

## Global Peace Forum opens in Nairobi.

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The 2010 Global Peace Festival and Convention officially opened in Nairobi on Thursday.

President Mwai Kibaki flanked by Prime Minister Raila Odinga and Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka led other global dignitaries to discuss how to maintain peace and fight poverty globally.

Other issues to be discussed during the four-day occasion include insecurity, piracy and trade.

Themed One Family Under God, the forum convenes international peacemakers including religious, NGO, youth, business, governmental, and other civil society leaders.

Kibaki graced the occasion at Nairobi's Kenyatta International Conference Centre.

Addressing participants, Global Peace Festival Foundation Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Moon called upon leaders and citizens to live as One Global Family Under God and strive for peace and development.



**Global Peace Festival Foundation Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin addresses a past local Global Peace Forum (GPF) in the Rift Valley. Moon addressed the 2010 GPF forum at KICC on Thursday.**

Moon said countries like Kenya are undergoing dramatic changes and have potential to grow and exploit markets globally.

Moon said the 2010 Festival and Convention follow a massive Global Peace Festival in Nairobi in 2008 at the Kenyatta International Conference Center, which was part of 24 GPF initiatives worldwide that engaged more than 1 million youth and civil society leaders in peace building and service activities.

As part of the Kenya GPF in 2008, said Moon, a major ongoing social impact initiative was launched to clean the endangered Nairobi River, one of Kenya's

most treasured waterways.

The Global Peace Festival is an innovative model of peace building that enlists volunteers across religious and ethnic boundaries in community service, youth engagement, and cultural celebration.

Its tri-fold platform includes interfaith initiatives, strengthening families as a cornerstone of peace, and forging a global culture of service.

GPF founder and Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Moon of [the United States](#) is also the founder of Service For Peace, and is actively engaged in a wide array of business and philanthropic interests.

Industrialist Dr. Manu Chandaria called on youth and leaders to foster global peace by fighting poverty and focus on conflict resolution..

"We have to serve society. Let us think out of the box and find solutions to challenges take little time to worry about others," said Chandaria.

Chandaria, a well-known industrialist and international philanthropist, is serving as Private Sector Chairman for the 2010 Global Peace Convention.