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**THE 3rd GLOBAL  
PEACE SUMMIT**



# YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF GLOBAL PEACEBUILDING



In the face of new global challenges and threats to peace, young people often feel they lack resources and experience in the development of peace efforts. The exposure to notions of instability, war, conflict, human rights violations and terror can create immense anxiety and a feeling of overwhelm and defeat.

Today, the antagonist to peace can also be of a more silent, invisible and structural character, making its immediate impact hidden. Yet the consequences of these hidden threats can be as big as the ones carrying explosives and warbanners. New risks bring about new challenges, but even in the most challenging of times, there is hope that revolutionary solutions can emerge.

Young people offer innovative perspectives that can help solve some of our greatest global challenges. When it comes to peace, young people hold strong leadership potential and play an important role in the future of peacebuilding. But helping your students to gain the adequate knowledge and confidence to champion social change at a global level can feel like a huge responsibility. As an educator, and as a leader and mentor for young people, you might be looking for the right resources and platforms to send your students towards.

**The global youth are seeking your guidance and dedication to fuel their energy.**

# OUR COMMITMENT

When considering discussions of conflict we must understand there are many perspectives contained in that dialogue. There are those that have not experienced conflict in their lives and there are those that have met challenges unfathomable to us, yet we all still desire taking the path towards sustainable and lasting peace.

Humanitarian Affairs Asia brings together these increasingly important perspectives from global leaders, organizations and inspiring change makers with lived experience as well as facilitators to provide practical knowledge through our initiatives and events. Our mission is to equip the global youth with the perspectives, skills and tools necessary to stand up to the greatest challenges of our time and to gain experience on the world stage in order to fully realize their capacity as leaders and champions of a world where future generations inherit peace as the norm.



*"I always tell young people, be courageous, share your experiences, do not be embarrassed by the hardships you have gone through. I am proud to be a former refugee for the wisdom and resilience it has brought to me as a person. I cherish it every moment of every day. I want young people to be proud of their experiences and not scared of sharing those experiences to educate other young people. That is the reason why I am close to the work that HA does because they believe that everyone can contribute to positive social change by speaking and sharing their experiences."*

**Rahila Haidary**  
**Speaker and Advocate for Equality and Social Justice**



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**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

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# THE 3RD GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT 2023

The Peace Summit gives young people the tools and knowledge to succeed in fighting for a more peaceful future as a Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador. This role is a unique opportunity offered to delegates following their attendance at the summit. The role is voluntary and is a one year self-directed initiative that allows delegates to serve in the promotion of peace efforts in their own community.

Delegates will have the opportunity to gain valuable insight from heart-wrenching stories told by speakers, experts and activists, participate in workshops and challenges and network with like-minded peers. They will leave feeling empowered to take action and to instigate change, leading the way forward for other young people as an instrument for peace.





# SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHTS

Most of us recall childhood memories of playing with friends in the playground, but not Ayik Chut Deng. As a young boy, Ayik fought as a child soldier in Ethiopia and Sudan. He witnessed unspeakable violence and was regularly tortured by the older boys.

At the age of nineteen, Ayik escaped to Australia where he ended up as a refugee. However, adjusting to a new life in Australia was far more difficult than he anticipated. Ayik was suffering from chronic and misdiagnosed mental health issues leading to years of erratic behavior. He even got into trouble with the law before coming to the realization that his behavior was putting his life, as well as the lives of his loved ones, at risk.

Today, Ayik is a father, actor and volunteers at his local youth center. Overcoming his childhood of indescribable horror became a lifelong process of learning and healing. Ayik Chut Deng will reveal the lessons learnt from his **painful childhood as a child soldier**.



**AYIK CHUT DENG**

FORMER CHILD SOLDIER  
SOUTH SUDAN



**IMRANA ALHAJI BUBA**

FOUNDER OF "YOUTH COALITION  
AGAINST TERRORISM"  
NIGERIA

The name "Boko Haram" means "Western education is forbidden". It is a terrorist organization based in north-eastern Nigeria.

At a tender age, Imrana Alhaji Buba saw horrifying acts of terrorism inflicted by the terrorist group. His family was directly affected by the bombings and his father was murdered in cold blood.

Far from becoming intimidated by the violence, Imrana founded the Youth Coalition Against Terrorism (now Youth Initiative Against Terrorism), a volunteer-based youth-led organization working to unite youth against violent extremism in north-eastern Nigeria. He started with nothing. He had zero budget. But he was passionate and wanted to do something to stop the acts of terror. Now, his organization has 46 chapters throughout North-eastern Nigeria.

Imrana's message for young leaders considering to become agents of change: **"Start now. You don't need to wait. Peace is a language we all speak."**

Afghanistan, Iraq and Haiti. These are the countries where Derek Schwartz was deployed to as a United States Marine. There, he experienced the insurmountable horror of war first-hand while serving his country.

After returning from his deployment, Derek suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and his coping mechanism was alcohol. He was haunted by the brutal scenes he had witnessed and the lives that were taken by him and others. Fortunately, Derek met a medical practitioner that encouraged him to seek professional treatment – that person is now his wife, Linsey.

In order to avoid future wars and conflict, Derek believes that the current and the next generation of world leaders need to be instructed on the importance of peace building. It is critical to fully grasp the effects of war, not only on the individual but also on nations, in order to fully comprehend the importance of peace among nations. Derek will share his **experience in the war zones and vision in peace building**.



**DEREK SCHWARTZ**

VETERAN MARINE  
UNITED STATES



**RAHILA HAIDARY**

HAZARA GENOCIDE SURVIVOR  
AUSTRALIA

“Schools are for boys only”. At the age of six, not willing to be denied her education, Rahila tried to find a way to go to school, just like the boys in her town. Bravely, she dressed up like a boy in an attempt to go unnoticed. Her life, and that of her family, were threatened by the Taliban rulers when she was found out.

Rahila Haidary has a deep and personal connection to the importance of peace building and education. Growing up in the Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, then under Taliban rule, Rahila and her family survived the Hazara Genocide, wars and conflicts.

In 2011, Rahila travelled to Australia as an asylum seeker. Now, she is dedicating her life to advocate for peace. A UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador, Rahila Haidary, will inspire and empower you with her story of **harrowing escape from Afghanistan and becoming a catalyst for female economic empowerment**.



Growing up as a young person in Palestine, Sulaiman Khatib did not view peace as an option. He was raised in a war zone.

At the age of fourteen, Sulaiman joined the “Fatah” movement and began his violent struggle for freedom. He went as far as attempting to steal guns from Israeli soldiers, landing him a 15 year sentence in a juvenile prison, recounted horrendous cruelty and torture in the cells. An opportunity to work in the prison library presented a paradigm shift for Sulaiman. Through his journey of self-directed learning and discovery, Sulaiman realised that there are multiple narratives to conflict. He had mistaken his enemy, instead they both shared a common enemy- one of hatred and of fear.

Sulaiman would go on to become Co-Founder and Director of Combatants for Peace, an organization composed of Palestinians and Israelis who have participated in the circle of violence towards each other but have instead chosen to reject it and to work together. Sulaiman Khatib’s journey teaches you that there is an alternative to violence. **Together we can bring peace, but the change must first start within us.**



**SULAIMAN KHATIB**

CO-FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR  
"COMBATANTS FOR PEACE  
PALESTINE



**ZAK EBRAHIM**

AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "THE  
TERRORIST'S SON"  
UNITED STATES

In 1990, when Zak Ebrahim was only seven years old, his father became the first known Islamic jihadist to take a life on American soil. El-Sayyid Nosair has shot and killed the leader of the Jewish Defence League.

While in prison, Nosair helped plan the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993. In one of his infamous video messages, Osama bin Laden urged the world to “Remember El-Sayyid Nosair.”

For Zak, a childhood of terrorism was all he knew. After his father’s incarceration, his family moved more than twenty times, hunted and persecuted for the crimes of his father.

Growing up, Zak could never adopt the views of his father. As he grew older, he was able to gain a deeper grasp of his horrific actions. This led to a firm conviction in the desire to promote peace. Zak would later go on to write the book “The Terrorist’s Son” detailing his **incredible journey in finding his own path, a path away from hate.**

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# VENUE

The Peace Summit will be held at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand.

The UNCC serves as one of the headquarters for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

# REGISTRATION

The early bird registration fee of USD 1,150.00 + 7% VAT (tax) includes:

- 4-night Accommodation on a sharing basis
- 2-way local Transportation from Hotel to UN Conference Center
- Meals include 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 Coffee Breaks
- An Enriching Interactive Experience
- Access to all Plenary Sessions
- Knowledge-based Workshop Discussions
- An Electronic Certificate of Participation
- Lots of Networking Opportunities

**PLEASE NOTE:** The early bird registration fee ends September 17, 2022



# PREREQUISITES

Applicants should:

- Be between the ages of 17-32 years old
  - Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership experience and potential
  - Be passionate about peace, social change and current affairs
  - Be willing to participate with an open mind when networking with persons from different backgrounds, interests and ambitions
  - Be motivated to serve as a Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador for one-year
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*"Peace is at the core of everything we do - and yet we are not aware we possess such a power. Once we can bring peace to the forefront of our awareness, the world will surely be good, for we will lead each day with peace always in our mind and heart".*

**Kim Solomon, Secretary General, Humanitarian Affairs Asia**





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# YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

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One of the top global worries for young people today is climate change. Generation Z is the largest generation ever, comprising 30% of the world's population. It is the first generation to grow up in a fully global and interconnected world, shaped in the 21st century, and because of that, they are aware of the global impact that climate change has .

People's lives everywhere are being affected by climate change. Severe weather conditions, rising sea levels, loss of biodiversity and increasing temperatures are all consequences of human activities and are threatening life here on earth. Taking urgent action to tackle climate change and its impact is therefore important, and young people are at the forefront of this movement.

As an educator, and as a leader and mentor for young people, you have likely felt the frustration and worry from your students. And helping them to gain the adequate knowledge and confidence to lead sustainable projects and champion social change at a global level can feel like a huge responsibility. There are challenges that you can face with not knowing where to start, or where to look for resources or platforms in which to send young people towards.

**The global youth are seeking your guidance and dedication to fuel their energy!**



# OUR COMMITMENT

We know all too well the challenges associated with wanting to do good things in the world but not having the knowledge of where to start or what resources might be available out there. Combined with the extreme urgency of action required to address the existential challenges resulting from climate change we all understand the potential anxiety around stepping up to such a monumental challenge.

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Our mission is to equip the global youth with the skills and tools necessary to stand up to the greatest challenges of our time and to gain experience on the world stage in order to fully realize their capacity as leaders and champions of a green future.



*"Humanitarian Affairs Asia is the best organizer, most professional and dedicated NGO I have worked with in terms of conferences and youth empowerment. The quality of their work is reflected in the feedback from the participants, the satisfaction of the speakers, and the continuous partnerships they have with governments, other organizations and the United Nations."*

**Felipe Queipo,**  
Communications and Outreach Officer,  
UN Department of Global Communications,  
United Nations, New York



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# THE INAUGURAL GREEN SUMMIT 2022

The Green Summit gives young people the tools and knowledge to succeed in fighting for a greener future as a Humanitarian Affairs Green Ambassador.

Delegates will have the opportunity to gain valuable insight from world-leading speakers and experts in sustainable development, learn how to create their own sustainable projects through hands-on activities and network with like-minded peers.

Delegates will leave feeling empowered to take action and to instigate change, leading the way forward and standing up to the overarching challenge of climate change.





# SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHTS



**ANDREAS SCHLEICHER**  
DIRECTOR & SPECIAL ADVISOR  
OECD



**VIKAS GARG**  
FOUNDER & CEO  
ABILLION



**CRISTIAN FLEMING**  
CLIMATE ACTIVIST & DESIGNER  
THE PUBLIC SOCIETY



**STEPHANIE DICKSON**  
FOUNDER & CEO  
GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK



## GREEN ACTIVITIES

### Reforestation of Indigenous Species

Delegates will learn reforestation techniques on implementing practical, proven methods of forest restoration in order to mitigate the damages resulting from deforestation and forest degradation.

### Mangrove Island Conservation

At Khlong Khon, Mangrove Forest Conservation Center in Samut Songkhram, delegates will plant mangroves on the island, which is inhabited by monkeys. With over 2,000 rai of mangrove forest, participants will take action to protect the biodiversity of the forest.





# Marine and Coastal Conservation

Delegates will learn restoration techniques to protect corals and marine lives. They will construct bamboo pipes that provide a stable growing area for corals, and habitat for fishes and all the other organisms found on a natural reef, which are then placed onto the sea bed by the Navy Seal Royal Thai Army.



## River Cleaning

Delegates will kayak in order to clean the river to safeguard the aquatic flora and fauna. They will gain first-hand experience in understanding the effects that rubbish causes to the local communities surrounded by water. They will collect rubbish to safeguard the aquatic fauna and flora, and help the community to benefit socially and economically from a clean river.





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- A full day of Outdoor Sustainable Activities
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- One Souvenir T-shirt
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*"If we build a society based on honoring the earth, we build a society which is sustainable and has the capacity to support all life forms. Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank."*

Winona Laduke, First Nation American economist, environmentalist and writer.