

Summit for Peace Assembly and One Million Rally - Nigerian Voices for Peace and Development

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Muhammadu Buhari -- The president of Nigeria since 2015

I am delighted to join you at this summit focusing on the theme "reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula through multi-sectoral peacebuilding initiatives in Asia and in the world."

Thanks for the invitation from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and his excellency Ban Ki-Moon. I commend Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of UPF, and her team for their continuous advocacy for sustainable peace in the world. I also commend world leaders who have spared the time to be in the Summit at this challenging time. World Summit 2022 is a testament to the commitment and passion of world leaders to be part of the peaceful resolution of the challenges of the world and its development.

The Korean Peninsula has been a flashpoint of conflict, which has lingered for many decades, and therefore deserving of the attention of world leaders for a peaceful resolution.

The Korean situation, as defined by its history and geography, is unique in the sense that it is the only nation in the Asia-Pacific region that remains divided since the Cold War era. Peace on the Korean Peninsula has far-reaching implications for the region, if not for the world at large.

The Nigerian government encourages and supports every effort to promote understanding and a commitment to peace among the governments and people of both Koreas, and has, for a long time, maintained relations with them at the ambassadorial level. We have enjoyed cordial relations with both Koreas in trade and commerce, education, cultural exchange and technology transfer.

And so, when it comes to what needs to be done to ensure a lasting peace on the peninsula, we are happy to be part of it. All countries have one crisis or another that they are dealing with.

What is important is the commitment to arrive at a true and lasting peace through the most peaceful process.

Let me cite a few examples of the issues we are dealing with in Nigeria.

One, we have designed and are implementing a comprehensive peace plan for the northeast region of Nigeria which has been thrown into an insurgency in recent years.

Two, we are equipping the Nigerian Security Forces to enable them to effectively contain the contemporary security challenges facing Nigerian society in line with modern rules of engagement.

Three, we are establishing Army and Air Force universities as a platform and long-term plan for institutionalizing the practice of peacebuilding and conflict management among young Nigerians.

Four, we have initiated many entrepreneurial economic projects to address youth movement and

unemployment.

At the regional level, our administration has shown and will continue to provide, strong support to peace initiatives and efforts in the West African subregion. We shall continue to pioneer and collaborate with all such efforts in resolving conflicts and bringing lasting peace and security to the West African subregion. On the world stage, such an initiative as the establishment of an international think tank focused on the Korean Peninsula in conjunction with the Universal Peace Federation is a highly welcomed development. We are open to continuous partnerships with both local and international organizations, such as UPF to achieve lasting peace in the world.

I am optimistic that if we prioritize mutual cooperation and peaceful coexistence, the growth and prosperity of humanity is assured.

Let us all join in the efforts and commit to achieving a just and peaceful world based on these principles. I wish the summit beautiful deliberations.



Goodluck Jonathan -- President of Nigeria 2010–2015

Our Dear Mother Moon, the Mother of Peace: It is a time to reflect on the vision of peace, reconciliation and harmonious co-existence, which Rev. Moon lived and pursued with vigor. I urge the leaders of Korea to be open to continuous partnerships with both local and international organizations in order to achieve lasting peace on the peninsula and throughout the world. Let the healing of the world begin with re-unification on the Korean Peninsula!

Once again, to all world leaders, let us reflect on Rev. Sun Myung Moon's vision and promote policies, programs and initiatives that will bring peace and harmony to our world. May the world stand with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon!