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## ***INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT***

Intercultural understanding and cultural diversity are crucial to peace and development; however, they do not figure prominently on the global agenda that focus primary on poverty ( MDGs) and climate change. Several initiatives from intergovernmental organizations, but also from the private sector and cultural institutions are currently developing research projects and policy initiatives to build evidence of the correlation between Intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity with peace and development. Other recent initiatives look at the feasibility to set up indicators or goals to measure progress in a society towards intercultural understanding and cultural diversity. This session will present some of these initiatives and will discuss the various options and its consequences on the international agenda. The following questions will be addressed by the panelists:

- what is the correlation between intercultural understanding and cultural diversity with peace and development ?
- is it realistic to set up goals to measure progress in cultural understanding and cultural diversity?
- how to incorporate intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity in the global sustainable development agenda?