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# Peace Talks

## Webinar Series

### INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

We cordially invite you to attend the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) Virtual Summit hosted by the Universal Peace Federation. The ISCP provides a forum for current and former heads of state and government as well as current and former first ladies to deliberate on ways to overcome or mitigate the challenges we face in the 21st century, from pandemics to climate change, conflict and poverty.

This virtual Summit, part of UPF's "Peace Talks" webinar series, will take place on **July 9, 2020 at 15:00 h** (Bangkok time zone) with the following theme: **"Rebuilding and Renewing our Nations in the Post-Covid 19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."**

**Backgrounder:** The COVID-19 crisis has created widespread disruption throughout the world. The disruption has not only impacted the lives of those individuals who

have been infected, and their families and loved ones, as well as health care workers, but it has also impacted children whose schools have closed, workers who have lost their jobs, companies forced into bankruptcy. The Covid-19 crisis is having broad impact on the geopolitical balance of power as well as the global economy. It is affecting all sectors: religion, government, academia and education, business and the economy, the family, women and youth, the media, and the environment. Some predict an end to the era of globalization and a continued rise in nationalism. Some worry that we are facing a global economic depression. At the same time, there are many who are asking “where do we go from here.” Many consider this time as a potential turning point or transformative moment for our world. During this ISCP Virtual Summit, we will address and propose solutions and best practices that will lead us forward as one human family, with emphasis on interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal**, Minister for Peace and Reconstruction, Government of Nepal (2015-2016); Chairman, UPF and IAPP Asia Pacific

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

**H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa**, Prime Minister, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

**H.E. Anote Tong**, President (2003 – 2016), Republic of Kiribati

**H.E. Kessai Hesa Note**, President (2000 – 2008), Republic of the Marshall Islands

**H.E. Tserendash Oyunbaatar**, former Deputy Prime Minister, Mongolia

**H.E. Parmanand Jha**, Vice President (2008 – 2015), Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal; Co-chair of ISCP Asia Pacific

**H.E. Madhav Kumar Nepal**, Prime Minister (2009 – 2011), Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

**H.E. Danny Philip**, Prime Minister (2010 – 2011), Solomon Islands

**H.E. Ati George Sokomanu**, President (1984 – 1989), Republic of Vanuatu

**Mdm. Rachael Marape**, First Lady, Independent State of Papua New Guinea

**Mdm. Shiranthi Rajapaksa**, Spouse of Honorable Prime Minister, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

**Mdm. Diann Mendiola Tudela Torres**, First Lady, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

**Mdm. Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau**, First Lady (2009 – 2015), Republic of Fiji

**Hon. Sujata Koirala**, Deputy Prime Minister (2009 - 2011), Federal Democratic

Republic of Nepal; Vice-Chairperson, ICAPP Women's Wing  
**Dr. Chung Sik Yong**, Regional Group Chairman, UPF Asia Pacific

Please find below the link to register for the ISCP Virtual Summit on July 9th:  
[www.upfasia.org/virtualsummit-register/](http://www.upfasia.org/virtualsummit-register/)

We hope you will join us for this important event.

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. Thomas G. Walsh**, Chairman, UPF International

**Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr.**, Speaker (1992-98, 2001-08), House of Representatives, Philippines

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## Upcoming Events

JUL 10: [Global Forum on Human Settlements](#)

JUL 11: [UPF Central America and the Caribbean HQ - "Peace Talks" Webinar](#)

JUL 18: [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)

AUG 1: [Sunhak 2020 Peace Motion Graphics Competition](#)

AUG 19: [UN International Day of Peace](#)

AUG 19: [UN World Humanitarian Day](#)



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