

UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION – ALBANIA

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING 2023

January - June 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.





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.









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 Laçej to discuss about the Summit 2023 and coming conference in Skopje.









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, 1st – 5th 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 & challanges» – 30th of May 2023*





«Family between values & challanges» 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 Ambassadosr for Peace, including the Rector of the University, the chariwoman 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.





Shkodra City Hall.

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





«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.





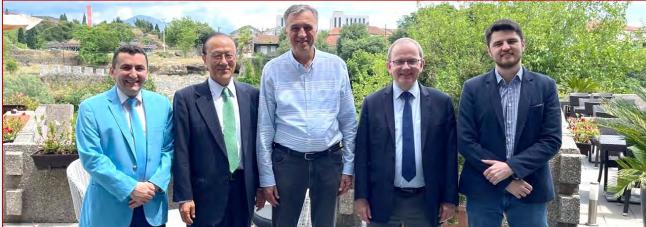




Meetings of UPF chairs in Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, & North Macedonia, 10th – 14th of June 2023



On June 10th, 11th 12th and 14th, Dr. Otsuka & Mr. Marion had a meetings with the former Presidents of Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia. The purpose of 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'.

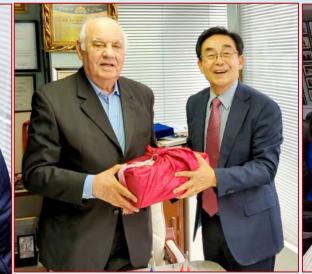




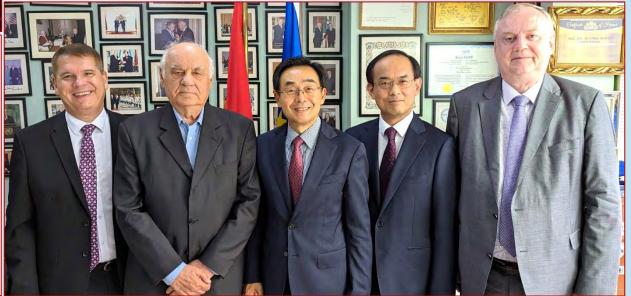
International President of FFWPU meets President Alfred Moisiu in his office, 16th of June 2023



On June 16th, 2023, the International Presdient 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.







At the National Museum, Dr. Sali Kurti receives the title "Ambassador for Peace", 29th of July 2023







On July 29th, 2023, a beautiful event took place at the National Historic Museum's main hall, for the apointment of a respected doctor as Ambassador for Peace. His name is Sali Kurti and was proposed by Mr. Methasani. He has lived a life in service to others, especially contributing in the field of stomatology. Over 100 people filled the hall.



18th Anniversary of UPF, "Universal Peace Federation – A UNION OF VALUES", 12th of September 2023









On September 12th, 2023, the main hall of the Peace Embassy in Albania was filled with 150 Ambassadors for Peace and VIPs to celebrate the 18th Anniverssary of the founding of UPF. Part of the program were testimonies, performances and also the appointment of 10 new Ambassadors for Peace.



Concert by a young Albanian-American artist, "Returning in the Fatherland", 14th of September 2023



On September 14th, 2023, a beutiful concert was organized at the cultural center of the Orthodox Cathedral by the young artist Justin Gjata, an albanian living in America. He is going to be famous in the future. At the end he was appointed as «Youth Ambassader for Peace». Over 120 people attended.







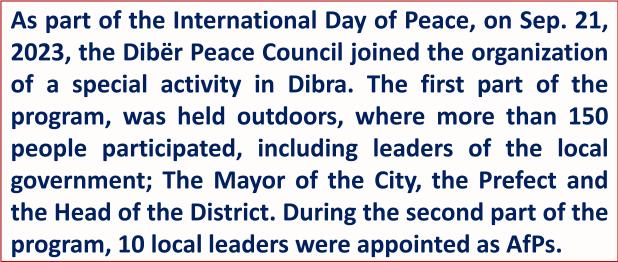




Even on the ocasion of the «International Peace Day», Dibra Peace Council – 21st of September 2023













The Head of Muslim Community of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Fejzić, appointed as "Ambassador for Peace" – 26 September 2023



On September 26th, 2023 a special meeting was organized at the Balkan Peace Embassy in Tirana Albania, to honor the President of Muslim Community of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Fejzić, with the award of "Ambassador for Peace", for his special contribution for many years in his capacity as religious leader in Montenegro in promoting peace and cooperation among people. Mr. Fejzić was accompanied by Mr. Sead Šahman, a long time Ambassador for Peace and friend of UPF.







Fier Peace Council organized an even on the ocasion of the International Day of Peace, 5th of October 2023





On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, on October 5th, 2023, the Fier Peace Council held an activity to promote peace and universal values. The activity was held at the Children's Cultural Center, where about 70 respected figures of the city gathered to give voice to the importance of living in a peaceful community and society. At the end, 17 respected people received the title of the «Ambassadors for Peace», for their contribution to society.





Albanians' Peace Council meeting held in Skopje, North Macedonia, 13th of October 2023





About 20 representatives of the Albanians' Peace Council from Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Presheva Valley and Chameria participated in the meeting that took place in Skopje, on October 13, 2023. The meeting discussed the current situation in the Balkans and how Albanians can contribute to the consolidation of peace and sustainable development, in the light of the principles of the Universal Peace Federation.





Balkan Conference on "Integration of the Western Balkans in the European Union - Challenges & Perspectives" - Skopje, 4th of October, 2023







On October 14, 2023, a Balkan Leadership Conference on "Integration of the Western Balkans in the European Union - Challenges and Perspectives" took place in Skopje, North Macedonia, where about 140 dignitaries from the Balkans and Europe attended. Also, the President, the Speaker of the Parliament and the Minister of Defense of the Republic of North Macedonia, as well as 10 former presidents and prime ministers from the region and Europe participated and spoke.



Gjirokastra Peace Council honor two doctors and an artist as Ambassador for Peace — Lazarat, 14th of October, 2023



On October 14, 2023, Gjirokastra Peace Council participated in an event organized by an Ambassador for Peace in Lazarat. At the event, where a book was promoted, UPF appointed 3 well-know local personalities as Ambassadors for Peace.







Bulqiza Peace Council organized the event entitled "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE" – October 20, 2023



"Positive Models That Inspire Peace" was the title of the activity organized by Bulqiza Peace Council, which brought together about 80 people on October 20, 2023 at the Cultural Center of the city. At the end 9 respected local VIPs from the city were appointed as «Ambassadors for Peace».







Tirana Peace Council organized an event dedicated to poetry – *October 20, 2023*





Within the framework of the month of literature, on October 20th, the Tirana Peace Council organized at the Peace Embassy an event dedicated to poetry. Over 120 Ambassadors for Peace, artists, poets and youth filled the hall. A beautiful part of the event was the awarding ceremony with the title "Ambassador for Peace" of 10 respected figures from the fields of art, literature, medicine and education.





Kuçova Peace Council in cooperation with Family Federation organized the 'FAMILY FESTIVAL' – 28th October, 2023







On October 28th, 2023, Kuçova Peace Council, in cooperation with the Family Federation, organized the Family Festival in the city's "Kadri Roshi" cinema. An activity full of positive emotions, significant messages about family values and above all with a wide participation, about 300 people, of all ages. The last part of the activity was the ceremony of appointing 12 respected people, from the city of Kuçova and Dimal, with the title of Ambassador for Peace.



Tirana Peace Council honors Mr. Hysen Dervishi as «Ambassador for Peace» – Tirana, 28th of October, 2023





On October 28, 2023, with the proposal of Tirana Peace Council, at an event organized at the Albanian National Museum of History, Mr. Hysen Dervishi was appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, for his contribution in literature.







Tirana Peace Council honors Mr. Xhafer Martini as «Ambassador for Peace» – Tirana, 30th of October, 2023





On October 30, 2023, with the proposal of Tirana Peace Council, at an event organized at the Albanian Academy of Sxiences, Mr. Xhafer Martini was appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, for his great contribution in literature.







Saranda Peace Council organized in Athens the event "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE" – November 4, 2023



With the initiative of the Saranda Regional Peace Council, on November 4, 2023, UPF organized in Athens the event entitled "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE". About 100 people attended, including the Ambassador of Albania in Greece, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania and Mayor of Kalithea. At the end 7 VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.







UPF Albania partners in organizing a Scientific Conference with 16 other important institutions – *Vlora, November 4, 2023*





UPF Albania was one of the 17 organizing partners of the International Scientific Conference on "Social Capital and the Public Sphere in Contemporary Society", held in Vlora on November 10 & 11, 2023. The seven professors, who were honored with the title "Ambassador for Peace", presented their papers at the special session "Peace in the Balkan context", organized by the UPF and the Balkan Forum of Sociology.





3rd International Conference on «Family, Society & Universal Values» – 18th of November 2023



The Universal Peace Federation and the Commission of Academics for Peace, organized in Tiranaon November 18, 2023 the 3rd, and final of this series, International Conference on "Family, Society & Universal Values«. Over 60 professors, researchers, Ambassadors for Peace and youth participated and discussed on family issues. At the end, four professors received the title "Ambassador for Peace" for their contribution as academics and social activities.





Meeting of the Albanian UPF Presiding Council at the Peace Embassy in Tirana, 18 November 2023





On November 18, UPF Albania had the meeting of its board to evaluate its activities during 2023, and draft the plan of activities for 2024. In the meeting attended also the Co-chairman of UPF Europe & Middle East Mr. Jacques Marion. Key priority for 2024 are the election of new leadership in most of Local Peace Councils and also the Assembly of UPF on national level and election for next mandate. News ideas were given to improve UPF's work.





Mirdita Peace Council organized the event entitled "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE" – 24 November, 2023





On November 24, 2023, the Mirdita Peace Council organized the event "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE" at the Children's Cultural Center, where about 70 participants from the city of Rrëshen attended. On that ocassion, 24 selected people were appointed as "Ambassador for Peace". In the end, in accordance with the statute of UPF, Mr. Pjeter Marku was re-elected for another a 2-year term as chairman of the Mirdita Peace Council. While vice chairs were elected Mrs. Vitore Gjini and Mr. Atlant Picaku, to whom we wish great success.





Tirana Peace Council organized the event entitled «TO BE HUMAN" – 25 November, 2023







Tirana Peace Council organized at the Embassy of Peace, on Nov. 25, 2023, the event "TO BE HUMAN" for the promotion of the 24th book of the author Halil Rama, where about 140 guests, Ambassadors for Peace and friends of the author participated. An important part of the activity was also the ceremony of presenting the title of "Ambassador for Peace» to 11 respected personalities on national level.



Kukës Peace Council organized the event

"POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE" - 13 December, 2023







The Kukës Peace Council organized on December 13, 2023, the vent with the theme "POSITIVE MODELS THAT INSPIRE PEACE«. The goal of event was to appreciate 17 retired teacher of Kukës district. About 60 guests and Ambassadors for Peace participated in the activity. The event was also broadcast by the local TV, highlighting the precious contribution over the decades of this group of teachers.



Universal Peace Federation organized the workshop **«LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LOVE NATION»**, 15 – 17 Dec. 2023







The Universal Peace Federation in partnership with the Family Federation organized in Vlora city the seminar entitled "LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LOVE NATION" where 40 chairs and vice chairs of Local Peace Councils from 17 different cities of Albania participated. Part of the workshop was also the appointment of four ladies as "Ambassadors for Peace".



Activity in partnership with Tirana Peace Council "GIVE HOPE BY GIVING A BOOK», – December 24, 2023











Tirana Peace Council in cooperation with Mrs. Eda Miri & Mr. Smajl Lushtakun organized on Dec. 24 the event entitled "GIVE A HOPE BY GIVING A BOOK", for the promotion of their books. The event was held at the Embassy of Peace. The authors decided that the money from the sale of the book would be donated to the Oncology Hospital for cancer patients. In the end, 6 people were appointed as "Ambassadors for Peace".



The Tirana Peace Council organized the year-end activity «THE POSTCARD OF PEACE» – 24 December 2023





On December 24, 2023, on the eve of the New Year 2024, Tirana Peace Council organized the event "THE POSTCARD OF PEACE". The purpose of the event was to celebrate the work done during the year, as well as to recognaize and appoint 10 respected figures from different fields as "Ambassador for Peace". the activity took place at the Peace Embassy in Tirana where 120 guests participated.

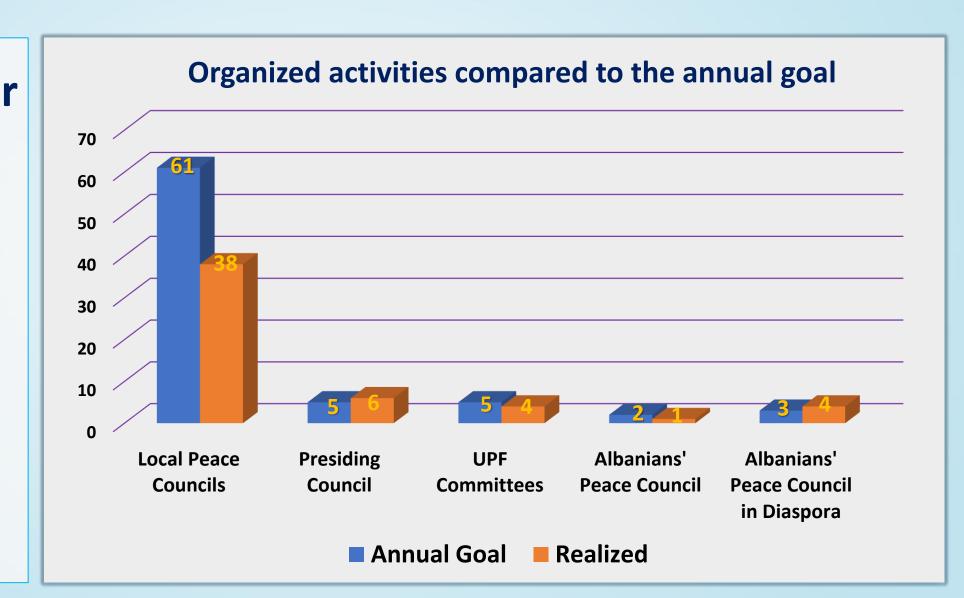






UPF activities in numbers & graphs

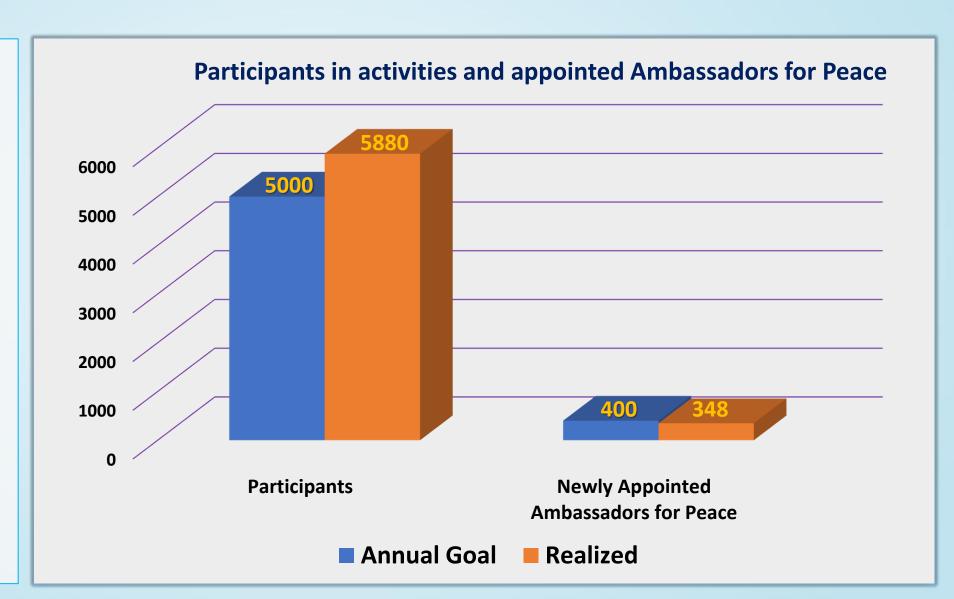
During the year 2023, UPF **Albania** organized, so far, 53 local, national and regional programs.





UPF activities in numbers & graphs

In total, 5497 people attended UPF activities and **311** new **Ambassadors** for Peace were appointed.





UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION – ALBANIA

PLAN OF ACTIVITIES & GOALS FOR 2024



Plan of activities for 2024

- 1. Organize Assemblies of Local Peace Councils and new elections 56 cities (January November 2024)
- 2. National Assembly of UPF Albania and the elections of new leadership (2024 2028) November 2024
- 3. Organize a Balkan Leadership Conference in cooperation with the Podgorica Club Autumn 2024
- 4. Organize a scientific conference, in partnership with the Albanian Institute of Sociology Autumn 2024
- 5. Organizing a 3-day workshop with 40-50 Ambassadors for Peace *December 2024*
- 6. Activities organized by the Albanian Peace Council in the Balkans and Diaspora 6 events
- 7. Applying for grants at national or international institutions

GOALS in NUMBERS:

- Activities planned to be organized during 2024 70 events on local and national level
- **❖** Ambassadors for Peace to be appointed during 2024 − 400 VIPs on national and local level
- **❖** Participants in the activities of Universal Peace Federation during 2024 − 5000 people



Budget of UPF Albania for 2024

No.	Events to be organized by UPF Albania during 2024	Number of events	Budget for one event	TOTAL	Source of Income	
					UPF Albania AfPs, donors	UPF – EUME UPF International
1	Events organized in Local Peace Councils	56	200 €	11.200 €	3.200€	8.000€
2	National Assembly of UPF & new elections	1 (120 ppl.)	16 €	2.000 €	0€	2.000 €
3	Family Conference publication (crowd funding)	1000	5€	5.000 €	0€	5.000 €
4	Events organized by UPF Committees & HQ	6	500€	3.000 €	500€	2.500 €
5	Events of Albanians' Peace Council abroad	4	800€	3.200 €	1.200€	2.000 €
6	Divine Principle Seminar for AfPs	1 (50 ppl)	150€	7.500 €	2.000€	5.500 €
	TOTAL	70 events	31.900 €		6.900 €	25.000€



Thank you!