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European Leadership Conference Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future

United Nations International Day of Peace 2012

Stortinget, Oslo, Norway, 20th-22nd September

You are cordially invited to attend a European Leadership Conference from September 21st to 22nd under the theme 'Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future'. Distinguished delegates from many European countries will be in attendance.

The European Leadership Conference (ELC) is sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) and is part of a series being held in Parliaments and at UN institutions around Europe. This particular conference benefits from sponsorship from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For reports of previous ELCs please follow this [link](#).

Secretary General Ban Ki-moon wrote in June about this year's International Day of Peace theme: *The International Day of Peace, marked every year on 21 September, gives us all a chance to reflect on the unconscionable toll — moral, physical, material — wrought by war. Those costs are borne not only by us today, but by future generations as well. That is why this year's theme is "Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future." It highlights the fact that we cannot possibly think about building a sustainable future if there is no sustainable peace. Armed conflicts attack the very pillars of sustainable development, robbing people of the opportunity to develop, to create jobs, to safeguard the environment, to fight poverty, to reduce the risk from disasters, to advance social equity and to ensure that everyone has enough to eat.*

After international arrivals on September 20th the conference programme will convene on September 21st and 22nd in the *Stortinget* (Norwegian Parliament) and include sessions on Sustainable Peace and their relationship to: A New Vision, Human Rights, Spiritual Traditions, Education for Global Citizenship, Human Security and Retaining Military Strength. A draft programme can be found below listing topics as well as confirmed and invited speakers.

A fee of 320 Euros for each participant will include two nights stay in a twin – bedded room in the Thon Stefan Hotel, with meals, transport and all aspects of the programme (single accommodation and extra nights will incur 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon and hope that you will be able to take time out of your busy schedule to join us for this very meaningful conference.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Yong Cheon Song
Chairman, UPF Europe

Carolyn Handschin-Moser
President WFWP Int. - Europe



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

21 SEPTEMBER 2012



SUSTAINABLE PEACE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future
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Draft Programme

Thursday, 20th September

Afternoon and Evening: Arrivals and Registration at the Thon Stefan Hotel

Friday, 21st September

- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel
- 08:30** Depart for the Venue
- 09:00** Check in at the parliament
- 09:30** **SESSION I: A new Vision for Sustainable Peace**
Mrs. Kari Solholm, Sec. Gen UN Communications Office, Norway (invited)
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jonas Gahr Støre, Norwegian Government (invited)
Dr. Yong Cheon Song, Chairman, UPF Europe
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** **SESSION II: Human Rights – a Necessity for Sustainable Peace**
Mr. Jan Egeland, Director Human Rights Watch Europe, U N Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (2003-2006)
Ms. Silvia Escobar, Former Human Rights Ambassador for Spain
Mrs. Karin Ståhl Woldseth MP, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Norwegian Delegation to the Council of Europe (invited)
Dr. Aaron Rhodes, Ex. Dir. International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights 1993-2007 (invited)
Comments and questions
- 12:30** Lunch
- 14:00** **SESSION III: Our Spiritual Traditions and Sustainable World Peace**
Stein Villumstad, General Secretary for European Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace, first co-chair of the Action by Churches Together (invited)
Dr. Imam Abduljalil Sajid, Chair Dialogue of Cultures Europe, Dep. Chair, Religions for Peace- Europe
Mr. Jack Corley, Chair UPF UK
Comments and questions
- 15:30** Coffee Break
- 16:00** **SESSION IV: Education for Global Citizenship and Sustainable Peace**
Kjell Ingolf Ropstad MP, Leader Youth of the Christian People's Party (invited)
Youth representative from Norway – speaker to be confirmed
Bogdan Pammer, Chair Youth UPF Europe
Comments and questions
- 18:00** Dinner and entertainment at **Restaurant Mehfel**

Saturday 22nd September

- 07:30** Breakfast and Check-out
- 09:00** **SESSION V: Human Security and Sustainable Peace**
Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg, Minister of Defense (1979–81) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1987–1989 and 1990–1993), UN High Commissioner for Refugees 1990, President Norwegian Red Cross (1999-2008) (invited)
Prof. Akiko Yamanaka, Deputy Foreign Minister of Japan (2005-2006)
Ms. Carolyn Handschin-Moser - President WFPW Int. – Europe
Comments and questions
- 10:00** Break
- 11:00** **SESSION VI: Peace Loving Nations retaining Military Strength- a Prerequisite for Sustainable Peace?**
Dr. Willem van Eekelen, Former Minister of Defence of the Netherlands (invited)
Dr. Werner Fasslabend, Former Minister of Defence Austria (1990-2000), President, Academy of the conservative party Austria.
Ms. Elisabeth Rehn, Former Minister of Defence in Finland and UN Under-Secretary General (invited)
Mr. Tore Nyhamar, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
Comments and questions
- 12:30** Lunch
- 14:00** **SESSION VII: Peacemakers**
Norway's Global Role for Peace
Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of Norway (1997-2000 & 2001-2005), President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights (invited)
A Peace Loving Global Citizen
Mr. Timothy Miller, Vice-Chair UPF Europe
- 15:00** Break
- 15:30** **SESSION VIII: Closing Session**
WFPW and UPF: Update and Overview
Ms. Carolyn Handschin-Moser - President WFPW Int. – Europe
Mr. Mark Brann, Secretary General UPF Europe
Reflections and Ambassador for Peace Awards
- 16:30** Departures



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