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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW YORK DECLARATION FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS AND MIGRATION-RELATED COMMITMENTS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 1

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

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In 2017 and 2018, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) continued to make significant progress in implementing the migration-related commitment of

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In January 2018, a weeklong UNAOC local youth worked together with

took place in Tunis, Tunisia, where

change and supports the global and multi-platform distribution of youth-produced videos aiming at reducing tensions in a world too often characterized by conflict and polarization. PLURAL+ videos are now featured at film festivals across the world, including the Tribeca Film Festival, the Hamptons Film Festival, the Seattle Film Festival, Chinh India Film Festival, the Royal Film Commission of Jordan, and the African Film Festival of Tarifa, Spain. Watched over a million times on the Internet, PLURAL+ videos have also been screened at high-level meetings at the United Nations Headquarters. In 2017, UNAOC and IOM celebrated the PLURAL+ Awards Ceremony at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Over 300 entries from 69 countries across the world responded to the PLURAL+ call for application. At the awards ceremony, four videos were highlighted - the three International Jury Award winners and the Special Award for the . In addition to these awards, several PLURAL+ partners also participated in the event, distributing awards to PLURAL+ videos for special recognition.

UNAOC's (YSF) supports youth-led organizations that foster peaceful and inclusive societies by providing seed funding to outstanding projects promoting intercultural and interfaith dialogue. In 2017, seven projects were chosen and supported through the Youth Solidarity Fund, with two particularly focused on migration issues.

sought to promote the social inclusion of migrants through arts-based public events in rural areas in Morocco. Through their reach into remote cities, Chantiers Sociaux Marocains also built a network of civil society organizations addressing the topic of migration and integration. In Uganda, the organization trained youth in Nakivale refugee settlement and surrounding Ugandan communities in peace building, which resulted in fewer cases a

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