2020 Decade of Peace Initiative

THE POWER OF VISION
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GLOBAL VISION. LOCAL STRATEGY.

The 2020 Decade of Peace Initiative is a global invitation to scale conflict-transformation practices in order to advance U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.
GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

That's why we've made collaboration central to our mission.

We are thrilled to welcome a vibrant community of leaders, peace practitioners, activists and academics from around the world at the 2019 International Peace Congress, in order to help us kick off the 2020 Decade of Peace Initiative.
MIND MAPPING
Environmental Scan
Regional Perspectives on Global Trends

OPEN SPACE
Open Space Overview
Attendee-Led Sessions
Key Themes

FUTURE VISIONING
Reverse Engineer Your Global Vision
Critical Questions to Craft Your Local Strategy
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

MARGARET MEAD
MIND MAPPING

Creating a Collective Environmental Scan

The purpose of the Environmental Scan is to pool our perspectives on what’s happening in the larger environment, and provide clues as to what’s needed and wanted from us as Peacebuilders.
Mind Mapping
Creating An Environmental Scan By Considering These Four Factors

DRIVING FORCES
What are the political, economic, social, technological, environmental, demographic forces?

TINY SEEDS OF CHANGE
What is coming around the corner that we want to notice?

TRENDS
What is increasing or decreasing in the external environmental landscape that could impact our work?

BRIGHT SPOTS
What are the sources of energy, strength, or positive momentum you see?
GROUP ONE

MIND MAPPING
Facilitated by Prabha Sankaranarayan

➤ Social Media and Its Impact (Both Positive and Negative)
➤ Threats to Freedom of Speech
➤ Existential Threats of Nuclear Weapons, Climate Change, and Artificial Intelligence
➤ Vulnerability of Refugees
➤ Increased Number of Hate Groups
➤ Distrust of Institutions
➤ Political Polarization
➤ Conflict Between Corporations, Communities, and Governments About Natural Resources
➤ Radicalism for Political Purposes

➤ Bullying on Social Media

➤ Hoax Social Media and "Fake News"

➤ Environmental Refugees

➤ Loss of Biodiversity

➤ Increased Polarization of Identity and Identity Politics

➤ Increase in Both Inter- and Intra-Religious Conflicts
REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES
ON GLOBAL TRENDS
FOCUS TRENDS:
1. Negative Practice of Social Media
2. Indigenous Social Justice
3. Increase in Refugees & Asylum Seekers

WHAT IS BEING DONE:
1. School Education
2. Improved Regulatory Framework

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:
1. Community Awareness Programs
2. Improved Parent Education
3. Mindfulness Training
4. Linking Indigenous Culture and Social Justice
5. Support the Uluru Restorative Justice Statement
6. Building on Indigenous Models of Peacebuilding
7. Training Leaders of the Future
FOCUS TRENDS:
1. The Rise of Hate Groups
2. Political Polarization

WHAT IS BEING DONE:
1. Awareness
2. Labelling of Violent Ideologies

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:
1. Community Dialogues
2. Education
3. Diversity and Inclusion
4. Peace Conversations Facilitation
5. Integrated Family Relations
6. Collaborative Communities
7. Title IX Laws
FOCUS TREND:
1. Negative Impact of Social Media

WHAT IS BEING DONE:
1. Awareness
2. Labelling of Violent Ideologies

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:
1. Service Projects for All (Involving Collaboration Across Religions, Genders, Race, Etc.)
2. Peace Campaigns
3. Socializing Harmony Among Religions
4. Fellowship Activities
FOCUS TRENDS:
1. Polarization of Identity
2. Rise in Refugees
3. Reduction of Trust in Institutions

WHAT IS BEING DONE:
1. Constructive Collaborative Engagements
2. Institutional Strengthening
3. Control Via Government Compliance
4. Building People Power and Mobilize
5. Strengthen Sustainability

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:
1. Increase Cooperation with Refugee Home and Host Countries and Increase Awareness of Refugee Vulnerability
2. Create Humane Processes/Procedures for Acceptance of Refugees in Host Countries and Apply Sanctions to Countries Mistreating Refugee
OPEN SPACE

Open Space is a highly interactive and collaborative process that leverages the knowledge and expertise of all the attendees in order to teach, share, and discuss issues relating to a particular topic.
DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Build Capacity of Local and Inter-Religious Forums’ Members to Prevent Conflicts and Reduce Religious Tensions

2. Effective Affirmative Mechanism of ADR to Supplement Existing Legal Systems to Filter Cases At Initial Stages
REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

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Perla Padilla

PARTICIPANTS
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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Promote Collaborative Work with Different Organizations and Communities

2. Solicit Questions from the Community

3. Challenge the "Refugee" Label and Disarm Beliefs/Stereotypes Through Reflective Dialogues Related to Refugees and Asylum Seekers

4. Follow Up After the Community is Engaged

5. Engage Civil and Interfaith Groups through Local and International Events

6. Use Sports, Narratives, and Creative Engagement Activities
Meditation for Mediators

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Niqqita Baharaea

PARTICIPANTS
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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Sharing with Practice of Mindfulness and Meditation with Others
2. Peace Starts From Within Each of Us
3. We Must Cultivate a Practice of Peacefulness Internally Before We Can Practice It With Others
Breaking Into the Mediation Space

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Act As a Mediator Within Your Family, Friends, and Community
2. Approach Mediation Centers and Look for Apprenticeship and Internship Opportunities
3. Advertise/Spread the Word in Your Circles and Networks
4. Start Doing the Mediation and Training Without Mentioning You Are a Mediator
5. Room for Mediation in Community Centers and Other Similar Institutions
Food As a Tool for Peacemaking

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Using Restaurants as Open Spaces for Conversation and Dialogue

2. A Weekly Basis of Learning About Community Needs (i.e. Turning a Slum into a Beautiful Part; Breaking Bread with Opposing Parties)

3. Sharing Your Favorite Meal As You Talk Through Disputes

4. Using Food Depends on the Culture and Meaning Attached to the Food
Children as Protagonists

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS
1. Examine Reality of Conflict in Different Countries in Asia and Africa - Some Extremists Use Women and Children
2. Communities Play a Crucial Role to Prevent and Resolve Conflict and Must Be Trained (i.e. Parents, Teachers, Elders, Children)
3. Leverage Existing Community Structures (i.e. Church, Schools, Etc.) to Create Environments for Assessment, Planning, and Peace-Building
4. Foster Peer Mediation, Peace Patrols, Child Education, School Involvement
Transforming Democracy

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS
1. Centralized Leadership Makes Communities Prone to Dictatorship, Subject to Us/Them Politics, Policies Created By Leaders, Ego Drives Politics

2. Uninformed Masses Easily Manipulated by Media, and Hope/Rely on Politicians to Make Decisions

3. There Is a General Lack of Knowledge/ Confidence in Dialogue and Mediation

4. Create High Profile Demonstrations of Effective, Deliberate Dialogue About Complex Political Issue

5. Show That Alternative Processes Exist; Demonstrate Appropriate Skill
Peer Mediation

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DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Bring Peer Mediation Processes and Training to All Schools
2. Employ Juvenile Victim-Offender Mediation
3. Include Indigenous Community in Peer Mediator Programs
4. International Schools Have Potential for High Conflict
5. Provide Resources and Books to Navigate Social Media and Bullying
6. Advance the “12 Values of Peace”
1. Educating Children in Peacebuilding
2. Cultural Competence in Communities
3. Early Intervention and Partnership Programs
4. Empowerment of Women and Youth
5. Healthy Language and Dialogue in Social Media
6. Leadership That Promotes Peace Skills
7. Proactive Assessment of Future Conflicts
8. Regulations and Enforcement of ADR Practices
FUTURE VISIONING

REVERSE ENGINEERING A BETTER FUTURE

The purpose of the Future Visioning is to synthesize information by creating a preferred future and identify key themes and action steps.
WHAT WILL 2030 LOOK LIKE?

NINE QUESTIONS TO SHAPE YOUR 2030 VISION

1. It is 2030. How is the world different as a result of your efforts?
2. How are you and/or your organization known in the world?
3. What is the specific, distinctive impact you are having? How does it look?
4. What have been your key accomplishments?
5. How are you impacting the lives of people?
6. What key innovations or game-changing ideas led to this future?
7. What were some of your key policies, programs and tasks?
8. Who were the key partners/stakeholders you worked with?
9. What individual contributions did you make to this effort?
PEOPLE BUILDING PEACE

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