



Program Agenda

ICCGC – CoNGO 2024

Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizenship (ICCGC)
Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN (CoNGO)

Theme & Dates & Venue

"Global Action on Peace, Sustainability, and Prosperity"

26-27 August 2024

Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN), New York

Registration & Opening Session: Tillman Chapel, CCUN
Day 1 & Day 2 Event Venue: Conference Room 2nd Floor, CCUN

Zoom Webinar ID: 873 4230 8599

Day 1 (26 August 2024)

- 12:30-13:00 **Arrival and Registration**
- 13:00-14:20 **Opening Session**
Emcees: Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere (Chaplain, Church Center for the United Nations)
Rev. Dr. Grace Song (Won Buddhist Studies Department Chair, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)
Moment of Silence
Opening Video
Opening Remarks: Dr. Sunggon Kim (Co-chair, ICCGC)
Welcoming Remarks: Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (President, CoNGO)
Congratulatory Address: Dr. Francis Kuria Kagema (Secretary General, Religions for Peace)
Peace Message: Mr. Phallop Thaiarry (President, World Fellowship of Buddhists)
Keynote Speech: "Pack for the Future: Global Action on Peace, Sustainability, and Prosperity"
Dr. Irina Bokova (Former Director-General, UNESCO and Kyung Hee University Miwon Scholar of Practice)
Response to Keynote Address: Ven. Chung Ohun Lee (Former Chair, Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN)
Peace Song: Mannam Quartet
Singers: Ven. Sungjin, Pastor Jin Kim, Fr. Sung-Yong Ha, Rev. Se-Woong Park
Group Photo
- 14:20-14:40 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 14:40-16:10 **Panel Session 1. Global Ethics & Global Citizens**
Topic: "Ethical and Global Citizen: Not Whether, But How?"



How do we bring together world leaders, political, religious, activist, and others, on a common ground for Global Ethics? As global citizens, we have a responsibility to work with others across diverse traditions and cultures to form common bonds and a shared vision. For example, we have the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. While this is laudable as a declaration, what additional resources are needed to bring together people in community and action? Where the focus may differ (justice, religious harmony, climate change, etc.), how can we harness the synergy of the global community to empower one another? How can we gather locally to act globally?

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (Professor, University of Oregon)

Panelists: Prof. Fadi Daou (Executive Director, Globethics - Geneva)

Rev. Dr. Kwangsoo Park (Emeritus Professor, Wonkwang University)

Dr. Kusumita Pedersen (Professor Emerita, St. Francis College)

Dr. Kunihiro Terasawa (Associate Professor, Wartburg College)

16:10-16:20 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

16:20-17:50 **Panel Session 2. Towards a Global Peace: For People and Planet**

Topic: "We Want Peace: How Can We Promote and Build Peace in Our World?"

This panel discussion, themed "Towards a Global Peace: For People and Planet," delves into the critical role of global cooperation and understanding in fostering peace across borders. We will explore effective conflict resolution strategies, the impact of cultural diplomacy, and the contributions of faith leaders, governments, and NGOs in creating a harmonious world. By highlighting key peacekeeping successes, the session aims to provide actionable insights for fostering worldwide peace and unity.

Moderator: Rev. Doyeon Park (Co-Chair, Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN)

Panelists: Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer (Executive Director, Interfaith Center of New York)

Mr. Garry Jacobs (President and CEO, World Academy of Art and Science)

Dr. Carolyn Medine (President, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies)

Mr. Elias Szczytnicki (Regional Secretary-General, Religions for Peace, Latin America and the Caribbean)

17:50-18:00 **Closing Session (Day 1)**

Rev. Young-In Sa (Co-chair, ICCGC)

Idanont Thaiarry (Secretary General, World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth)

Dr. Wonsun Oh (President, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)

Day 2 (27 August 2024)

10:30-12:00 **Panel Session 3. Dialogue Between Religions and Civil Society**

Topic: "Aspirations for the Common Good: Working Together for Shaping a Brighter Future"

This session will explore the collaborative efforts needed to create a future that benefits everyone. We will discuss how collective aspirations for the common good can drive positive change, focusing on the roles of different sectors, including faith-based organizations, governments, NGOs, and communities. By sharing insights and strategies, this session aims to inspire cooperative action and foster a shared commitment to building a brighter, more equitable, and sustainable future for all.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Professor, Georgetown University)

Panelists: Imam Saffet Catovic (Director, UN Operations for Justice for All)

Dr. Julius-Kei Kato (Associate Professor, King's College-Western University)

Ms. Maddalena Maltese (New York Representative, New Humanity of Focolare Movement)

Rev. Margaret Rose (Deputy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations for The Episcopal Church)



- 12:00-13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 13:00-13:30 **Special Address**
Topic: “Religious Role and Responsibility for Peace on the Korean Peninsula”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Taesung Kim (Secretary General, Korean Conference of Religions for Peace)
- 13:30-13:45 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 13:45-15:00 **Panel Session 4. Youth for Climate Action**
Topic: “Youth in the Age of Climate Disaster: How Youth Can Impact the Future”
This session will explore how youth-led initiatives significantly impact environmental policy, sustainable practices, and community awareness. Participants will share stories of collaboration, innovation, resilience, and collaboration that illustrate the power of youth engagement in tackling global climate challenges. The session aims to inspire further action and highlight how young leaders can mobilize communities and influence decision-making for a sustainable future.
Moderator: Ms. Kristine Leonardo (Programme Associate, Religions for Peace)
Panelists: Mr. Steve Chiu (Youth Representative, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation)
 Ms. Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M. (Founder-President, Green Hope Foundation)
 Ms. Darren Namatovu (Founder & Executive Director, Phoenix Children Foundation)
- 15:00-15:15 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 15:15-16:45 **Panel Session 5. Global Citizenship Education for Future Generation**
Topic: “The Next Generation of Global Citizens: GCED for an Inclusive and Sustainable World”
Global citizenship education (GCED) is needed to face the challenges of the 21st Century and the challenges of the VUCA world, which is volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous. Global Citizenship education encourages global citizens to be independent, develop global perspectives, build harmony among people from other countries and ethnic groups, understand diversity through cross-cultural education, respect the Earth and all living beings, and promote global well-being while enriching their lives. To learn to create imaginative solutions to world problems, to help solve diverse global issues, and to become active citizens who can make changes in society for the good of everyone. In this session, panelists will discuss the following: how global citizenship is practiced in real life, what GCED is to the individual panelists, how GCED is implemented in their specific role and environment, and what message each panelist has for the youth and our future leaders.
Moderator: Dr. Kathy Matsui (Professor, Seisen University)
Panelists: Dr. Roberto Catalano (Professor, Sophia University Institute, Italy)
 Dr. Janet Gerson (Education Director, International Institute on Peace Education)
 Dr. Russell Pearce (Professor, Fordham University)
 Rev. James Lynch (Representative to the United Nations, Rissho Kosei-Kai)
- 16:45-17:00 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 17:00-17:15 **Special Intervention**
Topic: “Toward an Integral Rejection of War and a Strategic Mobilizing for Peace and Life”
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Riccardo Petrella (Professor emeritus, Catholic University of Louvain)
- 17:15-17:30 **Closing Session (Day 2)**
Reading of the ICCGC-CoNGO Declaration on the 2024 UN Summit of the Future
Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (President, CoNGO)
Ms. Christina Lee (Inter-religious Dialogue Advisor, Focolare Movement)
Rev. Yoshiharu Tomatsu (Executive Council Member, World Fellowship of Buddhists)
Dr. Julius-Kei Kato (Vice President, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies)



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