

## WFWP Australia: UN Peace Day conference 2022 is now receiving Registrations

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Don't miss this year's virtual Peace Day conference



The United Nations observes **International Peace Day** annually on September 21st.

In partnership, UPF and WFWP host the **conference** to support and foster peace building within our diverse multicultural community. Five presenters share their expertise and best practice.

2022 UN Peace Day theme: "**End Racism. Build Peace**"

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September 2022

1:15 - 3:35pm AEST

Virtual Conference

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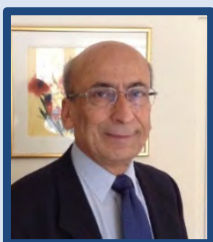


## United Nations Day of Peace Australia 2022 Theme: End racism. Build peace

We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations as we work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination; a world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred – a world that we can truly be proud of.

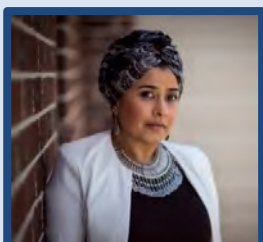
Online – 24 September 1:15 to 3:35 pm

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Bhaneja

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Nonkilling,  
and Shared  
Humanity



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Richie Ah Mat

Cape York  
Partnership  
Board – Co-  
Chair

*Program*

1:15



## Welcome and Introduction by moderator

### Moderator – Dr Joy de Leo OAM

UPF Peace Ambassador, President UPF SA Chapter, Member, International Association of Academicians for Peace, Founding President, UNESCO APNIEVE Australia

1:30 - 1:45



Dr Balwant (Bill) Bhaneja

### Title: Racism, Nonkilling, and Shared Humanity

Dr Balwant (Bill) Bhaneja is a senior volunteer member of the Board of the Center for Global Nonkilling, a UN ECOSOC NGO. A retired Canadian Diplomat with postings in London, Bonn and Berlin, he has written widely on politics, science and arts. A peace activist since 2004, he is co-founder of the Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (now Canadian Peace Initiative), the Annual Ottawa Peace Festival, and the Center for Global Nonkilling. Other civil society memberships have included: Canadian Pugwash Group and Science for Peace. He is author of seven books, most recent works are: Peace Portraits: Paths to Nonkilling (2022), Creighton University and Center for Global Nonkilling, USA: Troubled Pilgrimage: Passage to Pakistan (2013), Mawenzi/TSAR, Toronto; a collaboration with Indian playwright Vijay Tendulkar: Two Plays: The Cyclist and His Fifth Woman (2006), Oxford University Press, India; and Quest for Gandhi: A Nonkilling Journey (2010), Center for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii, USA. Since 2010, he is also the founding editor of the quarterly on-line Nonkilling Arts Research Committee(NKARC) Peace and Arts newsletter. Dr. Bhaneja holds a PhD in Science Policy from University of Manchester, UK and Masters in International Affairs from Norman Patterson School, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

1.45 – 2.15



Tasneem Chopra OAM

### Title: We All Bleed the Same- Let's End the Pain

The prevalence of racism across the globe is a bleak reality. From micro to macro racisms, this is a societal malaise that demands we tackle it, starting with introspection then committing to dismantling structural discrimination. It begins and ends with you & me.

A Cross-cultural Consultant, Tasneem addresses issues of diversity,

equity and inclusion across organisational leadership, including intersectionality within government, corporate, arts and community sectors. She assists clients apply an intersectional lens in their work praxis towards greater cultural competence, innovation and profitability.

For her efforts she was appointed the inaugural Ambassador for Women of Colour, Australia and awarded an OAM. She has also been named an 'Anti-Racism Champion' by the Australian Human Rights Commission and holds a Distinguished Alumni Award from La Trobe University in recognition of her impact in the diversity sector.

A TEDxMelbourne presenter and writer, Tasneem has featured in SBS Life, The Guardian, The SMH and appeared on BBC's IQ2 Debates, Q&A is a regular panellist on The Drum and host of the podcast series, 'Strengths Untold'.

Q&A  
2:15 – 2:25

2:25 - 2.40



Dr Steve Rametse

**Title: Inhumanity is contrary to Ubuntu/Humanness**

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”-  
Mother Teresa

The values of Ubuntu/Humanness are vital for harmony and essential for peace. Inhumanity is contrary to humanistic values articulated in the African concept of Ubuntu/Humanness. Ubuntu is a philosophy based on the idea that all humanity is connected. No one is an island of their own.

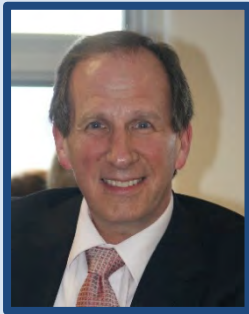
President of Nelson Mandela Day Australia and a Board member of the African Think Tank Inc. An experienced secondary school teacher and reader of the South African political economy and researcher on the settlement issues of the African diaspora in Australia. A former member of the Victorian Government appointed the African Ministerial Advisory Group which helped formulate the “Victorian African Communities Action Plan” (VACAP), which was adopted by the Victorian government in 2018. He is passionate about exploring ways of how the shared values of the African communitarian philosophy of Ubuntu that find expression at the personal, professional, and political levels can engender mutual respect, collaboration, and securing sustainable social justice for all in the diverse cultural communities.

As part of the leadership collective, he helped organize the seven annual Nelson Mandela Lectures since 2016. In 2020, as the President of Nelson Mandela Day Australia Inc, he collaborated with committee members



to stage the virtual Anti-Racism Symposium in Victoria. Recently, he participated in the virtual Truth Telling panel of three sponsored by the City of Melbourne.

2.40 – 2.55



Dr John Bellavance

**Title: Psychological Underpinnings of Racism and the Persecution of Dr Moon**

Dr Bellavance has worked in the non-profit sector for 40 years. He has completed his PhD in 2018 at Monash University on the role of values in the use of Information Technologies by high school age children and has been teaching Information Technology in a Melbourne high school for 20 years. He is the Oceania Coordinator, International Association of Academicians for Peace, Vice-President, Universal Peace Federation Australia and Founder of drjohn.online fostering values education. He is one of the founders of Africa Day Australia and was Vice-President for five years. He is also a committee member of the Nelson Mandela Day Australia. In the 1980s, he and his wife Anne worked with the African American community to fight crack cocaine. Their efforts were recognised by the White House, where President Reagan sent him a letter of appreciation for his efforts to rid America of this social ill.

2.55 – 3:15



RICHIE AH MAT

Cape York Partnership Board – Co-Chair  
Richard (Richie) Ah Mat is a descendant of the Yupungathi peoples from western Cape York and the Wuthathi people of the eastern Cape region.

3:15 – 3:35

Panel discussion



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# Conference Organisers



**Universal Peace Federation** is an NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



**International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)** represents a new global interdisciplinary academic initiative aimed at contributing to the realization of a world of lasting peace by building a professional network for academicians to foster a world of peace based on the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values.



**WOMEN'S FEDERATION  
FOR WORLD PEACE AUSTRALIA**

**Women's Federation for World Peace** is an international NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative, and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families can resolve the complex problems of our societies and world.

## Supporting Organisations



### **The Center for Global Nonkilling**

Imagine a world in which humans no longer kill each other. Is a nonkilling world possible? Amidst continued killing following

the violent 20th century, the Center for Global Nonkilling arises out of new understanding that a killing-free world is possible. It is possible for humans to stop killing each other from homicide to genocide, terrorism and mass murder in war. A killing-free world is a measurable goal. The methods and means of realization are open to infinite human creativity.



**The Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AACCI)** is the only national association for two-way trade and investment between Australia and the Arab League

countries. AACCI is a member of the Union of Arab Chambers of and has fostered strong links with the Australian State and Federal governments since it began in 1975.



## **GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMERCIALISATION**

### **The Global Opportunities**

**Commercialisation** aligns human and societal values in different geographies with business and prosperity by encompassing employees and communities to create social values.



**The Global Somali Diaspora (GSD)** is a global not-for-profit organization working to bring together and mobilize members of the Somali Diaspora for positive action. Global Somali Diaspora (GSD) is a

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**The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) - Asia Pacific Network for International Education and Values Education (APNIEVE)** seeks to promote and develop international education and values education for peace, human rights, democracy and sustainable development.





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