



# UPF EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST NEWSLETTER



## WORLD SUMMIT 2020

By Jacques Marion, President, UPF Europe and Middle East

The World Summit 2020 took place on February 3-8, 2020 at the Korea International Exhibition Center (KINTEX) in Seoul, Korea, on the theme: “Realizing World Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values”.

Culminating a series of summit conferences sponsored by UPF throughout the world in the last two years, the World Summit gathered more than 6000 delegates representing 170 countries, including former and current heads of the state, former and current lawmakers, ministers, religious leaders, journalists, businessmen, women and youth leaders, Nobel laureates and scholars. World Summit 2020 was significant

in that it was convened at the outset of the centenary anniversary year of UPF’s founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012).

Prominent national and international leaders attended the event, including: former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Philippines Vice President Leni Robredo, Niger Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, former EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon.

The Summit featured the world assemblies of three associations recently inaugurated by UPF: the International Association of

Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), and the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP). Moreover, three new projects were launched: the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED).

On February 4, after an opening message by Hon. Ban Ki-moon, the International Summit Council for Peace was launched by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in the presence of former and current heads of state and government from around the world. Fourteen former heads of state and



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government from the European Union, the Balkans and the Middle East attended the ISCP sessions.

On February 5 was held the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony. Dr. Moon presented a special Founders' Centenary Award to Hon. Ban Ki-moon, then awarded the two Sunhak Peace Prize laureates: President Macky Sall of Senegal and Palestinian Bishop Munib Younan, the Honorary President of *Religions for Peace*. Unable to attend the event due to the health emergency, President Macky Sall was represented by the Senegalese minister of foreign affairs.

11 concurrent sessions were held at the KINTEX center, both on February 4 and 5 afternoons, including forums for parliamentarians and religious leaders, an academic symposium, a youth rally, a science conference on the environment, a forum of Central Asian nations and a forum on the Balkans Peace Initiative. The sessions and breakouts comprised more than 300 presenters and respondents. 500 volunteers were mobilized to support and coordinate all these events.



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1 The World Summit 2020 gathered more than 3,000 delegates representing 170 countries

2 (L to R) Former President of Albania Alfred Moisiu, Advisor to the Vice President of Libya Dr. Fathi Noah, Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, UPF Co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia, Vice-President Leni Robredo of the Philippines

3 Dr. Mario J. Molina, Nobel Prize Laureate, Mexico, speaking in the opening ceremony.

4 H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, President (2010-2015), Nigeria, speaking in the opening ceremony

## LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dr. Katsumi Otsuka, Chairman,  
UPF Europe and Middle East



Dear Readers

The World Summit 2020 was the largest event held by UPF since its establishment in 2005.

Participants gathered for an intense five-day program involving conferences, academic symposia, a youth rally, top-class artistic performances - and a lot of networking.

The summit coincided with the celebration of UPF co-founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon's 100th birthday. For his wife, UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, it was the culmination of a seven-year course since the passing of her husband, during which she has endeavored to carry forward his vision for world peace.

In Seoul, each world region's delegation was assigned to its own hotel. The delegation from Europe and the Middle East comprised more than 400 participants from 55 nations, including 14 former heads of state and government. To overcome all the logistical challenges and to care for so many dignitaries, many young volunteers from around the world were mobilized.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude, both to all the participants who came to Korea at this challenging time, and to all the volunteers who worked with great dedication during the Summit. Your presence confirmed that peace is an ideal worth striving for.



# EXCERPTS FROM WORLD SUMMIT SPEECHES

Selected speeches of former heads of government of the Europe and Middle East region.  
Visit [www.europe.upf.org/nl8](http://www.europe.upf.org/nl8) for the complete speeches.

## H.E. José Manuel Barroso

President, European Commission (2004-2014); Prime Minister (2002-2004), Portugal

*It is a mistake, I believe, to confuse patriotism with nationalism. Patriotism is to love what belongs to us. Nationalism very often is to hate what belongs to others. And, in fact, we need to defend also the others. We can love our country and also feel some solidarity towards the "others". Some people say, "This is idealism. With that idea we are not going to solve the problems of the world." I don't agree. I believe that a universal approach indeed is more realistic than*

*a fragmented approach. We can no longer say to each other, "your side of the boat is sinking." We must solve the issues together. If there is a common problem, we have to find a common solution. That is why I believe that with all its imperfections, the idea of the European Union has some inspiration for other parts of the world.*



## H.E. Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Prime Minister (2003), Finland

*All of us can be proud of certain achievements of women. There has been increasing recognition of their contribution to the economy and to society. Equality in participation and decision-making in society at all levels, from grassroots to governmental positions, is important. Finland has taken the first*

*place in the good country index. It is based on 35 criteria, such as contributions to science and technology, the planet and climate, as well as peace and security. At the same time, we are ranked as the happiest people in the world. I would like to believe that it has much to do with our excellent and equal education and good climate, but also with equality between men and women.*



## H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani

Prime Minister (2008-2012), Pakistan

*When our government came into power and I became prime minister, Pakistan was facing a most serious threat from terrorists who were threatening the very fabric of our society. We decided both to negotiate with those who were willing to acknowledge and respect the writ of the state and also to start a military operation against those who were attacking our children. Later they took revenge on me by kidnapping my son for three long years. After many*

*sacrifices, today Pakistan is by and large free of terrorist activity and we have eradicated their footprint in our country. We need to realize that war is not an option for the resolution of conflicts, whether in the Korean Peninsula or in other parts of the world. The most viable option for the parties is to pursue peace and reunification through peaceful means, political consensus and developing interdependence.*



## H.E. Enrico Letta

Prime Minister (2013-2014), Italy

*Regarding the migration crisis in Europe, we must bear in mind that the juridical distinction between refugees and migrants for economic reasons is the key point; that the search and rescue mission, although our first duty of saving lives, is not a migration policy; that we need to bridge the gap between*

*perception and reality among the population during the migration crisis period; that education is needed to provide the tools to deal with the changes in our societies that migration policies bring; and that correct and successful integration and migration policies are essential. We need to restore mutual trust between the E.U. and African countries for the sake of our common future.*



WORLD SUMMIT

# INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT COUNCIL FOR PEACE (ISCP)

From a report by UPF International

The International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) was convened on February 4 as one of the main events of World Summit 2020. Held in the central hall of the KINTEX Centre, it was the first global assembly of ISCP since its inauguration one year earlier.

The assembly began with an Interfaith Ceremony performed by religious leaders from diverse traditions, while one hundred former and current heads of state and dignitaries from around the world were looking on, sitting on the large stage.

The Welcome Address was given by H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, the former UN secretary-general, followed by Congratulatory Remarks from Hon. Joo-young Lee, deputy speaker of the Republic of Korea's National Assembly; Hon. Chuichi Date, former president of Japan's House of Councillors; and Hon. Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In her Founder's Address, UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon urged world leaders to overcome the barriers to world peace. "We can no longer be onlookers. The future is no longer visible", she said, emphasizing that what is needed is to go beyond national interests.



Keynote Addresses were given by H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia; H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister of Niger; H.E. Henry Van Thio, vice President of Myanmar; H.E. Maria Leonor Robredo, vice President of the Philippines; H.E. Jimmy Morales, President of Guatemala; H.E. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister of India; and H.E. José Manuel Barroso, former President of the European Commission.

Three ISCP forums were held on the afternoons of February 4 and 5. Speakers from Europe and the Middle East included former prime ministers Dominique de Villepin from France (2005-2007); Felipe Gonzalez from Spain (1982-1996); Mirek Topolánek from Czech Republic (2006-2009); Enda Kenny from Ireland (2011-2017); Enrico Letta from Italy (2013-2014); Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani from Pakistan (2008-2012); and Carl Bildt from Sweden (1991-1994).



1 H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister, Niger, speaking during the ISCP Assembly

2 Recipients of the ISCP medals with Dr. Moon. Left to right: H.E. H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister (1996-1997), India; H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, Prime Minister (2008-2013), Pakistan; H.E. Jocelerme Privert, President (2016-2017), Haiti; H.E. Dr. Beyon Luc Aldolphe Tiao, Prime Minister (2011-2014), Burkino Faso; H.E. Jimmy Morales, President (2016-2020), Guatemala; H.E. Arnoldo Aleman, President (1997-2002), Nicaragua; H.E. José Manuel Barroso, President, European Commission (2004- 2014), Prime Minister (2002-2004), Portugal; H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, President (1999-2007), Nigeria; Rt. Hon. Parmanand Jha, Vice President (2008- 2015), Nepal; Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister (2006-2015), Canada

## WORLD SUMMIT

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR PEACE (IAPP)

*From a report by UPF International*

On February 4 and 5 afternoon, three IAPP sessions were held on the theme: “Toward Peace, Security and Human Development: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universal Values”. Chaired by Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, former Nepal government minister (2012-2013); Hon. John Doolittle, former US Congressman (1991-2009); and Hon. David Clarke, former Australian MP (2003-2019), the sessions featured speakers representing a very broad range of nationalities and political affiliations. The topics were diverse, with a specific focus on the prospects for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula.

Over 20 current presidents or vice presidents of parliaments and government ministers attended the sessions. From the Europe and Middle East Region, the speakers included: Hon. Elena Drapeko and Hon. Vasily Vlasov from Russia; Hon. Hilik Bar from Israel; Hon. Veronica Rosca from Moldova; Hon. Yves Nidegger from Switzerland; Hon. Allal Amraoui from Morocco and Hon. Kimmo Sasi, former member of parliament and government minister from Finland.



- 1 Hon. Allal Amraoui, Member of Parliament, Morocco
- 2 Hon. Elena Drapeko, Member of the Duma, Russia
- 3 Hon. Hilik Bar, Member of Parliament, Israel
- 4 Hon. Veronica Rosca, Member of Parliament, Republic of Moldova

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## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRST LADIES FOR PEACE (IAFLP)

*From reports by UPF International and Carolyn Handschin, President, WFWP Europe and Middle East*



- 1 H.E. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, former prime minister of Finland, giving a congratulatory address
- 2 Speakers and participants in the first session

Following up on the Asia-Pacific First Ladies Summit held on December 10, 2019 in Palau, the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) was launched at the World Summit 2020. Current and former First ladies, among others, attended the event hosted by the Women’s Federation for World Peace, a sister organization of UPF.

Opening Remarks were given by Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, chairperson of UPF Korea and by Ms. Julia Moon, president of WFWP international and director of the

Universal Ballet company. Special addresses were delivered by Mme Debbie Remengesau, the First lady of Palau, and Mme Ingrid Aingimea, the First lady of Nauru.

Speakers from the Europe and Middle East included Mme Fionnuala Kenny, wife of former Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny; Dr. Svetlana Jovic, from the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL); Dr. Céline Guérin, a neuroscientist from Switzerland; H.E. Anneli Tuulikki Jäätteenmäki, former Prime Minister of Finland, and H.E. Dalia Itzik, former President of Israel.

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**SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE 2020 AWARD CEREMONY**

From a report by UPF International



On February 5, the award ceremony for the Sunhak Peace Prize 2020 took place in the main hall at KINTEX. The founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and the Chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, Dr. Il-Sik Hong, presented a medal and a plaque to the laureates.

A special Founders' Centenary Award was presented to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who thanked the founders for their continued commitment to peace and to the unification of the Korean Peninsula. In particular, he applauded Dr. Moon for her

vigorous investment in solving environmental problems.

The co-laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize 2020 was Senegalese President Macky Sall, who was represented by Senegal's Foreign Minister Amadou Ba. In a video message he apologized for suddenly cancelling his visit to Seoul due to the health emergency. "This Prize is a tribute to the Senegalese people and I dedicate it to them", he said, adding that he offered the amount of the Prize to the African Union Peace Fund as a contribution to peace efforts in Africa.

Palestinian Bishop Munib A. Younan, international honorary president of *Religions for Peace*, was the co-laureate of the Prize. Recalling that the duty of all religious leaders is to raise their voices for peace on the basis of justice, he said he would do so until his last breath. He expressed his gratitude for receiving the award "as an Arab Christian Lutheran and as a Palestinian refugee". "This award motivates me to continue to be a witness of peace, a builder of justice, a defender of human rights, a minister of reconciliation and an apostle of love", he concluded.

1 Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Sunhak Peace Prize Committee chairman Il-sik Hong awarding the Founders' Centenary Award to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon

2 Bishop Munib A. Younan, Arab-Israeli Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, giving his acceptance speech

3 President Macky Sall of Senegal giving his acceptance speech via a video presentation

4 President Macky Sall was represented by Senegal's minister for foreign affairs Amadou Ba

5 The ceremony concluded with musical entertainment from well-known Korean artists

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## WORLD CLERGY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WCLC)

From a report by UPF International



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The World Clergy Leadership Conference (WCLC), inaugurated in the USA on December 28, 2019, hosted its first assembly on February 5 at KINTEX, during the World Summit 2020. Some 1,200 Christian leaders gathered from around the world, representing many nationalities and denominations.

The co-moderators were Rev. Dr. Luonne Rouse, national co-chair of ACLC-USA, and Ms. Laura Yang, director of the International Committee of the Korea Religious Association. Bishop Noel Jones, senior pastor of the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles, gave the welcome address.

Rev. Dr. William A. McComish, dean emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva and president of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal, gave the keynote address. "Our leadership as clergy must be outgoing to the larger world; especially to other religious groups, like the Rohingya, that are persecuted", he said. Then, other WCLC Committee members from Korea, Japan, the USA, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Africa addressed the audience to launch the worldwide organization.



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1 Assembly of the World Clergy Leadership Conference (WCLC)

2 Rev. Dr. William A. McComish, dean emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva and president of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal in Switzerland

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## INTERRELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT (IAPD)

From a report by UPF International



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On February 4 and 5, the IAPD Assembly consisted of three sessions on the theme "Toward Lasting Peace: The Role of Religion, Interreligious Dialogue and Faith-Based Organizations". The sessions were moderated by Archbishop George Stallings, chairman of IAPD-USA and David Fraser-Harris, secretary general of UPF Middle East.

Representing a broad range of cultures and denominations, participants shared their perspective on religious cooperation for peace. Speakers from Europe and the Middle East included: Archimandrite Rogelio Sáez Carbó, Greek Orthodox Church of Spain and Portugal; Shri Singh Bhatia, European director, Sant Nirankari Mission, UK; Dr. Andriy Yurash, director,



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Department for Religious Affairs and Nationalities, Ukraine Ministry of Culture; Sheikh Nuru Mohammed, Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim Community of Birmingham, UK; Monsignor Nicolas, patriarch, Orthodox Patriarchate of Nations, France; Father Yacobos Abu-Aaqel, Arabic Orthodox community, Israel; Father Joseph Saghbini, archimandrite, Melkite Catholic Church, Lebanon.

1 Sheikh Nuru Mohammed, Minister of Religion, Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Muslim Community of Birmingham, United Kingdom; and Dr. Andriy Yurash, director of the Department for Religious Affairs and Nationalities, Ministry of Culture, Ukraine

2 The candle-lit, interreligious prayer ceremony during the IAPD Assembly

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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMICIANS FOR PEACE (IAAP)

From reports by UPF International



Launched on February 4-5, the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) is “a new global academic initiative to identify and share the theoretical underpinnings needed to realize a world of lasting peace”.

Co-sponsored by the HJ Academic Foundation of Arts and Sciences, Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) and Sun Moon University, the Conference consisted of four separate panels. The opening ceremony featured welcoming remarks by Hon. Chan-Yeol Lee, Education Committee Chair of the National Assembly of Korea; Dr. Modadugu Gupta, Indian scientist and Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate; and Amb. Marc Vogelaar, a former diplomat from the Netherlands.

In Panel 1 on the theme “A Vision for the Unity of the Sciences” the speakers from Europe were Dr. Gennady Shipov, Director, Center for Physics of Vacuum, Moscow State University, Russia, and Dr. Martin Ramirez, Chair, Center for Conflict Studies, Nebrija University, Spain.

Panel 2 on the theme “A Vision for World Peace”, featured Dr. Werner Fasslabend, President, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, Austria; Dr. Emmanuel Dupuy, President, Institute for Prospective and Security in Europe, France; Hon. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, former Speaker of Parliament, Luxembourg and Dr. Walter Feichtinger, Director, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, Austrian National Defence Academy.

Panel 3 on the theme “The God Conference and God as the Parent of Humankind” featured Professor Ben Pazi, Chair, Dept. of Jewish Philosophy, Bar Ilan University, Israel.

Panel 4 on the theme “The Peace of Humankind and the Role of the University in the Next 100 Years”, featured university presidents and educators, including Dr. Vasyl Kremen, former Minister of Education of Ukraine.



1 Dr. Joseph Terwilliger, professor of neurobiology at the Columbia University Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute, USA, speaking in Panel 3

2 Panel 4 - The World University Presidents' Congress (WUPC)

3 Hon. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, former Speaker of Parliament, Luxembourg, speaking in Panel 2

4 Amb. Marc Vogelaar, Former Diplomat, Netherlands, speaking at the Opening Plenary

5 Dr. Vasyl Kremen, President, Pedagogical Academy of Ukraine, speaking in Panel 4

6 Dr. Rima Salah, former Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF, and Dr. Walter Feichtinger, Austrian National Defence Academy, speaking in Panel 2



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## 26TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNITY OF THE SCIENCES

From a report by UPF International

ICUS 26 was held on February 4-5 at the KINTEX Center, bringing together scientists and environmentalists on topics such as “Resolving Environmental Issues for the Prosperity of Humankind”, “Providing Drinking Water in Africa” or “A Plan to end World Hunger”.

On February 1-3 at the Mayfield hotel in Seoul, was held the first Conference on Science and God on the theme “Exploring New Pathways to Resolve Environmental Challenges”. The conference was co-chaired by Nobel Laureate Professor Luc Montagnier.



The 26th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS)



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## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS FOR PEACE

From a report by UPF International



1 Speakers at the IAYSP forum, included Dr. Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati, pioneer for the cause of climate change; Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning for refugee education; Dr. Subash Jaha, Nepalese professor, expert on disaster relief

2 The IAYSP Assembly gathered thousands of young people from all over the world



Thousands of young people from all over the world gathered at the Kintex Center on February 5 to launch the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace. Founded in 2017, YSP focuses on supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals through character education projects and relief and service activities.

After a large rally attended by YSP Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, a Forum was held under the theme “The Role of Young People in Creating a World of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values”. Presenters included experts in the fields of environmental protection, disaster relief and refugee education.



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## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ASSOCIATION FOR PEACE (IMAP)

Written by Mr. Peter Zoehrer, Director, Media Relations, UPF Europe & Middle East



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On February 2, the conference launching the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) was held in Seoul, attended by 520 media professionals and high-ranking government and business officials from 72 countries. Convened around the theme of “Establishing a Global Environment of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values - the Role of the Media”, the conference was organized by UPF in partnership with media companies The Washington Times, Segye Ilbo in Seoul, and Sekai Nippo in Tokyo.

After congratulatory remarks by the mayor of Seoul City, the minister of culture and sports and the chairman of

the Korea Association of Newspapers, media professionals from around the world addressed essential industry issues including the current state of the media, the impact of disruptive innovation, how to reclaim and upgrade the mission of journalism, the freedom and responsibility of the press, the role of the media in solving critical social and geopolitical challenges and the case for a new global association.

1 The conference was held at the Lotte Hotel Seoul

2 Mr. Shin Jai-won, Executive Vice-President, Hyundai Motor; head of the newly established Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Division

3 Mr. Juan Señor, President, Innovation Media Consulting, United Kingdom

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## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (IAED)

From a report by UPF International



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1 Jim Rogers, chairman, Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests Inc., Singapore

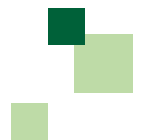
2 The IAED Assembly brought together 600 business leaders and experts

The IAED Assembly brought together 600 businessmen and women, representatives of financial foundations and research centers, and global experts in economics to explore the role of business in world peace and establish a global network of business experts under the banner of expanding the values of interdependence and economic equalization.

Singapore-based investor Jim Rogers confidently predicted that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be the century of

the Asia Pacific region and that Korea will be the most attractive place in the world within the next 10-20 years due to the reunification of the Korean peninsula.

Neil Bush, Chairman of the Points of Light Foundation, highlighted strategies for companies to support the sustainable development goals, beginning with an engagement from the corporate leaders themselves.



## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

*UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon convened the World Summit 2020 to honor her husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, on the 100th anniversary of his birth and also the 60th anniversary of their wedding. We present here an extract of a speech given by Mother Moon in 1994 on the role of women, and a poem written by Father Moon at age 15.*

**Excerpt from Mother Moon's speech**

*Given to women leaders on October 12, 1994, in Seoul, South Korea*

Women are the individual embodiments of truth representing one of the two natures of the incorporeal God, who possesses yin and yang in both external form and internal nature. Therefore, women are not in a competitive relationship with men, who represent the other side of God. Women are not the assistants of men; they are interdependent partners who make the world whole. When God created men and women, God established them as the ideal counterparts for each other and made it so that they can become one through true love.

The fact that the natures of men and women are different does not pose a problem. Those differences are factors that bring on the stimulation of love. In the original ideal, a man and a woman united in true love have the right of equal position and equal status. Moreover, a man and a woman united in true love have the right to participate as equals, and through their love they can always be together. A man and a woman united in true love have the right of inheritance through which each shares what belongs to the other as the second owner. As you can see, a man and a woman united through God's ideal of true love are created as completely equal beings in terms of value. They have the right of identical standing, mutual ownership and participation as equals.

Therefore, men and women are not in an antagonistic relationship, in which they need to imitate, covet or somehow acquire the other's nature and role. Instead, they are in a relationship in which they share with one another, by giving what is theirs to the other through true love. Thus, each perfects the other and becomes one with the other.

**Crown of Glory**

*Written by Father Moon in 1935*



When I doubt people, I feel pain.  
When I judge people, it is unbearable.  
When I hate people, there is no value  
to my existence.

Yet if I believe, I am deceived.  
If I love, I am betrayed.  
Suffering and grieving tonight,  
my head in my hands.  
Am I wrong?

Yes I am wrong.  
Even though we are deceived, still believe,  
Though we are betrayed, still forgive.  
Love completely, even those who hate you.

Wipe your tears away and welcome with a smile  
Those who know nothing but deceit,  
And those who betray without regret.

O, Master, the pain of loving.  
Look at my hands.  
Place your hand on my chest.  
My heart is bursting, such agony.

But when I love those who acted against me,  
I brought victory.  
If you have done the same things,  
I will give you the Crown of Glory.

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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCEAN

Written by Maria Nazarova, Secretary General, UPF Russia



1 (L to R) Ms. Olga Kim, Dr. Ostroumov, Dr. Thomas McDevitt, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Foundation International, and Dr. Elena Khazanova  
 2 Hon. John Doolittle, former member, U.S. Congress

From November 11 to 14, 2019, an International Conference on the theme of “Restoring the Environment and Building a World of Lasting Peace: the Significance of the Ocean” was held in Yeosu, South Korea.

Envisioning the role of the ocean for the future wellbeing of humankind, UPF Founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon considered Yeosu as a center for the development of oceanic enterprises in the coming Pacific era.

UPF Russia invited a delegation of Russian scholars to the event, composed of Dr. Sergey Ostroumov, a leading researcher from Lomonosov Moscow State University, and Dr. Elena Khazanova, from the V.I. Illichov Pacific Oceanological Institute.

New scientific achievements regarding the protection of the environment and the maintenance of ecosystems were the focus of the debates.

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# ASIA PACIFIC FIRST LADIES SUMMIT CONVENED IN PALAU

From a report by UPF-Asia



From December 9 to 11, 2019, in Koror, Palau, the Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit 2019 successfully featured a series of three high-profile events. The conference, held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center, was attended by the First ladies of Palau, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Mariana Islands, along with three former First ladies (Fiji, Kiribati and Marshall Islands) and more than 500 delegates from 38 nations.



The International Association of First Ladies for Peace, a project of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), was launched during the inaugural session. The main topics of the conference were: “The Role of Women Leaders in Addressing Critical Challenges: Solutions and Best Practices”, and “Palau: Preserving the Environment through Cultural Wisdom.” On December 11, an Interfaith Family Festival was held in the presence of the Palau presidential couple, President Tommy Remengesau and First Lady Debbie Remengesau, along with other First ladies and international dignitaries.

1 Inaugural address of First Lady Debbie Remengesau  
 2 Around 500 international and local delegates converged in the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center, Koror, Palau

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# WORLD LEADERS GATHER FOR ASIA PACIFIC SUMMIT 2019 IN CAMBODIA

From a report by UPF-Asia

The Asia Pacific Summit 2019 was convened by UPF in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, from November 18 to 21, 2019, with over 500 international guests from 46 nations in attendance. Prior to the opening of the Summit, Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Hun Sen received Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF, whom he had personally invited to Cambodia. On November 19, the summit was held inside the Peace Palace, the office of the Prime Minister.

Among the dignitaries were the vice presidents of Myanmar and Palau, the leaders of the Bangladesh and Pakistan parliaments, and former heads of state and government of Afghanistan, Colombia, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. From Cambodia, in attendance were deputy prime ministers, ministers, governors, mayors and chief provincial council members, among others.



1 The summit was held inside the Peace Palace  
2 Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Hun Sen

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# LATIN AMERICA-CARIBBEAN SUMMIT INAUGURATES REGIONAL ISCP

From a report by UPF-Latin America

On December 14-15, 2019, in Santiago, Dominican Republic, UPF organized the 2019 Latin America and Caribbean Summit which drew over 500 participants from 43 nations. President Jimmy Morales of Guatemala and the former presidents of Trinidad and Tobago, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Bolivia and Haiti attended the Summit. Participants included current and former speakers of parliaments, parliamentarians, interfaith and civil society leaders, business and media representatives, and members of the Regional associations Foro de Presidentes de Poderes Legislativos (FOPREL) and Central American Parliament (PARLACEN), which partnered with the Summit.

The opening ceremony inaugurating the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) was held on December 14 at the Santiago Government Hall, presided by Santiago Governor Ana Maria Dominguez on behalf of H.E. Danilo Medina, president of the Dominican Republic. Other dignitaries included H.E. Maria Fernanda Flores de Aleman, former First lady of Nicaragua; H.E. Anthony Thomas Carmona, former president of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Lupe Rosario Serrano, former president of Ecuador; H.E. Jocelerme Privert, former president of Haiti; and H.E. Jaime Zamorra, former president of Bolivia.



1 Speakers and dignitaries at the summit  
2 The 2-day event was held at the Santiago Government Hall and Hodelpa Gran Almirante Hotel

WORLD NEWS

## WORLD CLERGY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE LAUNCHES IN AMERICA

From a report by UPF-USA

Nearly a thousand religious leaders from around the world convened to inaugurate the World Clergy Leadership Conference (WCLC), an initiative affiliated with UPF, in New York City on December 27. Designed to unite Christianity, the WCLC aims to promote global peace and reconciliation through family values and a healthy society.

Many clergy weighed in on religious divisiveness among other issues plaguing society. “We must highly value God’s Word and ourselves, our family, and our entire region,” said Paula White, special advisor to the Faith and Opportunity Initiative at the Office of Public Liaison at the White House. “The longest journey one can make is the journey from the head to the heart,” added Rev. Dr. Peniel Rajkumar of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. “The challenges of bridging communities go hand in hand with the challenges within.”

On December 28, the participants joined thousands of religious leaders attending the Peace Starts With Me clergy rally at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, which served as the official launch of the WCLC. The main speaker was UPF Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who urged Christian leaders “not to look back, but run forward and embrace the world”.



1 Dr. Prophet Radebe, Founder, the Revelation Church of God, South Africa, speaking at the convocation

2 The celebration featured a 2,000-voice choir conducted by renowned gospel singer Bishop Hezekiah Walker

WORLD NEWS

## FIRST AFRICA CONTINENTAL SUMMIT IN NIGER

Written by Dr. William Selig, UPF communications director

The Africa Continental Summit held in Niamey, Niger, was hosted by President Mahamadou Issoufou with the participation of 2,000 national and international delegates, including current and former heads of state and government from 70 nations across Africa and around the world. UPF organized the summit with the cooperation of Niger’s government and the support of the African Union, ECOWAS and G5 Sahel representatives.

President Issoufou and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon signed a memorandum of understanding, based on UPF’s initiatives in Africa, affirming support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals and for the African Union’s Africa Continental Free Trade Area. On November 29, all the participants attended the Family Festival at the Palais des Congrès in the presence of Prime Minister Brigi Rafini.



1 Mother Moon presented a special certificate to H.E. President Mahamadou Issoufou

2 The Opening Plenary was held at the Palais des Congrès on the banks of the Niger River

## REGIONAL NEWS

## WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK EVENTS

In 2010, the UN designated the first week of February every year as World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW). Below are a few representative programs organized by UPF Europe to celebrate WIHW 2020. For more information, visit [www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com](http://www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com).



### RUSSIA

The traditional educational program of excursions to the churches of St. Petersburg, Russia, started on January 27, the day of the complete liberation of Leningrad from the Nazi blockade.



### NORWAY

UPF Norway organized a program in the mosque Central Jamaat E Ahle Sunnat in partnership with the network "My Neighbor", an initiative started by a local minister in the Church of Norway.



### UNITED KINGDOM

On January 23, 45 people from different religious and cultural backgrounds gathered in Birmingham, UK, to consider the power of forgiveness.



### SPAIN

An interreligious gathering was held in Marbella, Spain, with the theme "Meeting for Peace and Dialogue: strengthening ties among different paths".



### PORTUGAL

UPF and WFPW were invited by the Mayor of Odivelas, Portugal, to participate in events with Catholic, Evangelical, Islamic, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, Mormon, and Tocoist religious leaders.



### AUSTRIA

Vienna International Centre (United Nations)

On January 31, 2020, UPF Austria organized a conference on the theme "Faith Based Organizations

and the UN SDGs". Co-sponsored by Growth4Peace, WFPW, UNCAV and YSP, it was attended by 200 participants including UN diplomats, religious leaders, NGO representatives and other members of civil society.

Speakers in the first session on the theme "Interfaith Cooperation, Peacebuilding and Crime Prevention" included Mr. Jean-Luc Lemahieu, director at the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC); H.E. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, ambassador of Pakistan; H.E. Dato' Ganeson Sivagurunathan, ambassador of Malaysia; and H.E. Martin Pammer, former Austrian ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina. The second session brought together theologians and experts in conflict resolution.

## WORLD SUMMIT

**BALKANS PEACE INITIATIVE CONSULTATION**

From reports by UPF International and Mrs. Renee Corley



The Balkans Peace Initiative Consultation session at KINTEX on February 5 afternoon, was a follow up to the Southeast Europe Peace Summit organized by UPF in Tirana, Albania, in October 2019. Amb. Christopher Hill, former US Ambassador to the Balkans, brought his considerable experience in the region by moderating the session.

After opening remarks by Dr. Otsuka, chair of UPF Europe & Middle East, and by former president Moisiu of Albania, the first speaker was H.E. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former prime minister of Denmark and secretary general of NATO. “Full integration into the EU will bring lasting peace in the region”, he said, regretting the delay recently imposed on Albania and North Macedonia. Opening membership negotiations is the tool to keep the momentum for reforms moving forward, but EU membership must be a process”, he concluded, “involving reform, democratisation and good governance and the implication of civil society.”

H.E. Filip Vujanović, former president of Montenegro, described the challenges endured by Balkan nations

to attain the relative peace and stability which they experience today. He expressed optimism for the future and presented the Podgorica Club, a Club of former heads of state from the region which he founded, as a contribution to peace in the Balkans.

Dr. Neven Cvetičanin, president of the Forum for Strategic Studies in Serbia, shared his conviction that Balkans nations could look to a brighter future when they adopt democratic principles and the rule of law.

Two respondents concluded the session: former Albanian prime minister Vilson Ahmeti and French political scientist Emmanuel Dupuy, who placed the regional peace process in the greater context of the competition for influence between the USA and the EU, Russia and China.

1 Amb. Hill (standing, left) and the panellists of the Balkans Peace Initiative Consultation

2 H.E. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, prime minister of Denmark (2001 - 2009) and secretary general of NATO (2009 to 2014) with H.E. Filip Vujanović, president (2000-2015) Montenegro, and president, Podgorica Club.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- May - July UN International Day of Families events  
Seminar on UPF Peace Principles
- Sept. – Oct. UN International Day of Peace events  
Balkans Peace Initiative events  
Conference at UNESCO  
Conference at the UN in Geneva
- Nov. – Dec. Conference at the British Parliament  
Conference at the EU Parliament  
Seminar on UPF Peace Principles

\*This program is tentative.

See the calendar of events at [www.europe.upf.org/agenda/events](http://www.europe.upf.org/agenda/events)