



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION – ALBANIA

ACTIVITIES DURING 2023

January – June 2023



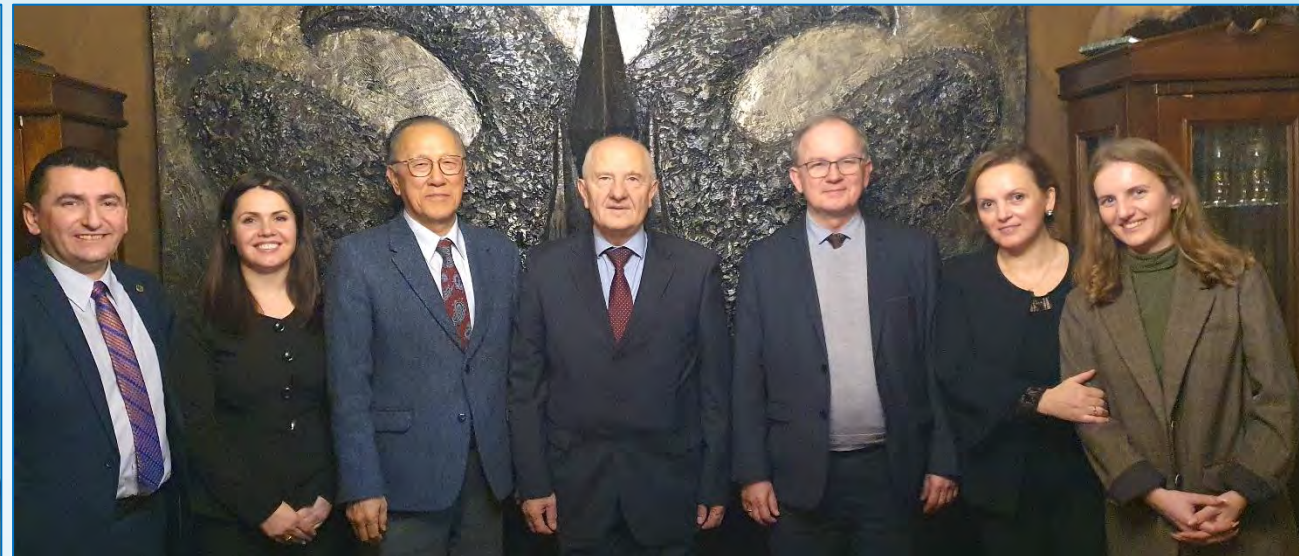
The leaders of UPF Europe visited Balkans and met with VIPs, *9 – 15 February 2023*



On February 9th Dr. Otsuka, Mr. Marion and Mr. Mark Brann arrived in Serbia to start the Balkan tour to meet VVIPs. On the evening of February 9th, we met with the Ambassador of USA to Serbia Amb. Christopher Hill. On February 10th we met with HE. Boris Tadic – President of Serbia (2004 – 2008). On the afternoon we had a meeting with Serbian Ambassadors for Peace in Belgrade.



Meetings of UPF chairs during their visit in the Balkans, 9 – 15 February 2023



On February 11, Dr. Otsuka and Mr. Marion had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Kosovo Albin Kurti at his office. On the same day, they met with HE. Fatmir Sejdiu, President of Kosovo 2006-2010. On 12th Mr. Marion visited Mitrovica and met with Ambassadors for Peace there.



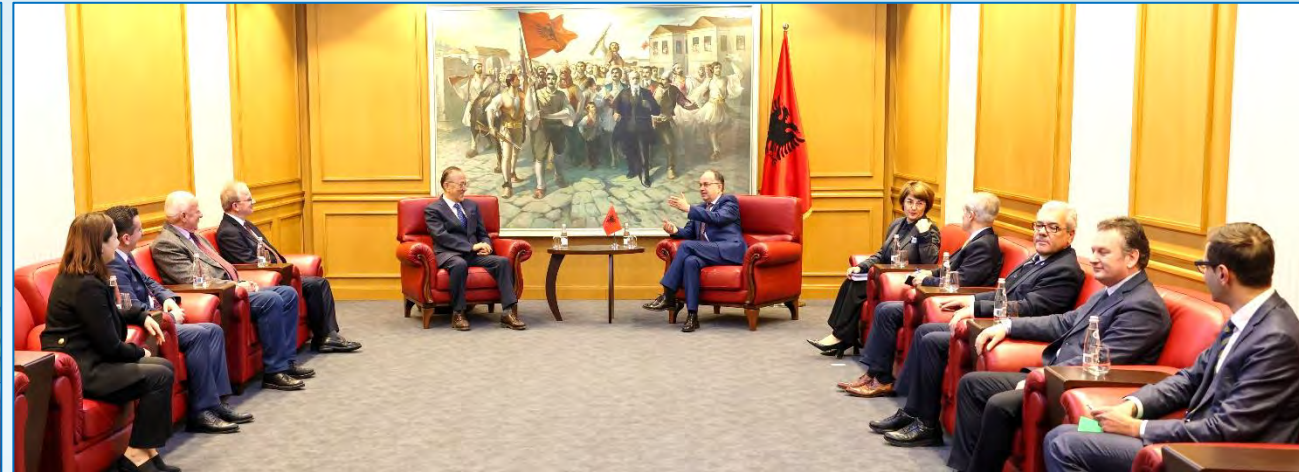
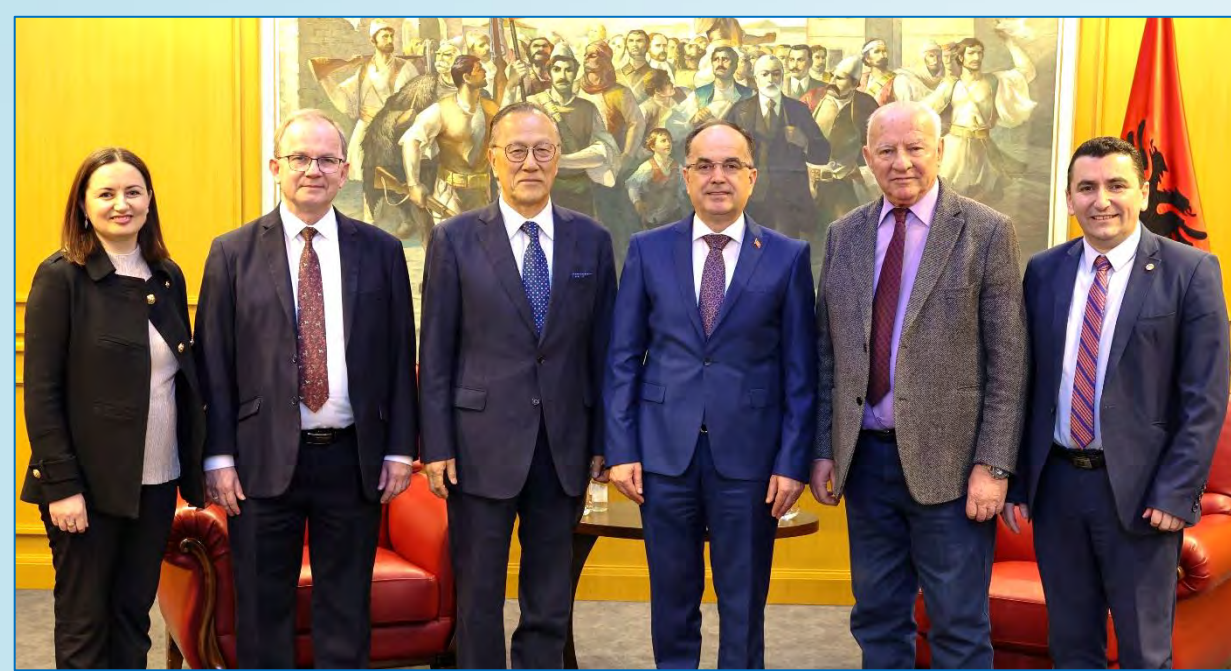
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On February 13, a meeting was organized in the city of Shkodra with HE. Alfred Moisiu – President of Albania (2002-2007), HE. Filip Vujanovic – President of Montenegro (2003-2018) and Mr. Lai Laçeј to discuss about the Summit 2023 and coming conference in Skopje.



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On February 14, the UPF delegation headed by Dr. Otsuka was welcomed by H.E. Bajram Begaj, President of Albania. Part of delegation was Mr. Jacques Marion, co-chair of UPF Europe, Prof. Flamur Shehu Vice Chairman of UPF Albania and Manjola Vasmatics – President of FFWPU Albania.



Tirana Peace Council organized an event for 15th anniversary of Kosovo's Independence, *18 February 2023*



On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of Kosovo's Independence, on February 18, 2023, Tirana Peace Council organized an event at the Peace Embassy with the theme "Kosovo's independence - valuable contribution to security in the Balkans". Around 180 people attended, including important VIPs. At the end 10 VIPs were appointed "Ambassadors for Peace".



Events organized by the Albanian Peace Councils in Diaspora in Germany, *19 – 26 February 2023*



On February 18, 25 and 16 of February, the Albanians Peace Councils in Germany organized three events in Esen, Fulda, Epingen and Berlin, where UPF principles were presented and respected people with contribution in the society were appointed as “Ambassadors for Peace”. Mr. Gaqo Apostoli, Mr. Can Tahiri and Mrs. Megi Llubani organized the events by bringing together few hundred of Albanians in diaspora.



Meeting of the Albanian UPF Presiding Council at the Peace Embassy in Tirana, *4 March 2023*



On March 4th, UPF Albania had the meeting of its board to make the plan of activities for 2023, national level events, and plan the elections on those Local Peace Councils which are at the end of their mandate. The board was greeted by the chair of UPF Europe Mr. Jacques Marion and Prof. Claude Perrottet, professor of Peace Studies at UTS – America.



Joint event of Gjirokastra & Fier Peace Councils at the historic city of Gjirokastra, *1st of April 2023*



On April 1st, the Gjirokastra Peace Council and the Fier Peace Council opened their activities for 2023, by organizing a beautiful activity in the city of Gjirokastra. The activity entitled "Ambassadors for Peace - the symbol of good people" took place at Hotel Argjiro, where 50 Ambassadors for Peace, friends and guests of UPF participated. At the end, 12 respected figures from Gjirokastra and 4 from Fier received the title "Ambassador for Peace".





Promoting the book “Families of the 21st Century & Universal Values” at the National Radio, *8th of April 2023*



Invited by the well-known professor of Sociology Prof. Dr. Leke Sokoli, Dr. Saemira Pino and Mr. Gani Rroshi promoted their book “Families of the 21st Century & Universal Values” at the program of Radio Tirana “The Sociology of Success”. Besides promoting the book, it was an opportunity to introduce also the Universal Peace Federation and its principles and the activities and programs around the world.



Saranda and Konispol Peace Councils organized a joint event in Saranda city, *9th of April 2023*



On April 9th, Saranda Peace Council in cooperation with Konispol Peace Council organized an event to promote the book of an Ambassador for Peace, introduce Peace Principles of UPF and appoint new Ambassadors for Peace. The Chairwoman of UPF Albania Dr. Eva Cipi, Chair of Tirana Peace Council Mr. Defrim Methasani and Mr. Gaqo Apostoli also joined the event. At the closing, 8 Ambassadors for Peace were appointed.





Shkodra Regional Peace Council elects its new leadership for the next 4 years, *April 12th, 2023*



On April 12, 2023, Shkodra Peace Council organized the conference on the theme 'Peace starts by serving others', where about 90 VIPs, Ambassadors for Peace, friends and other guests participated. An important part of the event was the appointment of 10 respected people with the title of Ambassador for Peace. At the end, the Assembly of Ambassadors for Peace elected the new leadership of Shkodra Peace Council, respectively, the Chairwoman was elected Mrs. Majlinda Laçaj and vice chairs Mr. Muhamet Kaçirani and Mrs. Lady Bilal.





2nd international conference on "Family, Society & Universal Values", *15th of April 2023*



The Universal Peace Federation and the Commission of Academics for Peace, organized on April 15, 2023 the 2nd international conference on "Family, Society and Universal Values" at the "Peace Embassy" in Tirana. Over 60 researchers from various fields, Ambassadors for Peace and young people became part of the round table to discuss on family issues. About 40 other participants joined the conference through Zoom. At the end, four personalities from the social sciences were honored with the title "Ambassador for Peace" for their contribution as academics and social activists.



Famous singers were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace by Tirana Peace Council, *26th of April 2023*



The participants who filled the concert hall at the Embassy of Peace on April 26th, 2023, experienced wonderful emotions at the event «*Art is Always for Peace*» dedicated to famous Albanian singers, who were given the title "Ambassador for Peace". Shkurte Fejza, Bujar Qamili, Eli Fara, Vaskë Curri, Artjola Toska, Maja, Hysni Alushi and Enkelejda Arifi were the stars who joined the family of Ambassadors for Peace.





World Peace Summit 2023 – Albania and the Balkans represented very well, *1 – 5 of May 2023*



The Balkans were represented very well at the World Peace Summit 2023 by having 6 former Presidents and Prime Ministers and 1 current Prime Minister. President Moisiu from Albania, President Vujanovic from Montenegro, President Tadic from Serbia, President Ivanic and Prime Minister Lagumdzija from Bosnia & Herzegovina, and the current Prime Minister of Kosovo Albin Kurti.



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IAYSP organized a Balkan level event in Kosovo «Pristina Youth Forum» & «Pristina Youth Seminar»

19-21 of May 2023



From May 19 – 21, 2023 IAYSP Europe organized two Balkan level events in Kosovo entitled «Pristina Youth Forum», where three projects were presented from different universities, and «Pristina Youth Seminar» to train students and young people on Peace Design. The President of IAYSP EUME Bogdan Pammer led the training.





Korca Peace Council organized the conference «*Family between values & challenges*», 30th of May 2023



«*Family between values & challenges*» was the theme of the conference organized by the Korca Peace Council in cooperation with Korca University and Family Federation on May 30. The event took place at the main hall of the University, where about 140 people attended. After high level presentations from experts, 10 VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, including the Rector of the University, the chairwoman of District Council, doctors and other prominent people.





Vlora Peace Council organized the event “FAMILY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SOCIETY”, *5th of June 2023*



"The family, the Cornerstone of the society" – was the title of the activity organized by the Vlora Peace Council on June 5, 2023 in the premises of the "Elite" Educational Institution. The activity was organized in the framework of the International Family Day, Children's Day and Global Parents' Day, with the aim of promoting and preserving family values. Over 70 dignitaries of the city of Vlora, Ambassadors for Peace, teachers and young people attended the event. At the end 13 people were awarded as Ambassadors for Peace".





Durrës Peace Council organized the event "PEACE STARTS WITH ME AND MY FAMILY", *6th of June 2023*



Durrës Peace Council organized, on June 6, 2023, the activity "Peace starts with me and my family!". The event took place at main hall of the music school "Jan Kukuzeli", where about 70 Ambassadors for Peace, personalities of the city and young people participated. The purpose of the activity was to introduce UPF and award some respected personalities of the city with the title "Ambassador for Peace". The event was organized in the framework of the Global Day of Parents.





President Moisiu being awarded with the "Golden Eagle" medal, *8th of June 2023*



A beautiful evening filled with emotions for the former President of Albania, H.E. Alfred Moisiu, took place on June 8th 2023 at hall of the National Museum.

Klik Espo Group, including the Union of Journalists of Albania and the National Historical Museum, organized the awarding ceremony of the "Golden Eagle" medal.

Various personalities, the Ambassadors of Ukraine and Kosovo, heads of national institutions, and many Ambassadors for Peace participated in the event.





FAMFEST 2023 – Family Festival was organized in Shkodra city, *10th of June 2023*



On June 10th, 2023, over 1000 people, families and VIPs from Shkodra city attended the FAMFEST 2023 – a family festival organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in partnership with UPF and Shkodra City Hall.





«No Peace Without Women» – Conference organized by WFWP, IAFLP & Kosovo Government, *13th of June 2023*

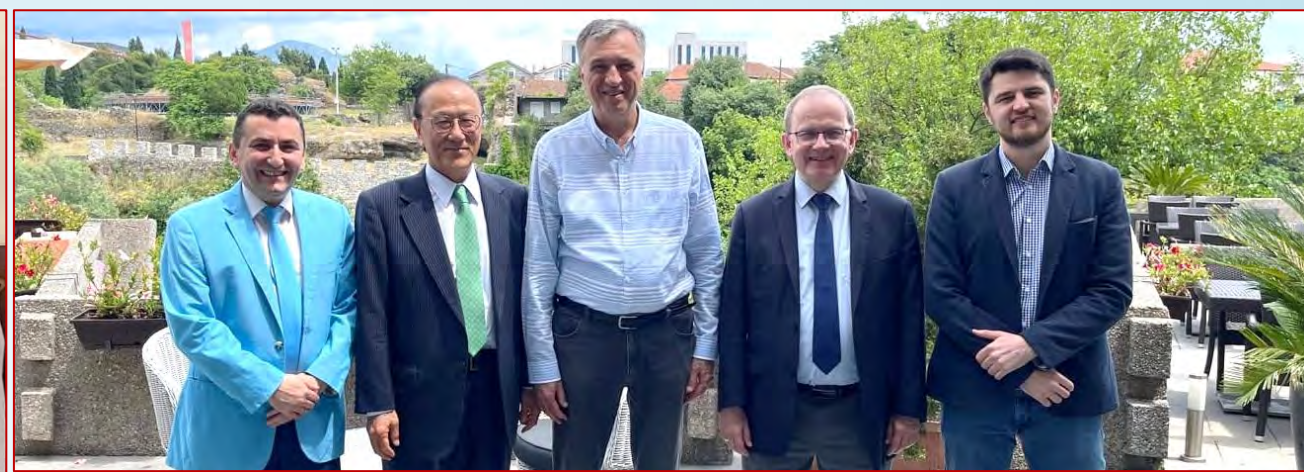


The Women's Federation for World Peace Europe and Middle East in partnership with the International Association of First Ladies for Peace and in cooperation with the Government of Kosovo organized the 2nd Annual Conference on «No Peace Without Women», at the Parliament Hall on June 13, 2023. Over 120 VIPs, women leaders from Balkan countries, Europe and young people attended the conference.





Meetings of UPF chairs in Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, & North Macedonia, *10 – 14 June 2023*



On April 10th, 11th, 12th and 14th, Dr. Otsuka & Mr. Marion had a meetings with the former Presidents of Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo and North Macedonia. The purpose of all these meetings was to start preparations for the October Balkan conference in Skopje.



Tirana Council organized the event “POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE”, *15th of June 2023*



POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE. On June 15, 2023, Tirana Peace Council organized another beautiful event at the Peace Embassy. About 130 distinguished VIPs from various fields, Ambassadors for Peace and young people, filled the conference hall. It was great to have the International President of FFWPU Dr. Song & the European & Middle East President Dr. Balcomb. At the end 6 respected VIPs were appointed as ‘Ambassador for Peace’.





International President of FFWPU meets President Alfred Moisiu in his office, *16th of June 2023*

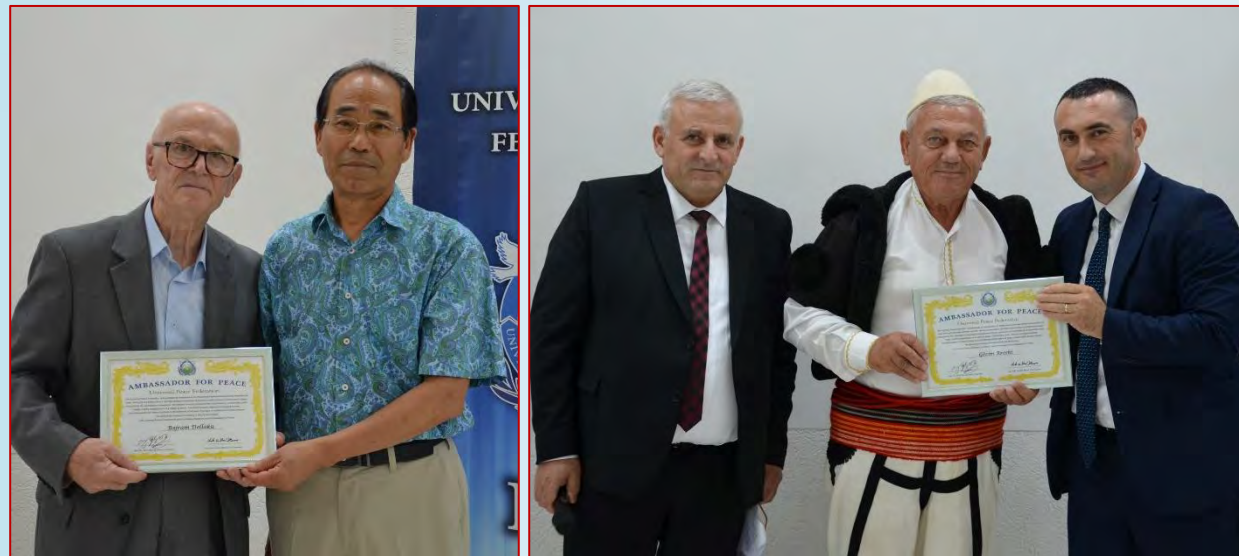


On June 16th, 2023, the International President of FFWPU Dr. Song Yeon Cheon together with European and Middle East President Dr. Michael Balcomb, and the International President of IAYSP Dr. Koji Matsuda met with H.E. Alfred Moisiu, former President of Albania and Chairman of ISCP for Balkans. The purpose of the meeting was to convey True Mother's appreciation for his participation and contribution to the World Peace Summit last May 2023.





Kruja Peace Council organized the event “POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE”, *30th of June 2023*



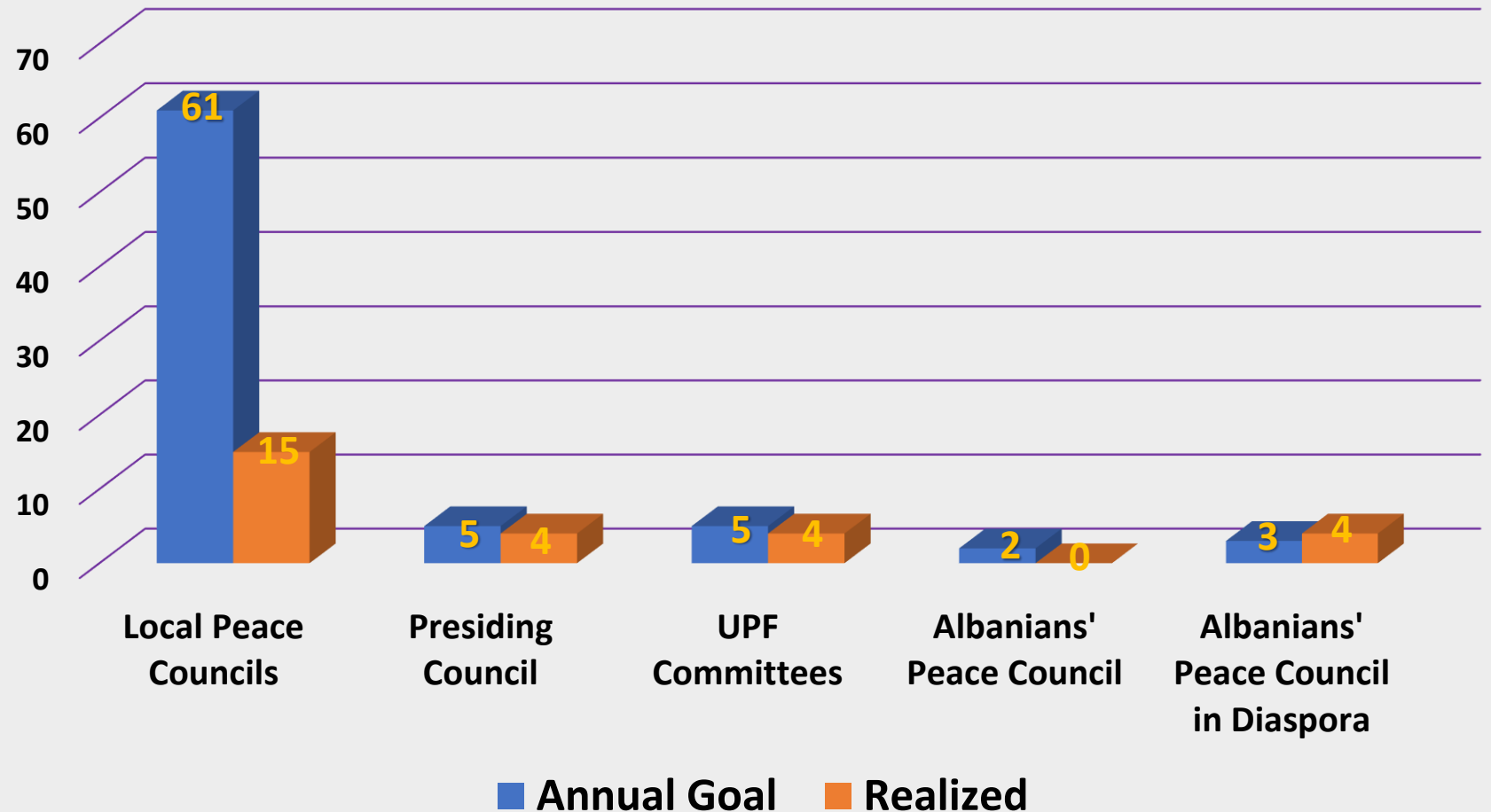
"Positive Models That Inspire Peace" was the title of the activity organized by the Krujë Peace Council, which brought together about 100 people on June 30, 2023 at the Panorama Hotel in Kruja city. A special moment was also the performance of the Group of Elders of Kruja, who had just returned from the Folkloric Festival of Gjirokastra, and warmed the atmosphere with their songs. At the end 20 respected VIPs from the city were appointed as «Ambassadors for Peace», including one MP.



UPF activities in numbers & graphs

During the first half of 2023 (Jan. – June), UPF Albania organized 27 local, national and regional programs.

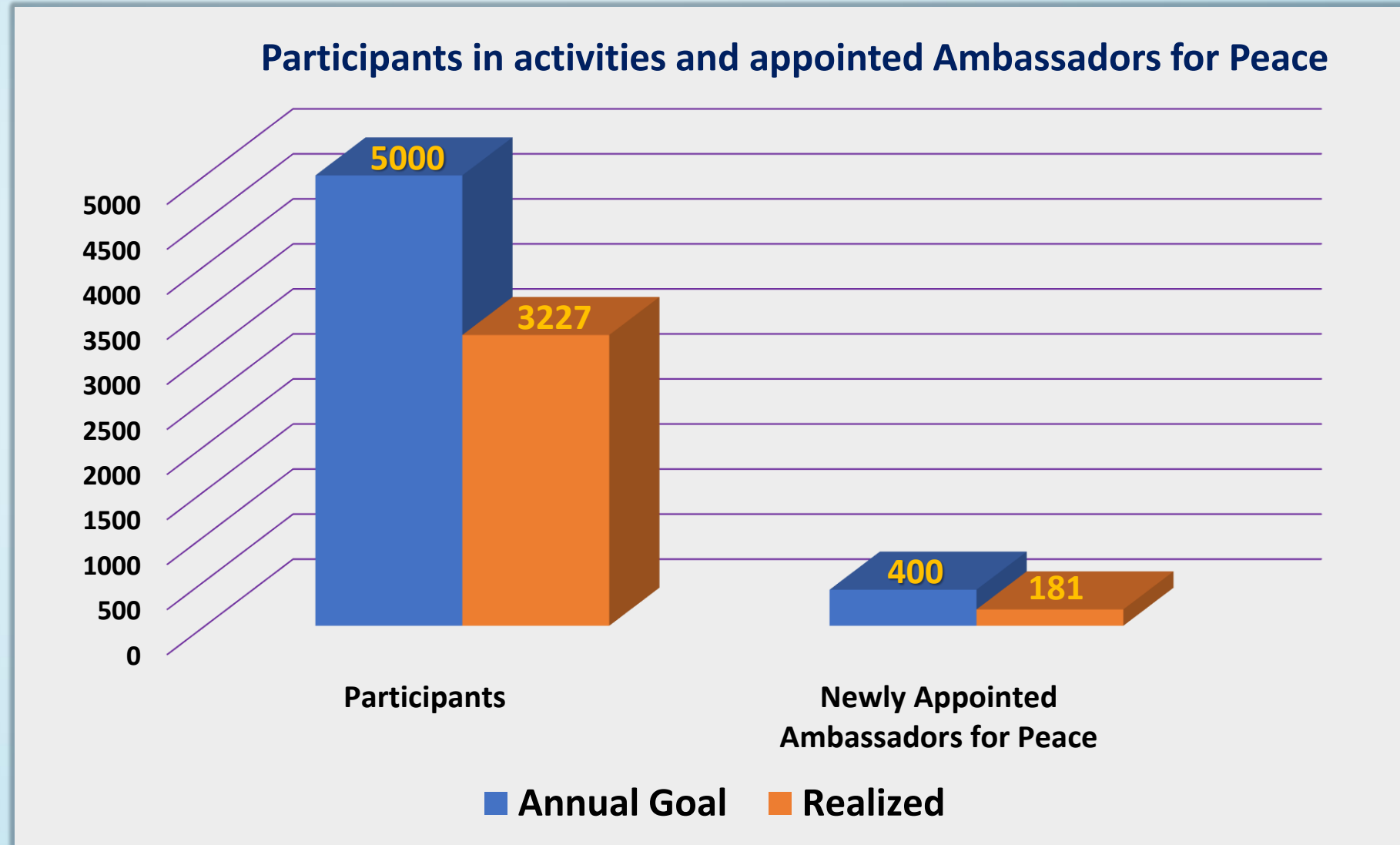
Organized activities compared to the annual goal





UPF activities in numbers & graphs

In total, 3227 people attended UPF activities and 181 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed.





Thank you!