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## PEACE SUMMIT 2023: COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, INCLUDING PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND SPEECHES

Written by UPF International  
 Saturday, May 6, 2023

**Seoul, South Korea**—The Universal Peace Federation sponsored the **Peace Summit 2023**, with about 700 participants from nearly 70 different countries to discuss the theme, "Toward a World Culture of Peace." In addition to sessions organized by UPF's associations and regions, *The Washington Times* and *Segye Ilbo* hosted the **6<sup>th</sup> Think Tank Forum**.

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

##### OPENING DINNER and ORIENTATION

**Emcee:** Mrs. Blessie G. Dhakal, *International Coordinator of IAFLP*

**Invocation:** Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, *Special Advisor, IAPD Africa, Zimbabwe; Grand President, African Christian Council International, Zimbabwe*

##### Special Remarks

Prof. Dr. Sanjay Pratap Singh, *Vice Chancellor, The Assam Royal Global University, India*

H.E. Anote Tong, *President (2003-2016), Kiribati; Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2015)*

##### Performance

**Orientation:** Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, *Chairman, UPF International*

#### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

##### OPENING PLENARY

Video Presentation

**Performance:** *The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea*

**Emcee Welcome:** Mr. Jo Woo-jong, *broadcaster, FNC Entertainment; former Korean Broadcasting system (KBS) announcer*

*Entrance of Members of the Head Table*

##### Peace Anthem

##### Interfaith Water Ceremony

**Welcoming Address:** Dr. Thomas Walsh, *Co-chair, Peace Summit 2023 Organizing Committee*

**Opening Address:** Dr. Yun Young-ho, *Co-chair, Peace Summit 2023 Organizing Committee*

##### Congratulatory Address

[Hon. Newt Gingrich](#), *Speaker, House of Representatives (1995-1999), USA*

[Hon. Ajith Nishantha Rajapakse](#), *Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka*

##### Peace Performance: Mr. Michael Lee

##### Keynote Address

**ISCP:** [H.E. Brigi Rafini](#), *Prime Minister (2011-2021), Niger; Executive Secretary, CEN-SAD*

**ISCP:** H.E. Yves Leterme, *Prime Minister (2008, 2009-2011) Belgium*

**ISCP:** [H.E. Maithripala Sirisena](#), *President (2015-2019), Sri Lanka*

**IAPP:** [Hon. Mike Pompeo](#), *Secretary of State (2018-2021), U.S. Department of State*

**IAED:** Mr. James Rogers, *Chairman, Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests, Inc.*

##### Special Peace Performance

**Founder's Address:** [Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon](#), *Founder, Universal Peace Federation*

##### Peace Launching Ceremony

##### Elders' Roundtable Launching

##### Appointment of Elders

##### Picture & Video Presentation

##### Launching of Continental Level Peace Project

**Africa Summit:** H.E. Brigi Rafini, *Prime Minister (2011-2021), Niger; Executive Secretary, CEN-SAD*

**Asia Pacific Union Secretariat:** Hon. Suos Yara, *Chair, Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, National Assembly, Cambodia*

**Sri Lanka IAPP and IAPD Asia Pacific HQ:** Hon. Ajith Nishantha Rajapakse, *Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka*

##### Launching Ceremony

*Founder's 80th Birthday Celebration*

*Congratulatory Song*

*VIP Introduction*

##### Flower Presentation to the Founder

#### SESSION II.A - Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace: Focus on North America

**Moderator:** Dr. Michael Jenkins, *President, UPF International*

#### Speakers

[Amb. Callista Gingrich](#), U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See (2017-2021), USA  
[Hon. Dan Burton](#), Member, U.S. House of Representatives (1983-2013), USA  
[Dr. Franco Famularo](#), President, UPF-Canada; IAPP Canada  
[Rev. Dr. Cynthia Jackson](#), District Judge, Jersey City Municipal Court; Pastor, Allen AME Church, New Jersey, USA  
Mr. Guy Taylor, National Security Editor, The Washington Times

#### SESSION II.B - Elders Roundtable

**Emcee:** Mr. Young-il Shin, former Korean Broadcasting system (KBS) announcer

#### Speakers

Hon. Kim Ho-il, President, Korean Elderly Association  
H.E. Alfred Moisiu, President (2002-2007) Albania  
[H.E. Maithripala Sirisena](#), President (2015-2019), Sri Lanka  
Hon. Newt Gingrich, Speaker, House of Representatives (1995-1999), USA  
Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founder, Universal Peace Federation  
H.E. Dr. Thomas Boni Yayi, President (2006-2016), Benin  
H.E. Anote Tong, President (2003-2016); Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2015), Kiribati

#### SESSION III.A - Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace: Focus on the Asia Pacific Region

**Moderator:** Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, Chair, UPF-Asia-Pacific; Member of Parliament, Nepal

#### Video Messages

[Ven. Shi Kuanyun](#), President, Hong Kong Buddhist Association  
[H.E. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo](#), Senior Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives; President (2001-2010), Philippines

#### Speakers

[Hon. Suos Yara](#), Chairman of Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, National Assembly, Cambodia  
[Hon. Bhubaneswar Kalita](#), Member of Parliament, India  
[H.E. Matubraimov Almambet](#), Prime Minister (1993-1993), Speaker of Parliament (1995-1997), Kyrgyzstan  
[Hon. Oyunbaatar Tserendash](#), Deputy Prime Minister (2015-2017), President of Human Rights & Development Center, Mongolia  
[Rt. Hon. Ganesh Prasad Timilsina](#), Chairperson, National Assembly of Nepal  
[H.E. J. Uduch Sengebau Senior](#), Vice President, Palau  
[Hon. So Yuk Choy](#), Congresswoman, National People's Congress, People's Republic of China  
Hon. Ajith Nishantha Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka  
[Hon. Dr. Chameera Yapa Abeywardane](#), Coordinating Secretary to Hon. Speaker of the Parliament, Sri Lanka

#### SESSION III.B - Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace: Focus on Latin America and the Caribbean Region

**Moderator:** Dr. Neudir Simão Ferabolli, Secretary General, UPF-South America

#### Speakers

Dr. Charles S. Yang, Chairman, UPF-Central America and the Caribbean  
Rev. Dong Mo Shin, Chairman, UPF-South America  
Hon. Julio Cesar Cleto Cobos, Vice President (2007-2011), Argentina  
[H.E. Salvador Nasralla Salum](#), Vice President, Honduras  
[Hon. Victor Oswaldo Fuentes Solis](#), Senator, Mexico  
H.E. Rosalia Arteaga Serrano, President (1997), Ecuador  
[Hon. Carla Zambelli Salgado](#), Congresswoman, Brazil  
[Dr. Jean Paul Vargas Céspedes](#), Director, Central American Integration System (2014-2018), Costa Rica  
Hon. Ubraj Narine, Mayor, City of Georgetown, Guyana  
[Mr. Jose Ramon Vinas Alonso](#), President, Freemasons of Cuba  
Hon. Betty Beatriz Yaniquez Lozano, Assemblywoman, Bolivia

#### The session concluded with the appointment of Ambassadors for Peace:

From South America:

1. [Julio Cesar Cleto Cobos](#) and his wife, Dr. Natália Liliana Obón – from Argentina
2. Congresswoman Silvia Waiāpi – from Brazil
3. [Ubraj Narine](#) – from Georgetown – Guyana
4. Colonel Aginaldo de Oliveira – from Brazil

And from Central America and the Caribbean:

1. Francisco Rojas Aravena – from Costa Rica
2. Flor Soraya Aquino – from the Dominican Republic
3. Juan Carlos Hasbun – from El Salvador
4. Jean Paul Vargas Céspedes – from El Salvador
5. [Dr. Osvaldo Adriano De La Guardia Boyd](#) - from Panama

#### SESSION III.C – Korean Elders Roundtable

(May not have list of names)

#### SESSION IV.A - Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace: Focus on Africa

**Moderator:** Mr. Augustin Ghomsi, Sub-Regional Director, UPF-Southern Africa

#### Speakers

[H.E. Dr. Thomas Boni Yayi](#), President (2006-2016), Benin  
[Hon. Petros Vusi Mavimbela](#), Speaker, Parliament of Eswatini  
[Hon. Maimouna Yombouno](#), Vice President, National Assembly, Guinea  
[Hon. Hamidou Traoré](#), Vice President, National Transition Council (National Assembly), Mali  
[Hon. Lawrence Songa Biyika](#), Member of Parliament, Uganda  
[H.E. Dr. Nevers Mumba](#), Vice President (2003-2004), Zambia; Founder, National Christian Coalition, Zambia  
[H.E. Hery Martial Rajaonarimampianina Rakotoarimanana](#), President (2014-2018), Madagascar

#### SESSION IV.B – Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD)

**Moderator:** Dr. Tageldin Hamad, *Vice President, UPF International; International Coordinator, IAPD*

#### Speakers

[H.H. Hajji Baba Edmond Brahimaj](#), *World Leader, Bektashi Order, Albania* (Speech read by Dr. Arben Sulejmani, *PR Director of International World Bektashi Order, Albania representing H.H. Hajji Baba Edmond Brahimaj*)

[Patriarch George Stallings](#), *Patriarch, Imani Temple African American Catholic Congregation, USA; Chair, IAPD-USA*

[Dr. Surinder S. Gill](#), *Co-Chair, International Forum USA; Secretary General of Sikhs of USA*

[Hon. Dr. Mohamad Habash](#), *Chairman, Human Fraternity Center; Associate Professor, Abu Dhabi University, UAE*

[Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa](#), *Ambassador for the Sikh religion in the Western Hemisphere, USA*

[Pastor Juan Carlos Hasbun](#), *Senior Pastor, Kemuel Christian Church; Member, Board of Directors of COICOM, an association of Latin American Christian communicators, El Salvador*

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Jackson, *Pastor, Allen AME Church, New Jersey, USA; District Judge, Jersey City Municipal Court, USA*

[Imboni Dr. uZwi-Lezwe Radebe](#), *Founder and Chair, The Revelation Spiritual Home; IAPD Africa, South Africa*

#### SESSION IV.C – International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP)

**Moderator:** Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, *President, WFWP-USA & International; Vice President of North America*

**Opening Remarks:** [Mrs. Moriko Hori](#), *President of WFWP International*

#### Speakers

[H.E. Ade Shirri Dion Ngute Grace](#), *Spouse of Prime Minister, Cameroon*

H.E. Mrs. Monica Chakwera, *First Lady, Malawi*

[Dr. Rajni Kaushal Chand](#), *Spouse of the Deputy Prime Minister, Fiji*

[Mme. Hilda Patricia Marroquin de Morales](#), *First Lady (2016-2020), Guatemala*

Mme. Shiranthi Wickramasinghe Rajapaksa, *First Lady (2005-2015) & the Spouse of the Prime Minister (2019-2023), Sri Lanka*

[Hon. Liza Gashi](#), *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Kosovo*

[Mme. Voahangy Rajaonarimampianina](#), *First Lady (2014-2018), Madagascar*

**Closing Remarks:** Mrs. Blessie G. Dhakal, *International Coordinator, IAFLP*

#### Sunhak Laureates Dinner

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

#### SESSION V - 6<sup>th</sup> Think Tank 2022 Forum: Toward Peace in the Indo-Pacific

**Emcee:** Mr. Young-il Shin, *former Korean Broadcasting system (KBS) announcer*

**Welcoming Address:** Dr. Yun Young-ho, *Director General, Universal Peace Federation*

**Congratulatory Remarks:** [H.E. Albin Kurti](#), *Prime Minister, Kosovo*

**Keynote Address:** [Dr. Michael Pillsbury](#), *Senior Fellow and Director for Chinese Strategy at the Hudson Institute*

#### Commentary

[Hon. Kim Geun-Sik](#), *Chair of the Unification Committee of the People Power Party*

[Hon. Mike Pompeo](#), *Secretary of State (2018-2021), USA*

#### International Panel

Moderator: Dr. Moon Byeong-cheol, *Chief Research Fellow, Think Tank 2022*

[H.E. Dr. Thomas Boni Yayi](#), *President (2006-2016), Benin*

[Hon. Newt Gingrich](#), *Speaker, House of Representatives (1995-1999), USA*

Mr. Thomas McDevitt, *Chairman, Board of Directors, The Washington Times, USA*

[Hon. Dr. Werner Fasslabend](#), *Minister of Defense (1990-2000), Austria*

[Dr. Chheng Kimlong](#), *Executive Vice President, Asian Vision Institute, Cambodia*

Hon. Lee Jung Mun, *Member of the National Assembly, Korea*

#### SESSION VI.A - Contemporary Challenges to Global Order: Toward a World Culture of Peace: Focus Europe and the Middle East

**Moderator:** Mr. Jacques Marion, *Regional Co-Chair, UPF-EUME*

#### Speakers

[H.E. Albin Kurti](#), *Prime Minister, Kosovo*

[H.E. Alfred Moisiu](#), *President (2002-2007), Albania*

[H.E. Filip Vujanovic](#), *President (2003-2018), Montenegro*

[H.E. Mladen Ivanic](#), *President, (2014-15, 2016-17), Bosnia and Herzegovina*

[Hon. Dr. Werner Fasslabend](#), *Minister of Defense (1990-2000), Austria*

[H.E. Zlatko Lagumdžija](#), *Prime Minister (2001-2002), Bosnia and Herzegovina*

[H.E. Boris Tadic](#), *President (2004-2012), Serbia*

#### SESSION VI.B - International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)

**Moderator:** Dr. Thomas Selover, *International Co-coordinator, IAAP; former President, Sunhak UP Graduate University, Korea*

#### Welcoming Addresses

[Dr. Thomas G. Walsh](#), *Chairman, Universal Peace Federation*

[Dr. Sung-Bae Jin](#), *Chairman, Hyo Jeong Academic Foundation, Korea*

#### Speakers

[H.E. Dr. Nevers Sekwila Mumba](#), *Vice President (2003-2004); Founder, National Christian Coalition, Zambia*

[Hon. Dr. Mohamad Habash](#), *Chairman, Human Fraternity Center; Associate Professor, Abu Dhabi University, UAE*

[Dr. Frank Kaufmann](#), *President of PWPA USA; Editor in Chief of New World Encyclopedia; President of Twelve Gates Foundation, USA*

[Dr. Osvaldo Adriano De La Guardia Boyd](#), *Executive Director, Central America Institute for Public Administration, Panama*

#### SESSION VI.C - International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP)

**Moderator:** Mr. Ronnie Sodusta, *President, IAYSP-Asia Pacific 2*

## Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, between YSP-Korea and SAKENA FUND

**Welcoming Remarks:** Mr. Koji Matsuda, President, IAYSP-International

### Keynote Addresses

H.E. Anote Tong, *President (2003-2016), Kiribati; SHPP Laureate (2015)*  
Mr. Hyeontae Kim, *Member of the Seoul Metropolitan City Energy Policy Committee, Korea*  
Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, *Executive Director, Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL); Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2017)*  
Ms. Bo-Young Park, *Public Administration, Korea University*

### Panel Discussion

Hon. Silvia Nobre Waiapi, *Congresswoman, Brazil*  
Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, *Executive Director, Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL); Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2017)*  
Ms. Jung-eun Choi, *Mentors without Boarders*  
Ms. Mica Amanlaman Camara, *President, IAYSP-Africa*  
Mr. Mounkaila Goumandakoye, *Senior Consultant and Expert of the CEN-SAD Regional Youth Programme*  
H.E. Anote Tong, *President (2003-2016), Kiribati; SHPP Laureate (2015)*  
Mr. Hyeontae Kim, *Member of the Seoul Metropolitan City Energy Policy Committee, Korea*

## SESSION VII.A - Toward a World Culture of Peace: The Role of the Media and the Economy International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED)

**Moderator:** Mr. Thomas McDevitt, *Chairman, Board of Directors, The Washington Times, USA*

### IMAP

[Mr. Kea Puy](#), *President, Club of Cambodian Journalists and Kyodo News, Cambodia*  
[Mrs. Shova Gyawali](#), *Director, Nepal Republic Media, Nepal*  
[Dr. Sergio Redó](#), *President, Sao Paulo Press Association, Brazil (video)*  
Mr. Guy Taylor, *National Team Leader, The Washington Times*

### IAED

[Mr. Leong Bee Lee](#), *Chairman, Malaysian Association of Canada*  
[Mr. James Rogers](#), *Chairman, Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests, Singapore*  
[Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa](#), *Ambassador-Sikh Dharma, Sikh Dharma Universal, USA*  
[Dr. Jorge Alberto Ceballos Rodriguez](#), *Criminal Justice and International Humanitarian Lawyer, Panama*  
[Mr. German Yael Feliz Severino](#), *Journalist, TV & Radio producer, Dominican Republic*

## SESSION VII.B - International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)

**Moderator:** Dr. Thomas Selover, *International Co-coordinator, IAAP; former President, SunHak UP Graduate University, Korea*

**Congratulatory Remarks:** Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, *Executive Director, Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL); Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2017)*

### Speakers

[Prof. Mahendra Prasad Lama](#), *Senior Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*  
[Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena](#), *President, University for Peace (UPEACE), Costa Rica*  
[Hon. Keith Best](#), *Member of Parliament (1979-1987), UK; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, UPF-UK*

### Commentators

Prof. Heung-soon Park, *Professor and former dean of the graduate school Sun Moon University, Korea*  
[Hon. Timothy Mtambo](#), *Commander in Chief, Citizen for Transformation Movement (CFT), Malawi*  
[Ms. Sagadat Sabitova](#), *UN Expert on Gender Equality, United Nations, Kazakhstan*

## SESSION VII.C - International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)

**Moderator:** Dr. Michael Jenkins, *President, UPF International; International Coordinator, IAPP*

### Speakers

Hon. Dan Burton, *Member of Congress (1983-2013); International Co-Chair, IAPP, USA*  
[Hon. Annette Lu](#), *Vice President (2000-2008), Taiwan*  
Pastor Paula White-Cain, *Senior Pastor, City of Destiny Church, USA*  
Hon. Betty Beatriz Yaniquez Lozano, *Assemblywoman, Bolivia*  
[Rt. Hon. Petros Vusi Mavimbela](#), *Speaker, Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini*  
[Hon. Charan Jeath Singh](#), *Minister, Sugar and Multi-Ethnic Affairs, Fiji*  
[Hon. Dr. Malte Kaufmann](#), *Member of Parliament, Germany*  
Hon. Ajay Dutt, *Member of Legislative Assembly, India*  
[Hon. Maimouna Yombouno](#), *Vice-President, National Assembly (National Transition Council), Guinea*  
Hon. Victor Oswaldo Fuentes Solis, *Senator, Mexico*  
[Hon. Iroshka Lindaly Elvir Flores Nasralla](#), *Congresswoman, Honduras*  
[Hon. Lawrence Songa Biyika](#), *Member of Parliament, Uganda*  
[Hon. Hamidou Traore](#), *Vice President, National Assembly (National Transition Council), Mali*

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

## SESSION VIII - UPF Regional Reports & Strategic Discussion

**Opening Remarks:** Dr. Thomas Walsh, *Chairman, UPF International*

### Cheon Won Gung Video Presentation

**North America:** Dr. Michael Jenkins, *Regional Chair, UPF-North America*

**Central America:** Dr. Charles Yang, *Regional Chair, UPF-Central America and the Caribbean*

**South America:** Rev. Dong Mo Shin, *Regional Chair, UPF-South America*

**Africa:** Mr. Augustin Ghomsi, *Sub-Regional Director, UPF-Southern Africa*

### Europe and Middle East:

Dr. Katsumi Otsuka, *Regional Co-Chair, UPF Europe and Middle East*

Mr. Jacques Marion, *Regional Co-Chair, UPF Europe and Middle East*

**Asia Pacific:** Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, *Regional Chair, UPF-Asia Pacific; Member of the*

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