

UPF Kathmandu, Nepal's UN International Day of Peace 2021 Webinar

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The image shows the title slide for a webinar. At the top, it reads "UNITED NATION'S INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE" in blue and white text. Below this is the main title "RECOVERING BETTER FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE WORLD" in large, bold, white letters. The date "September 21, 2021" and time "7:00 PM NEPAL TIME" are displayed in white. On the left is the logo of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), and on the right is a logo featuring a globe with a white dove and colorful rays. In the center, a "SPEAKERS" section lists eight individuals with their names and titles: Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal (Chairman, UPF/APP Asia Pacific), Hon. Mohamed Hanim (Former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Maldives), Prof. Shree Ramprasad Upadhyaya (Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal), Dr. Chula Senaratne (Senior Medical Doctor, National Coordinator APPS, Sri Lanka), Bishop Dr. J. M. M. Waqas (President, One To Christ Ministries, Pakistan), Mr. Santosh Kumar Paudel (Chairman, The UPF South Asia), Mr. Keshav Prasad Chaulagain (Secretary, International Council Nepal), and Mr. Binod Dangi (Secretary General, UPF Nepal, MODERATOR). At the bottom, it says "Organized by: Universal Peace Federation South Asia, International Association of Youth & Students South Asia" and includes a "LIVE" indicator and social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. The background of the slide is dark blue with a starry pattern.

Kathmandu, Nepal - UPF-Nepal commemorated the UN International Day of Peace 2021 by organizing a webinar on September 21, on the theme for this year's Day, "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World." Around 100 people participated in the event, which was broadcast on Facebook Live.

In his chairman's remarks, UPF-Asia Pacific Chair and former Nepalese government minister Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal spoke of the need for an equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine globally to help all people of the world recover better from the pandemic. One-hundred countries still have not received a single dose of the vaccine.

The image shows a slide from the webinar. It features the same title and logos as the previous slide. In the center, there is a large video feed of Mrs. Ursula McLackland, the secretary general of UPF-Asia Pacific, speaking. She is a woman with dark hair, wearing a patterned top, and is positioned in front of a white wall with a potted plant. To the left and right of the main video feed are smaller, faded video feeds of other participants. At the bottom of the slide, a red banner contains the text: "The UPF statement was read by Mrs. Ursula McLackland, secretary general of UPF-Asia Pacific".

Dr. Chula Senaratne, senior medical officer at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital in Sri Lanka, said that the word "peace" is important to Sri Lanka because it suffered through a 30-year civil war. UPF founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon wanted to change the situation in Sri Lanka and had visited the country, he mentioned. UPF has provided peace education and has presented the principles of peace to policy makers and educators, as well as has met Sri Lanka's president, he also said.

Hon. Mohamed Hanim, former deputy minister of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Maldives, said that people of all nations, religions and races should think about universal peace. "I am very proud to be a part of UPF, as I believe [it] has great role to establish world peace."

Prof. Dr. Shree Ram Prasad Upadhyaya, a professor at Tribhuvan University in Nepal, said that Nepal is the land of Lord Buddha. It is a peaceful land and has participated in many UN peacekeeping missions around the world.



Bishop Dr. M.M. Waqas, president of the One in Christ Ministries in Pakistan, expressed his gratitude to UPF for convening this program and underscored the need to raise young people in peace.

Mr. Kesav Prasad Chaulagain, secretary general of the Inter-religious Council of Nepal, said UPF can coordinate all sectors to bring about peace in the world.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Paudel, director of UPF-South Asia, gave the welcoming remarks, and Mr. Binod Dangi, secretary general of UPF-Nepal, moderated the event.

