

## Third Annual Symposium: The Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations in International Affairs

*Thematic Focus:*  
***Just, Inclusive and Sustainable Peace***

**Monday, 23 January 2017**

United Nations Secretariat - Conference Room 11  
United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

***Morning Session***

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Informal discussions over catered lunch from 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Served at the Vienna Cafe*

***Afternoon Session***

1:15 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

*Reception with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Hosted in the UN 1B Visitor's Lobby*

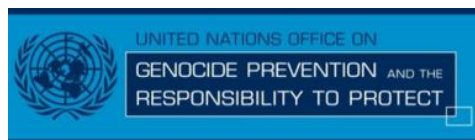
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# Program

## Morning Session

09:00 – 09:15a.m.

### Welcome

**Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria**, *World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations in New York, and Coordinator, UN Ecumenical Office*

### Opening Remarks (5 minutes presentation each)

**Mr. Adama Dieng**, *United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide (video)*

**Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe**, *General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church*

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

## **Anatomy and Scope of Peace**

*Moderator: Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, UNFPA and Coordinator, UN Inter-Agency Task Force for Engagement with Faith-based Organizations*

### **A Global Vision of Peace: A Most Enduring Value**

**Dr. Ganoune Diop**, *Director of Public Affairs, General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association*

### **The United Nations and Peace**

**H.E. Mr. Pekka Metso**, *Ambassador-at-Large on Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Processes, Political Department, Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

**Ms. Joyce S. Dubensky**, *CEO of Tanenbaum, Center for Interreligious Understanding*

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Q&R and plenary discussion

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 12:00 p.m.

## **Panel: Religions and Peace**

*Moderator: Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, UNFPA and Coordinator, UN Inter-Agency Task Force for Engagement with Faith-based Organizations*

1. **Mr. Akinremi Bolaji**, *Minister, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations*

2. **Mr. Mohamed Elsanousi**, *Network for Network Religious and Traditional Peacemakers*
3. **Ms. Aisha H.L. al-Adawiya**, *Founder & Chair of Women in Islam Inc. New York*
4. **Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer** *Prof. Senior Advisor to KAICIID Dialogue Center and professor at the School of International Service at American University*
5. **Mr. Ulrich Nitschke**, *Head of Sector Programme Values, Religion and Development at GIZ/Germany and Head of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) Secretariat.*

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Q&R and plenary discussions

12:30 – 01:15 p.m. **Lunch** (light lunch served at Café Vienna)

### **Afternoon Session**

01:15 – 03:00 p.m.

#### **Just, Inclusive, and Sustainable Peace**

*Moderator: Rev. Liberato Bautista, Assistant General Secretary--UN and International Affairs & Main UN Representative, General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church, and President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations*

#### **Sustainable Development Goals as a Framework for Peace**

*Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

*Mr. Andrew Tomlinson, United Nations Representative and Director, Quaker UN Office*

#### **Ecumenical Framework for Advocacy for Peace**

*Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations in New York, and Coordinator, UN Ecumenical Office*

#### **A Political Framework for a Just, Inclusive, and Sustainable Peace**

*Dr. Jeffrey Haynes, Professor of Politics, Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation at London Metropolitan University, UK*

- 03:00 – 03:30 p.m. Q&R and plenary discussions
- 03:30 – 03:45 p.m. Break
- 03:45 – 05:15 p.m. **Panel: Current Status of Peace: Philippines and Colombia**  
*Moderator: Rev. Liberato Bautista, Assistant General Secretary--UN and International Affairs & Main UN Representative, General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church, and President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations*
1. **Secretary Jesus Dureza**, Presidential Adviser for Peace Process, Malacañan Palace, Republic of the Philippines
  2. **Rev. Rex R.B. Reyes, Jr.**, General Secretary, National Council of Churches In the Philippines; Co-Chairperson, Philippine Ecumenical Peace Platform; Independent Observer, Joint Monitoring Committee, Peace Talks between Government of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines
  3. **Dr. Miguel Ceballos Arévalo**, Dean, School of Politics and International Relations, Universidad Sergio Arboleda Bogotá
  4. **Monsignor Hector Fabio Henao**, Episcopal Conference of Colombia, Director of Caritas Colombiana and member of Executive Board of Caritas Internationalis
  5. **H.E. Geir O. Pedersen**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations
- 05:15 – 05:45 p.m. Q&R and plenary discussions
- 05:45 – 05:55 p.m. **Symposium Recap and Closing Remarks**  
*Dr. Ganoune Diop, Director of Public Affairs, General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association*
- 06:00 – 07:00pm **Reception** with hors d'oeuvres, hosted in the 1B Visitor's Lobby