

Report on PCSW&HR Chairman Participation in Doha 2011, 4th UN Alliance of Civilization Forum at Doha – Qatar 11-13 Dec 2011

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations organized its fourth annual Forum in Doha, Qatar from December 11-13, 2011. More than 2,500 delegates from across the world participated in the forum. Among the participants were Heads of states president, ministers, leaders of several world forums, representatives of civil societies, youth groups, officials of search facilities and journalists. Participated in the Doha Forum and agreed on joint actions to improve relations across cultures, combat prejudice and build lasting peace.

Keeping in view the tremendous services of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Right and renowned human right activist for humanity he was invited to attend the Doha Forum. Mr. Noori participated in the Doha Forum and represented the Pakistan in the forum and the Government of Qatar treaded him as state guest, on his arrival at Doha airport the representatives of ministry of foreign affairs Government of Qatar warmly welcomed him. The Doha Forum provided the opportunity to the participants of forum in which governments, civil society organizations and international agencies alike – to meet together as partners to further reiterate the commitment to building a culture of peace and dialogue among civilizations. Mr. Noori took part in various plenary sessions, bilateral meetings and action sessions.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori during the Doha Forum

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and first lady of Qatar and Ambassador of Alliance of Civilizations Her Highness Moza Bint Nasser inaugurated the Doha forum. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon highlighted the importance of developing better understanding among people of different cultures and religions in a bid to reduce the growing tensions among countries and peoples over even relatively irrelevant issues. Stressing that there is nothing as reliable and dependent as dialogue to narrow if not eliminate, the differences between people of different faiths, the UN secretary general said this could be achieved through such methods as empowerment of women and youth, and also be enhancing capabilities of people to engage in dialogues. The UN Secretary General also said the negative effects of globalization stood exposed when the society failed to develop mutual understanding among its different sections to desired level.

Mr. Noori held formal and informal meetings with various dignitaries in which Her Highness Moza Bint Nasser, German President His Highness Christian Wulff, Indonesian foreign minister Dr. R. M Marty M. Natalegawa, Crown Prince of Jordan Hassan Bin Tallal, Former Portugal president and the UN Secretary General's High Representative of UN Alliance of Civilizations Jorge Sampaio, Jordanian princes Nada Doumani, Dr. Abdullah S. Al-obaid member of the presidency Committee King Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue, Mr. Hammam N. Al Juraied Youth Committee Director, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajiri Director General, Dr. Fahad Sultan Al-Sultan Deputy of General Secretary, Li Xialolin from China International Friendship Foundation for Peace, Prof. Sultan Muhammad Razzak President International Culture University, Bisera Turkovic Director Institute for Intercultural Cooperation, Cristina Zapata Marketing and Public Relations Manger UNA-DR, Sally Asker Director Insight Sustainability, Mr. Ashraf Siddiqui Chief Editor Urud Post International, Dr. Clem McCartney Policy and Content Consultant Club DE Madrid, Dr. Omar Houry Director Human Rights Commission, Ms. Nadia Solfic Youth Leader from Bosnia, Mr. Erik Christian Furu First Secretary Royal Norwegian Embassy in UAE, Gugun Gumilar Youth Leader from Indonesia, Mr. Seong, Sang Hwan Centre Director Seoul National University Korea, Ms. Anealla Safdar Journalist Doha Centre for Media Freedom, Mr. Manuel Cardenas Director General El Migrante, Pascale Thumerelle, Vice President Sustainable Development, Vivendi, Mr. Enrique Rubio Middle East Bureau Chief from EFE, Mr. Fakhrinur Huseynli, Project Manger Azerbaijan Institute for Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, Mr. Felisa Tibbitts Executive Director Human Rights Education Association. During the meetings with all dignitaries Mr. Noori highlighted the PCSW&HR's initiatives on various issues to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and interfaith & intercultural harmony, social and religious tolerance, understanding, with the various National and International agencies, sustainable development etc.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Presenting Shield to Her Highness Moza Bint Nasser to Acknowledge her Global Services for Humanity and organizing Successful Doha Forum

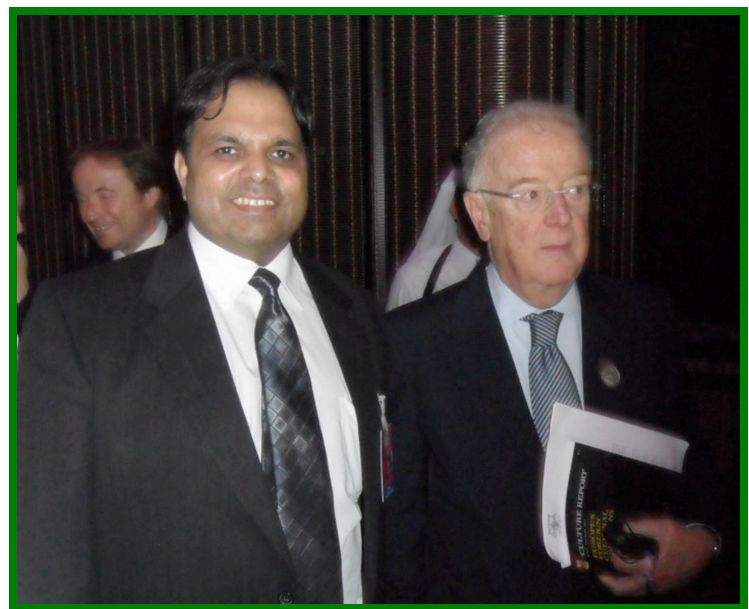


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While talking with Mr. Noori German President His Highness Christian Wulff said that Pakistani Civil Societies Organizations and Government should play their role for sustainable development to secure the peace & justice so that peace may be ensured not only in Pakistan but also at global level. He stressed that all countries should show the same level of reciprocity to its religious minorities that his country had demonstrated to its linguistic and religious minorities. Such steps, he said, would only surface the way to building better mutual understanding among the region's people. The German President also necessitates separating religions from the state. He also appeals to respect each person as a human being rather than being identified on other grounds. Mr. Noori briefed the German President that keeping in view the importance of tolerance and mutual understanding in bringing people of different faiths & culture closer Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights is playing its role since a long time and PCSWHR participation in the Doha forum is also one of step of our initiatives for this noble cause. Mr. Noori also briefed His Excellency Christian Wulff regarding the PCSW&HR's various projects for interfaith harmony & understanding and also educational reforms & quality education at primary level. The German President lauded the efforts of PCSWHR for its splendid work and said quality education would certainly make people more tolerant and more understanding.



German President His Highness Christian Wulff with Mr. Noori after the Meeting on the Eve of Doha Forum



Mr. Noori with the UN Secretary General's High Representative of UN Alliance of Civilizations Jorge Sampaio

Talking with various dignitaries Mr. Noori also said that settlement of Kashmir, Philistine and others disputed issues at global level is essential to create interfaith harmony, understanding and alliance among different civilizations. UN and others international institutions should play their role to solve the disputed issues for the sake of peace at global level



Mr. Noori with Ms. Li Xiaolin Vice President Chian International Friendship Cities Association



Talking with the delegation of King Abdullah Centre for National Dialogue at Saudi Arabia said that His Highness played important role to establish the Centre for National Dialogue that shows his vision to crate interfaith & intercultural harmony and also reflects the Islamic image towards the interfaith harmony and understanding. He also said that all measurements being adopted by the Kind Abdullah Centre for National Dialogue should be highlighted at global level as Qatar Government done to present the Islamic soft image towards the interfaith harmony & understanding

Mr. Noori with the delegation of King Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue



Mr. Noori with Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Qatar on the eve of Doha Forum



*Mr. Noori talking with Dr. Abdullah S. AlObaid
member of the presidency Committee King
Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue*



*Mr. Noori with Indonesian Foreign
Minister Dr. R. M Marty M. Natalegawa*



Mr. Noori during the Doha Forum



Mr. Noori during the Doha Forum



Mr. Noori during the State Lunch during the Doha Forum



Mr. Noori with Mr. Gordon Brown the former British Prime Minister on the eve of Doha forum



Mr. Noori with Mr. Erik Christian Furu First Secretary Royal Norway Embassy Abu Dhabi



Mr. Noori Presenting Shield to Mr. Jan Henningsson Advisor to Sweden Embassy



Mr. Noori Presenting Shield Ms. Heddi Director URI Europe during the Doha Forum

During the Doha forum while talking with Doha Centre for Media Freedom representative Mr. Noori said that Doha forum certainly resolve tension between the Western and the Islamic world through intercultural and inter-religious dialogues and will present the soft and moderate image of Muslim world. The Doha forum is a marvelous step forward towards showing how the Alliance as a soft power tool can contribute to a global partnership for peace and sustainable development. Mr. Noori further said that we all believe that different societies don't have to be divided societies; cultural and religious differences do not produce isolation unless they are hardened by discrimination. Doha forum emerged a positive legend about diversity. Mr. Noori lauded the key role of His Highness Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani the Emir of the State of Qatar, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza for hosting the historical forum and said that due to marvelous traditional hospitality of Doha forum is a soft image of Arab world and Muslim Ummah is emerged globally, they proved that Islam is the religion of accommodation for all civilizations and also believe on human dignity, justice, peace and equality. Mr. Noori congratulates the Her Highness Sheikha Moza for organizing a magnificent forum.



Mr. Noori Talking with Media Representative of Doha Centre For Media Freedom during the Doha Forum

PCSW&HR's proposal/Concept paper "Community Empowerment on Peace Education, Interfaith & Intercultural Harmony and Religious Tolerance" has also got the position in the first twenty out of four hundred proposal from 80 different countries those applied for Intercultural Innovation Award and PCSW&HR will be awarded diploma by UNAOC and BMW Group and as a finalist in top twenty PCSW&HR become the member of the World Intercultural Facility for INNOVATION (WIFI)

While addressing during the workshop organized during the Doha Forum on the topic “What is my responsibility for peace in the world” Mr. Noori said that culture of forgiveness, accommodation, tolerance and self respect at grass root level is essential for peace, harmony and understanding. Islam is religion of peace and accommodation for the followers of all religions



Mr. Noori addressing during the workshop

Speaking in the final session of the UNAOC Forum at the Qatar National Convention Centre, His Highness Sheikha Moza suggested identification of the commitments of the Alliance at all levels and in all aspects and then assessment of the progress based on reports. UNAOC is an initiative aimed at resolving tensions between the Western and the Islamic worlds through intercultural and inters religious dialogues. His Highness all praise for the active participation by the youth whom she described as wiser than the current leaders. She said that Education is the key to social transformation and change. With out education, we will be living in a world of ignorance and xenophobia. The transformation in the Arab world is being led by the educated youth. It is high time for the youth to be active partners of the Alliance, not just passive participants. She added, during this forum I have seen the involvement of the youth and Civil Society Organizations and I was happy to hear their voice. In fact, despite what we think, their awareness is real and they have proven that we need their leadership and support to achieve the goals of UNAOC and Millennium Development Goals. **During the Doha forum** the three main topics, how cultural diversity matters to development, **promoting** trust and tolerance to advance development goals **and** new strategies for intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation remained under discussion



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