

# Media Advisory

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## Secretary General Terry Davis to participate in the Second Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations in Istanbul

**Date:** 6-7 April 2009

**Location:** Istanbul, Turkey

**Organised by** the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Turkish Government

**Description:** Secretary General Terry Davis will be heading the Council of Europe's delegation that will participate in the Forum. The Delegation will present the Turkish version of its White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, which provides various orientations for the promotion of intercultural dialogue, mutual respect and understanding, based on the core values of the Organisation.

The Council of Europe will also be promoting its "Speak Out Against Discrimination" campaign, which is rooted in the White Paper's principles. The campaign aims to ensure that the Council of Europe, alongside media professionals and journalism training institutes bring into focus the role of the media in multicultural Europe, as well as to raise awareness and condemn discrimination, in particular discrimination based on a person's ethnic or racial origin.

In parallel to his participation in the Forum, Secretary General Terry Davis will have several bilateral meetings.

**Practical information:** A press conference of the Council of Europe Delegation will take place on Monday 6 April, 15h00 at the press centre of the the Forum venue, Çırağan Palace.

**More information:** [White paper](#); [Campaign website](#), [Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations website](#)

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