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Seoul, Korea—The main speaker at an online program explained the obstacles to reunifying the two Koreas.

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Oslo, Norway—Speakers from many faith backgrounds joined a UPF commemoration of United Nations Day.

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Tirana, Albania—Around 130 Ambassadors for Peace from Albania and Kosovo celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of UPF.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **“UN International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls” programme**

Thursday, 26 November 2020 07:00pm - 08:30pm



Universal Peace Federation UK is holding “UN International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls” programme at 6 pm GMT, 7 pm CET, Thursday 26 Nov.

**Register at [bit.ly/2Ka8fKK](https://bit.ly/2Ka8fKK)** Speakers: Carole Stone CBE, Shaun Bailey MP, Marie Hanson MBE, Baroness Sandip Verma, Chris Green OBE, Madi Sharma

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### **Zoom webinar: Incentives for a Rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula**

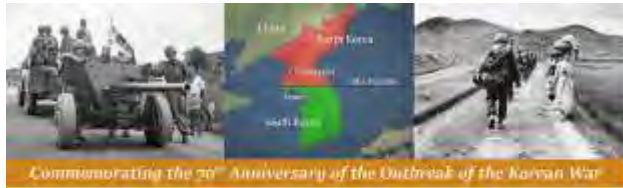
Friday, 27 November 2020 04:00pm - 05:30pm

The Universal Peace Federation is pleased to invite you to participate in a webinar on the topic: **“Incentives for a Rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula”** on Friday November 27, 2020 from 16:00 to 17:30 CET.

**Registration Link: [eume.upf.org/resources/signup-for-webinar-on-27-11-2020](https://eume.upf.org/resources/signup-for-webinar-on-27-11-2020)**

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Commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Korean War



Universal Peace Federation Europe & Middle East  
Zoom Webinar

## Incentives for a Rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula

Friday November 27, 2020  
16:00 to 17:30 CET

This webinar is part of a series of programs initiated by UPF Europe & Middle East to mark the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.

In the last two years the Korean Peninsula has again become the center of the world's attention, 70 years after the Korean War. It is possible to consider again a rapprochement between North and South. Could this lead to reunification? We have seen flickers of hope, yet this quickly reverted to deadlock.

The peace process on the Korean Peninsula depends in great part on its powerful neighbors: China, Russia, Japan, and the United States. Without their support, reunification will be hampered.

However, the key stakeholders are the Korean people. Divided for seven decades by ideology and a widening socio-economic gap, can North and South Korea envision a common destiny? What incentives could help overcome the past of distrust and conflict, and open a path to mutual prosperity? Can lessons be learned from the German experience of reunification? How can Europe contribute to a rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula, and what benefits would it gain from it?

### Moderator:



Mrs. Chantal Komagata,  
coordinator, UPF Europe

### Speakers:



Amb. Marc Vogelaar,  
Dutch diplomat, former ambassador for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former director for External and Public Affairs at the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (KEDO)



Prof. Glyn Ford,  
British academic and politician, former member of the European Parliament, visited North Korea numerous times as a member of the Korean Peninsula Delegation



Dr. Claude Hégel,  
Swiss entrepreneur and politician, founder and president of the investment company Eghéswiss, former member of the Swiss parliament



Mr. Yoshihiro Yamazaki,  
Coordinator, UPF Europe & Middle East;  
Liaison for Europe & Middle East, Institute for Peace Policies, Japan

Interpretation will be available into French and Russian.

After the presentations, there will be time for Q&A.

We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion.

Please register at this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4rlmg3r>

The webinar will also be broadcast on [www.facebook.com/upf.europe116](https://www.facebook.com/upf.europe116)  
(We interpret it on Facebook.)

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## Cyber Faith Round Table organised by UPF Ireland

Friday, 04 December 2020 07:00pm - 08:00pm

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Host: Cllr. Yemi Adenuga

Theme: "Sheeroes" - helping young boys become good men".

Emcee: Colm Ó Cionnaith, Sec Gen, UPF Ireland

1 hour zoominar including presentation about the history and current activities of this inspiring character education project for 20-25 mins followed by prepared Q&A from our Panel and input from guests invited on the day.

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