

UPF Asia-Pacific: Global Webinar -The Future of the Rules-Based World Order

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Greetings from the Universal Peace Federation!

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming Global Webinar, “**The Future of the Rules-Based World Order – Where Do We Go from Here?**” organized in association with the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP).

This special event will feature addresses by three former heads of state representing diverse regions of the world, including Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. Each distinguished speaker will share insights and perspectives on the future of the rules-based world order. Their presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion and an interactive Q&A session.

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 0900 New York; 1400 London

Please register using the following link:

[Webinar Registration Form](#)

A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants prior to the event. Attachments: Event Brochure & Invitation Letter. We look forward to your participation.



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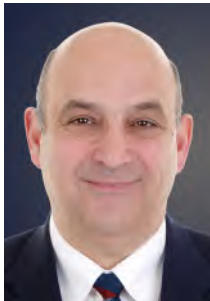
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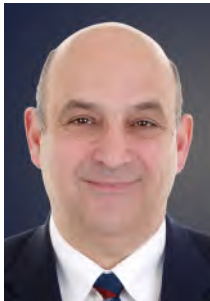
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