

## YOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS

### ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS ISTANBUL FORUM

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1. On behalf of the youth delegates who have participated during the last two days in the **Youth Event** organized as part of the Alliance of Civilizations Istanbul Forum, we are honoured to share the following recommendations with all the Forum participants.
2. We are fully committed to capitalize on recent progress made in advancing **youth participation** for cross-cultural understanding and are calling on decision-makers to work closely with the UN Alliance of Civilizations in furthering this goal.
3. We launched the **Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations** which is composed of young people and youth organizations actively engaged in making the objectives of the Alliance a central part of their daily lives. As this Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations aims to highlight the innovative contribution of youth. Young people call on all UN AoC partners to support it in any way they can.
4. We also developed a **Youth Advisory Committee** to assist the Alliance of Civilizations in the implementation of its Youth Strategy and the management of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations.
5. We are calling on governments to universally implement the right to **education for all as a key to sustainable peace**, focussing on developing nations and areas of greatest need and acknowledge that peace education needs to address all levels of society.
6. We underscore the need for objective representation across multiple **media** platforms including web, film, television, and the video gaming industries.
7. In order to fully realize the objective of the Alliance of Civilizations, the dignity of every **migrant** must be respected through a human rights approach.
8. We are convinced that **youth exchanges** and **people-to-people** contacts are some of the most effective ways to fight stereotypes while putting the emphasis on the values of understanding, respect and dialogue.
9. We hope that our view and recommendations can help share your discussion and inspire creative and productive approaches to fostering intercultural understanding.

Thank you for your kind attention.