

Thank you Rafi.

Dear colleagues,

I am very pleased to participate in this session.

Africa continues to be the victim of many injustices.

The pandemic and the war in Ukraine aggravated not only the economic situation but rather the social, cultural and religious dimensions as well. radical and terrorist groups have maliciously used these fissures to recruit and mobilize young Africans.

This evolving threat posed by terrorist and violent extremist groups demands flexible, collaborative and innovative strategies by stakeholders at global, regional, national level.

Gaining the trust with Africa means that our work in Africa should be based on an African organization

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, based in Uganda. The project promotes interfaith relations and fosters social cohesion among youth of different religious sects in Eastern Uganda. The organization created “Youth Interfaith Peace Gardens” in two districts, offering diverse young people

- focused on empowering and strengthening entrepreneurship skills of youth living in remote areas at risk of radicalization.