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Kibaki keynotes peace festival

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NAIROBI, Kenya, Nov. 16 (UPI) -- Kenyan leaders President [Mwai Kibaki](#) and Prime Minister [Raila Odinga](#) are scheduled to be speakers at the Global Peace Convention put on by the Global Peace Festival Foundation.

The event, expected to draw more than 2,500 delegates, is set for Wednesday-Sunday in Nairobi.

In addition to the Kenyan leaders, featured speakers include Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai and Hyun Jin Moon, the founder of the Global Peace Festival Foundation. Also on the agenda are Kenyan Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka and Paraguayan Sen. Lilian Samaniego.

The gathering in Kenya is to further advances made at GPF regional conventions this year in Nepal, Indonesia, Paraguay and Kenya.

"The 2010 convention will highlight recent advances in Kenya where multi-sector partnerships, with the support of tens of thousands of volunteers, have undertaken a large-scale restoration of the endangered Nairobi River," the foundation said on its Web site.

"The convention will highlight educational and sports programs across the country that are supporting the efforts of Kenya's many ethnic peoples to create an environment of peace as a model for Africa in the 21st century."

The Global Peace Festival Foundation was established by Hyun Jin Moon, the son of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who founded the Unification Church and also News World Communications Inc., which owns United Press International.