



Multiculturalism: A contribution to Peace ? Marking the UN International Day of Peace 2011

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September 23-24, 2011

European Conference in Geneva, Switzerland

Excellencies, Colleagues and Friends,

We would like to invite you to join us in the continuing series of conferences held since 2008 at the United Nations in Geneva and New York, as well as, in London, Bergamo and Fribourg, Switzerland on interreligious/ intercultural peace-building. A full day symposium is being planned to commemorate International Day of Peace **on Friday, September 23 at the United Nations Office in Geneva** with a second day being held at the University. The organizers include representatives of non-governmental organizations and other civil society actors, including the academic and religious sectors, governments and the International Organization on Migration (IOM).

The choice of theme, Multiculturalism and Peace, was spurred by the recent tragic events in Norway and the public statements of prominent European Heads of State about the failure of multiculturalism in their nations. The emphasis will be on Europe, but not excluding the input or best practice models from other continents, all of whom have a stake in the success of European integration policy.

The conference will provide a vision for change by looking more deeply at root causes, a common language of core values, best practice models and the essential missing "will". Plans are in place to then bring concrete recommendations to the United Nations and International Organizations, government policy makers and community leaders that would help appease tensions and stimulate peace-building within nations -with a longer term cooperation envisaged towards the implementation of conference results.

Day two of the conference will take place **Saturday September 24, 2011 at the University of Geneva** and will allow more time for interaction while considering the universal values and best practices that are necessary to create a world in which the people of every region, race, nationality, culture and religion can live together in peace. We will also delve more deeply into the root causes of conflict, and the ways to move together towards reconciliation and prosperity as one human family. Participants will all experience an interactive "World Café" (discussion forum), facilitated by the UPF Youth Council.

A fee of 320 Euros for each participant will include a two night stay in double room accommodation with meals and all aspects of the programme (single room accommodation is available but at the additional cost).

To notify us of your wish to attend, please complete the attached registration form and send it to your local UPF or WFWP contact person.

Please register by 16th September noon time to be sure of obtaining a badge for the UN Office in Geneva.

We hope you will consider this invitation important and decide to participate in this program.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Yong Cheol Song
Chairman, UPF Europe

Carolyn Handschin
Vice President WFWP-Europe

Amb. Makarim Wibisono
Executive Director of the
ASEAN Foundation



ELC - European Leadership Conference Program Day 1 - Friday, September 23, 2011

Multiculturalism - A Contribution to Peace? AT THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE GENEVA

9:30-10:40 Opening Sessions • **Government & Migration**

Chair: Mr. Heiner W. Handschin, SG, UPF- Europe
Introductory Remarks; Dr. Yong Cheon Song, Chair, UPF- Europe
Amb. Makarim Wibisono, DG ASEAN Foundation
Dr. Laura Thompson, Deputy- DG, Int'l Organization for Migration
Hon Simonetta Sommaruga, Minister of Justice, Switzerland (inv)
HE Willem van Eekelen, former Minister of Defense, Netherlands
HE Eileen Donahoe, Ambassador, US Mission to the UN Geneva (inv)
Hon Ricardo Lumengo, Member of Parliament, Switzerland

11:00-12:15 Session 1 • **Model UN "Interreligious Council" Special Session on Multiculturalism** (all youth actors)

Opening Statements by youth delegates representing: UN Sec Gen, IOM, UNESCO, UN missions of Switzerland, Great Britain and Norway, followed by "Council Debate" by members of Interreligious Council (youths representing their faiths)

Lunch break

13:30-14:45 Session 2 • **Interreligious/ Intercultural Cooperation and Human Rights**

Chair: Prof. Adrian Holderegger, Department Ethics and Moral Theology, University of Fribourg Switzerland
Dr. Walter Schwimmer, DG Council of Europe (2001-07) (inv)
Dr. Karoline Popp - Migration Policy Officer, IOM
Rev. Dr. Wm. McComish, Dean Emeritus Geneva Cathedral
Dr. Bashy Quraishy, President, European Network ag. Racism (2001-2007)

15:00-16:15 Session 3 • **Women and Development**

Chair: Minister Gary Domingo, Mission of Philippines
Dr. Pila Alvarez- Laso, Assistant DG, UNESCO (inv)
Ms. Blandine Mollard, Gender Issues Coordination., IOM
Ms. Carolyn Handschin, President, WFWPI- Europe
Coffee break

16:45-18:00 Session 4 • **Educational Programs and Institutions**

Chair: Prof. Richard Friedli, Prof. Emeritus, Department of Science of Religion, University of Fribourg - Switzerland
Ms. Ruveni Wijesekera, Swiss Development Academy (SAD).
Ms. Cecile Molinier- Director, UN Development Program- Geneva (inv)
Amb.(ret.) Robert Vandemeulebroucke- Belgium
Mr. Jack Corley, UPF Chairman UK

18:30- 21:00 **VIP Reception & Dinner with Entertainment** (for registered participants) at Vieux Bois

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ELC - European Leadership Conference
 Program Day 2 - Saturday, September 24, 2011

Innovative Approaches to World Peace
 UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, UNI-Mail, Hall MR-290

- 08:30-09:45 Session 1 • Principles of Peace and Value-based Leadership
 Coffee break
- 10:15-11:15 Session 2 • From a Culture of Conflict to a Culture of Peace
- 11:15- 12:30 Session 3 • Group Interactive Program - World Café format
 Lunch break (Lunch provided for 2 day-conference registered participants)
- 14:30-15:30 Session 4 • As a Peace Loving Global Citizen, an insight into UPF's Founder and Origins
 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:00 Closing Session • UPF Update and Participant Reflections

Conference Registration

Please use our on-line registration, click on the link below:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHgtQUdCMmJ4VFRCNzRPTTBwc2NIT2c6MA>

The deadline for registration for obtaining UN Badge is September 16th, 12 noon

or fill-up this form, print or scan it and send it by Email : euhq@upf-eu.org, or Fax: +44-20-77242262

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Function or Title : Tel :

Email :

Organisation :

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Flight Number, time and date of departure / arrival :

I will participate to the full 2 day-Conferences, 23+24 September 2011 in Geneva

I will need a UN badge (please write your name exactly as it appears in your passport and bring your passport with you to the UN.)

Payment of Conference fee EUR 320.- By the participant Sponsored

Other :

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