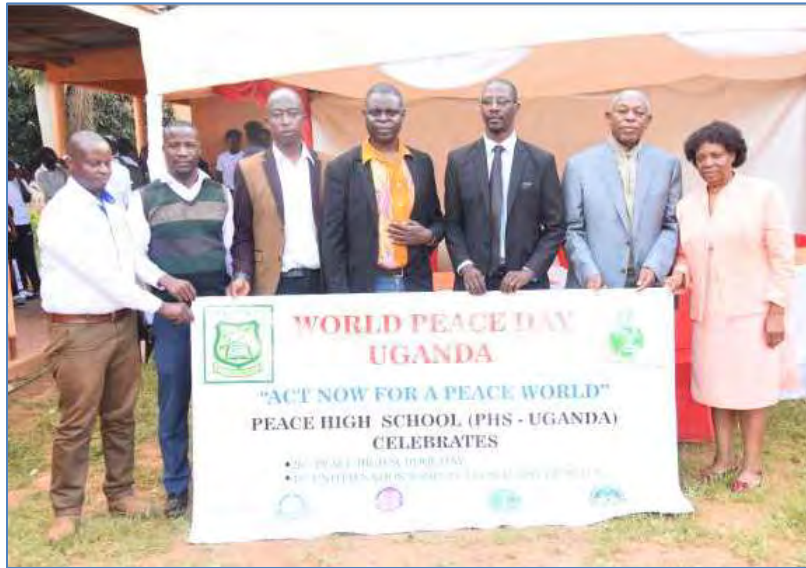


UPF Uganda: Ugandan Schools and Communities Advance Peace Education

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Kampala, Uganda - September was a busy month for UPF-Uganda, which organized a series of events across the country under the theme "Peaceful Family: The Basic Building Block for World Peace." The events were conducted in collaboration with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and partner schools, engaging youth, educators, community leaders, and ambassadors for peace.



Activities were held across five venues between September 21 and 30, 2025, emphasizing youth empowerment, interfaith dialogue, and the expansion of peace education. They were timed to coincide with the UN International Day of Peace.

The first event, on September 21, 2025, was a quiet yet meaningful celebration by UPF-Uganda staff and members. Rev. David Phiri, regional leader (Eastern Region) of FFWPU, offered prayers for peace, protection, and unity in Uganda, especially as the nation enters a politically sensitive election period. He emphasized hard work, discipline, and cooperation as essential virtues for maintaining peace during challenging times.

Peace outreach activities continued throughout the month. On September 23, Ambassador for Peace Bishop Deogratius Mugarura led an outreach session at Peace High School, while Peace Ambassador Mr. Godfrey Mulungi conducted a similar event at Gifted Hands School on September 24. These programs focused on cultivating peace awareness, character education, and responsible citizenship among young learners.



On September 27, UPF-Uganda hosted a vibrant International Day of Peace celebration at Peace High School, engaging students through performances and dialogues on the importance of peace. The program included poems, drama, traditional dances, and speeches highlighting Uganda's heroes of peace.

Distinguished guests included Rev. David Phiri, regional director of FFWPU East Africa; Rev. Jusang Gashumba, national president of FFWPU Uganda; and Rev. Titus Asan Kezimbira, coordinator of the Association for Academicians for Peace.



Musician and peace advocate Mr. Michael "Micky Wine" Mukwaya inspired the students to stay focused on their education. A crew from Baba TV broadcasted the event nationwide.

The month concluded on September 30, with a grand ceremony at UPF offices in Nalukolongo, celebrating the UN International Day of Peace and awarding Ambassador for Peace certificates. Dr. Keefa Kiwanuka, president of UPF-Uganda, highlighted UPF's efforts to promote moral leadership and peace during a politically charged season. He encouraged unity among ambassadors for peace and pledged to strengthen UPF's outreach nationwide. The event featured cultural performances by Peace High School students and other presentations.

Certificates were presented to new ambassadors for peace Dr. Grace Kayale of the Solar Group, Bishop Raphael Ongango, Bishop Deogratius Mugarura, and Ms. Sarah Namuyomba. In addition, 36 students from Peace High School received special certificates for their outstanding participation and performances.