustavo Petro, President of the Republic of Colombia

Remarks by High-Level Representatives of Co-Sponsors

- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Paruyr Hovhannisyan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Tesfaye Yilma Sabo, Permanent Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mrs. Aglaia Balta, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Umar Hadi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Lukman Abdulraheem Al Faily, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Héctor Vasconcelos, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations
- Remarks by Mr. Eliot Minchenberg, Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations

Panel Discussion

- Remarks by Mr. Lyu Yonglong, Chair Professor, Xiamen University, and Member of International Resource Panel of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP/IRP)
- Interventions from the floor

Closing Segment

The meeting will be broadcasted on UN WebTV.

English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation will be provided throughout the event. Additional Chinese-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided for H.E. Wang Yi's video address.