



Breakout Session

Friday/ **03 May 2019**/ 11:30-13:00/ Baku Convention Centre

Multilateralism and diplomacy for peace

Introduction

On 12 December 2018, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the resolution “International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace” (A/RES/73/127), by which “declares 24 April as the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, with effect from the seventy-third session of the General Assembly”.

This resolution also wanted to underline that the International Day constitutes a means to promote the values of the United Nations. In this sense, the General Assembly reaffirms the faith of our peoples in the purposes and principles enshrined in its Charter, as well as the importance and relevance of multilateralism and international law in order to advance the common goal of lasting and sustained peace through diplomacy.

As a follow-up of the one-day high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be held on 24 April 2019 in New York, with the purpose of commemorating and promoting the International Day, the Government of Azerbaijan and the University for Peace shall organize a panel debate in the context of the 5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku on May 2019.

Purpose

The panel debate shall analyze the following points:

- The advantages of multilateralism and diplomacy for peace, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities
- How multilateralism and diplomacy could reinforce the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, sustainable development, peace and security and human rights, which are interlinked and mutually reinforcing
- The role played by international, regional and subregional organizations in the promotion and preservation of multilateralism and in the facilitation of diplomacy
- Possible actions orientated to introduce the spirit of this resolution within the United Nations system

Welcoming remarks:

- **Elmar Mammadyarov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Nada Al-Nashif**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO)
- **Francisco Rojas Aravena**, Rector of the University for Peace established by the General Assembly of the United Nations

*Moderator: **David Fernández Puyana**, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva*

Panelists:

- **Kestutis Jankauskas**, Head of the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan
- **Abdullah Hamad Al-Salamah**, Director General of Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Fariz Ismailzade**, Executive Vice Rector of ADA University
- **Carmen Parra Rodriguez**, Chair-holder of the UNESCO Chair on Peace, Solidarity and Intercultural Dialogue at the University Abat Oliba CEU

*Concluding Remark: **Priyankar Upadhyaya**, UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding at Banaras Hindu University*

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Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Elmar Mammadyarov was born July 2, 1960. He started his diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan SSR in 1982. E.Mammadyarov served there until 1988. In 1991-1992 he was the Director of the State Protocol Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In 1992-1995, Mammadyarov worked in the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations in New York. Upon completion of his duties he returned to Baku and in 1995-1998 was the deputy director of the department of International Organizations in the Ministry. In 1998-2003 he served as Counselor at the Embassy of Azerbaijan to the United States. In 2003 E.Mammadyarov was appointed as Ambassador to Italy. Since 2 April 2004 he is Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO)

The Social and Human Sciences (SHS) Sector supports Agenda 2030 by mobilising knowledge and values to foster just, inclusive and peaceful societies. The Assistant Director-General leads work with youth, researchers and policy makers, communities and cities to combat exclusion, discrimination and intolerance, harnessing intercultural dialogue to promote social cohesion. SHS programmes seek to strengthen implementation of the human-rights based approach, and develop normative standards, tools and action plans for the application of ethical standards in science and technology and the integrity of sport.

She is the holder of a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (1987) from Balliol, Oxford University and a Master's in Public Policy (1991) from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Prior to joining UNESCO, she served (2007-2014) as Assistant Director-General/Regional Director of the International Labour Organization's Regional Office for Arab States, based in Beirut, Lebanon. Previously she worked at UNDP, where she started her UN career in 1992, serving in various duty stations at Headquarters in New York and in the field.

As a development economist and practitioner, she serves in an advisory capacity on several boards, notably the Boards of Trustees of Birzeit University and the Human Development NGO, Taawon.



Francisco Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace established by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena is the Rector of the University for Peace since 2013. He was Secretary General of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and Director of FLACSO-Chile. He has a PhD in Political Science from the University of Utrecht (The Netherlands). He has been a Professor of International Relations at the National University of Costa Rica (UNA) and Stanford University, at its Chilean campus. As a Fulbright professor, he worked at the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) of the International University of Florida. In 2012, the governments of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Paraguay honoured him for his contributions to the integration in the Latin American and Caribbean region.



David Fernández Puyana, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Ambassador Dr. David Fernández Puyana is the Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations Office in Geneva. He worked at the UNESCO Liaison Office in Geneva. He served as legal and diplomatic adviser at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the UN in Geneva and the Human Rights Office of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Spain. He obtained the title of Doctor in Law with European Mention by the University of Pompeu Fabra (Spain). He is Associate Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Science and member of the Diplomatic Club of Geneva.



Kęstutis Jankauskas, Head of the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan

Kęstutis JANKAUSKAS is a Lithuanian diplomat currently serving as the Head of the European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan. He graduated from History at the Vilnius University in 1992 and was working for the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry since 1991.

He served at the Lithuanian embassies in Stockholm and Washington, DC where he dealt with bilateral and security policy issues, including integration to NATO. Later on he was Ambassador to EU's Political and Security Committee and to NATO in Brussels. He also served as Security Policy director and as Permanent State Secretary / Chancellor of the Foreign Ministry.

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Abdullah Hamad Al-Salamah, Director General of Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Abdullah Al-Salamah is currently the Director General of Prince Saud AL Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies. He was the Director General of Finance of Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu & Economic Advisor for HH the Chairman of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. He also served as the delegated Deputy of the Royal Commission, General supervisor for Royal Commission of college and institutes for Jubail and Yanbu. He oversaw the office of the Chairman at The Royal Commission such and member of the executive committee of corporate strategy plan and the Supreme Council of RC colleges and institutes.



Fariz Ismailzade, Executive Vice Rector of ADA University

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Mr. Ismailzade is currently pursuing Doctoral Degree at Maastricht School of Management. He holds Executive MBA from IE Business School (Spain), and Masters Degree in Social and Economic Development from Washington University in St. Louis, and a BA in Political Science from Western University in Baku with one-year interim studies at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Mr. Ismailzade has done research at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C and Embassy of Azerbaijan in the US. His research interests include political affairs in the Caucasus and Central Asia, energy security, and development. He has presented papers at the symposiums at Heritage Foundation, MGIMO, Columbia University, Stanford University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, UCLA, Vienna Diplomatic Academy as well as at international conferences such as Association for Study of Nationalities (ASN), Wilton Park Conferences, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), German Marshall Fund and NATO Advanced Research Workshop.

Mr. Ismailzade has regularly published with Eurasianet.org, Transitions on Line, Jamestown Daily Monitor and Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, Institute for War and Peace Report, East-West Institute, Analysis of Current Events, Freedom House and Caucasus Context. Most recently he co-edited the book "South Caucasus 2021: Oil, Democracy and Geopolitics" (2011, Jamestown Foundation Press, 2012) and "Azerbaijan in Global Politics: Crafting Foreign Policy" (2009, ADA Press).



Carmen Parra Rodríguez, Chair-holder of the UNESCO Chair on Peace, Solidarity and Intercultural Dialogue at the University Abat Oliba CEU

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Priyankar Upadhyaya, *UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding at Banaras Hindu University*

Professor **Priyankar Upadhyaya** holds the UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding at Banaras Hindu University and also serves as the Global Fellow at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Recipient of many prestigious awards/fellowships including the Scholar-in-Residence Award of the Woodrow Wilson Centre of International Scholars, Wash DC, Senior Fulbright Award and Australia-India Council Senior Fellowship. He has published in journals and books from Oxford University Press, Manchester University Press, Cambridge University Press, Sage, Ashgate and Routledge. His volume on 'Peace and Conflict: South Asian Experience' (Cambridge University Press: 2015) and 'Long Walk of Peace: Towards a Culture of Prevention' (UNESCO: Paris; 2018) have received global acclaim.