



# **Towards a Culture of Peace Cooperation & Co-Prosperity**

**Universal Peace Federation - Austria**

# Interreligious Council at the United Nations



*The existing United Nations structure, composed of national representatives, may be regarded as a congress where the interests of each member nation are represented. However, I submit that serious consideration should be given to forming a religious assembly, or council of religious representatives within the structure of the United Nations. This assembly or council would consist of respected spiritual leaders in fields such as religion, culture, and education.*

*Dr. Moon at the United Nations, August 18, 2000*

# Inauguration of IIFWP in Austria (March 11 2000)



**Mag. Harald Janisch  
(2000-2002)**



**Parkhotel Schönbrunn, Vienna**

# An Interreligious Council in the UN (30. August 2003)



# Inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation in Austria (18. December 2005)



# **Areas of UPF Activities**



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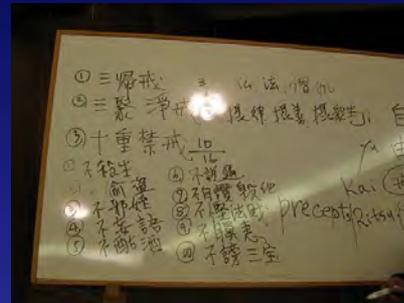
**Youth UPF - Global Citizenship**

# Mount Athos and a Spirituality open towards the World's Religious

Dr. Heinz Gstrein and Father Nikon - April 19th 2007



# Zen with Japanese Zen Master Kosen Nishiyama



# Interreligious Service commemorating the Worldreligion-Day (27.1.2010)



# Interfaith, the United Nations and Peace in the 21st Century (8.12.2010)



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# World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN, February 2014)



# World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN, February 2015)



# King Abdullah International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue

Among those most significant encounters, the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation was the result of a process that ranks among the most significant steps in the history of interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Its lasting significance for the establishment of present-day dialogue activities worldwide is beyond question. It is therefore most valuable to examine closely this process that lead up to the foundation of the Federation.



# The Relevance of Interreligious and Inter Civilizational Dialogue to the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (UN New York, 27. March 2015)



Most importantly UPF has support of Alliance of Civilizations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, UNITAR and the Holy See. It's good progress. We have now an official working agreement with AOC. Also, it was really our discussions in Vienna that got this effort going so thanks to you as well.

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# Mongol Costumes – Fashion Show

3. November 2008



# 2010: International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures (19.6.2010)



# A taste of Korean food at the event „Cultures present their Cuisine“ (17.6.2010)





# Trinidad and Tobago visits the Universal Peace Federation (5.11.2010)



# Russisch-Österreichisches Konzert mit Ballett 100. Todesjahr von Leo Tolstoj (14.11.2010)



# Die kulturelle Vielfalt der Afro-Abstammenden (22. Oktober 2011)



2011  INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR PEOPLE OF  
**AFRICAN DESCENT**



# Culture as a basic element for sustainable development and human rights (UN, July 2012)



# Brazil-Austria: Culture and Creative Economy as basic elements for Sustainability (UN, July 2013)



# Day of Peace 2013 with Rigoberta Menchú, Peace Nobel Price laureate, UN Vienna



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# Intercultural Family Days



# True Family Award Banquet 2007

2. Dezember 2007 – Hotel Marriott



# The Role of the Family in Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity (14. May 2013)



„The Role of the Family in Today’s Israel“



“Youth Perspectives on Intergenerational Solidarity”  
“Parents’ Perspectives on intergenerational solidarity”

# International UN Day of Families

## "Ensuring Work-Family Balance" (15. May 2012)



**Lecture: "Demografic Trends,  
Ensuring Work–Family  
Balance"**

**Dr. Walter Baar**, Professor of  
Contemporary History and  
European Development

# Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals (17. Mai 2014)



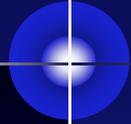
# World Peace Blessing (21. February 2010)



# Nordic Christmas Celebration (18. December 2011)



# Solstice Peace Festivals in Seebenstein



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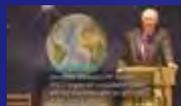
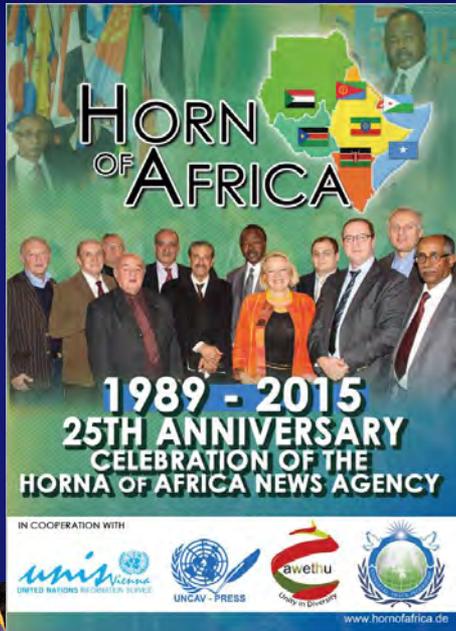
# International Year of Reconciliation Global Peace Tour (UN Vienna - April 2009)



# Building Bridges to Bethlehem



# Horn of Africa Peace Initiative



# Divine Winds of Freedom: New Opportunities and New Responsibilities for the Middle East (May 6-8 2011)



**Istanbul, Turkey** - Ambassadors for Peace, civil society leaders, and religious figures from more than 12 countries in the Middle East dedicated three days of their busy lives to discussing vital issues from the perspective of the region. The Middle East Leadership Conference in Istanbul May 6 to 8, 2011 was themed “Divine Winds of Freedom: New Opportunities and New Responsibilities for the Middle East.”

# Europe, Africa and the Culture of Peace

## The Presidential Palace, Valletta, Malta November 2011



# Russia – Europe Dialogue: Peace and Security in Multicultural Societies (Moscow, April 2012)



# Europe and Russia - Partners in a globalized World (UN, October 2012)



# Europe and Russia: Women Leadership – Youth - Global Citizenship (Oktober 2012)



# Amman Conference on Prospects for Dialogue and Reconciliation in Syria (Amman, October 2013)



# Syrian Civil Society Consultation for a Political Solution

(Peacecastle Schlaining / Austria, March 2014)

مستشارات بين مختلف الاطراف دعماً لحل سياسي  
All Sides



Consultation for a Political Solution



**Organizers:** Initiative “Peace for Syria”

**Sponsors:** KARIBU, an NGO from Norway, Austrian Caritas, World Council of Churches, Klosterneuburg Monastery, Viennese Jesuits, Universal Peace Federation

**Participants:** King Abdallah Interreligious Centre in Vienna



# **Austrian Peacebuilding Platform (BMEIA, 16. Jänner 2014)**

**Office of the Prime Minister, National Defence Academy  
Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Interior,  
Foreign Policy Commission of the Austrian Parliament  
Austrian Development Agency  
European Federalists  
Inst. for Intercultural Research and Cooperation – South Wind  
Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Transformation  
Bruno Kreisky Forum, CARE Austria  
Austrian Reconciliation Service  
Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution  
Austrian Peace & Social Service Abroad  
European Association for the Promotion of Sustainable Development  
PDHRE - People's Movement for Human Rights Education  
Pax Christi  
**Universal Peace Federation Austria**  
European Security Policy and Conflict Prevention Directorate**

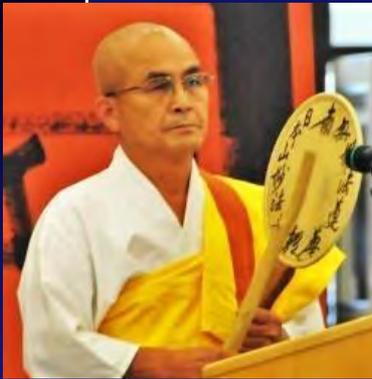
# UPF Austria was a Partner at the Opening of Peace Museum Vienna (21. June 2014)



**Ambassador for Peace award to Mr. Akio Komatsu**



# ATOMIC BOMB AWARENESS DAY GENBAKU-NO-HI 8.8. (8. August 2014)



Mrs. Yuko Gulda Founder, GENBAKU-NO-HI



# Dr. Fasslabend and Dr. Schwimmer in Japan

June, December 2013 and April 2014



Dr Fasslabend met Chairman of Defence committee, Parliament and also met deputy minister of Defence in Japan. His presentation was well received at the forum in Japan Diet. 10 MP attended, media, professors, diplomats etc. around 120 VIPs.

Dr. Walter Schwimmer, former secretary General of European Council visited Japan last year speaking on “Peacemaking Processes in Europe: Proposals for East Asia”.

# The Imperative of an EU–Russia strategic reset (26. February 2015)



# Europe-Eurasia Dialogue: Building Trust and Securing Cooperation (Oct. 30./31.2015)



# Toward Peace and Reconciliation in Syria (World Interfaith Harmony Week - UN, February 2016)



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# “Soccer Balls for Peace“ – Event with Carp Korea

20. June 2006



# Globalization – The Role of Religions and Cultures

**Panel discussion, 27. November 2007**



Prof. Dr. Christian Brünner, University Graz  
Tseten Zöchbauer, Tibet-Kultur Wien  
Dr. Hassan Mousa, Al-Azhar-Schule Wien  
Mag. Alexis Neuberg, Radio Afrikas  
Leila Salehi Ravesh, Hochschulliga für die UN (AFA)



# Communicating Change: Youth Perspectives on Peace” (European Leadership Conference: UN, July 2011)



# Recognition in the Vienna City Hall: Successful Congress Organizer in 2011



# Youth UPF: Exploring Global Citizenship

(12. April 2012) Workshop (2. Juni 2012)



# 40 Years Unification Movement in Brazil

## UPF Conference in Sorocaba (November 2015)



# 50 Years Unification Movement in Europe

## True Mother's Visit to Vienna (May 2015)

