



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 13 June 2013

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to Resolution 53/243 of the United Nations General Assembly, entitled Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, and to all subsequent annual resolutions, including Resolution 67/106, entitled Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, adopted on 17 December 2012.

Recognizing the importance of the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and the need for strengthening further the global movement to promote a Culture of Peace, I have the pleasure to inform you that I will convene a **High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace** on Friday, 6 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters.

This one-day event, which will be devoted to the implementation of the Programme of Action, aims to provide an informal setting for Member States, representatives of UN entities, civil society, academia, media and private sector for the exchange of views and ideas in an interactive and inclusive manner.

Draft program of the High-Level Forum will be sent to you in due course. To benefit from the wide range of views throughout the Membership, I extend an invitation to your respective Governments to be represented at the highest possible level.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Vuk Jeremic

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



**UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE**

**TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK**

***Friday, 6 September 2013***

**Draft programme**

**10:00 - 10:20 am**

**OPENING SESSION**

**H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić**, President of the General Assembly

**H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

**10:20 - 11:00 am**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

**His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia**

**Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed**, National Director, Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances, Islamic Society of North America

**Elie Abadie, M.D.**, Rabbi, The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue (video message)

**11:00 - 11:30 am**

**HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT**

**H.E. Ms. Dipu Moni**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**H.E. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, Chair of the UNGA drafting committee for the UN Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (1998-99) representing civil society & The Global Movement for The Culture of Peace

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION I: "THE ROLE OF INTERFAITH COOPERATION IN PROMOTING A GLOBAL CULTURE OF PEACE"**

Moderator:

- **Prof. John O. Voll**, Georgetown University

Panellists:

- **Rev. Dr. Katherine R. Henderson**, President, Auburn Seminary
- **Mr. Matthew Hodes**, Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, Religions for Peace
- **Mr. Hüseyin Hurmalı**, Chief Administrative Officer, Journalists and Writers Foundation

**3:00 - 4:30 pm INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION II: "THE CULTURE OF PEACE AS THE AGENDA FOR A NEW GLOBAL CIVILIZATION: WHERE ARE WE NOW?"**

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mrs. Joy Ogwu**, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the UN

Panelists:

- **H.E. Mr. Abul Kalam Azad**, Minister of Cultural Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- **Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, Deputy Executive Director for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships, UN Women
- **Mr. Azim Khamisa**, Founder, The Tariq Khamisa Foundation
- **Ms. Tiffany Easthom**, Country Director for South Sudan, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)
- **Ms. Grace Akallo**, Founder and Executive Director, United Africans for Women and Children Rights (UAWCR)

\*\*\*Brief Musical Interlude\*\*\*

by

Mr. Shinji Harada, Hiroshima Peace Culture Ambassador

**4:30 - 6:00 pm**

**INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION III: "STRATEGY FOR ADVANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON CULTURE OF PEACE: WHAT ARE NEEDED?"**

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González**, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the UN

Panelists:

- **H.E. Mr. Federico Mayor**, President, Foundation Culture of Peace
- **Dr. Nancy Roof**, Founder, Kosmos Journal: The Journal for World Citizens  
Creating the New Civilization
- **Ms. Mikiko Otani**, International Human Rights Lawyer
- **Ms. Abigail E. Disney**, Filmmaker, Co-Founder of Gbowee Peace Foundation and President of Fork Films & Peace Is Loud
- **Ms. Patricia Smith Melton**, Founder, Peace X Peace