

## UPF UK ILC: Track 1.5 Diplomacy Initiatives with North Korea

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The banner features a light blue background with a white border. At the top center, it reads 'INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE' in a small, dark blue font. Below this, 'ILC2021' is written in large, bold letters, with 'ILC' in red and '2021' in blue. Underneath, 'UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION' is written in a dark blue serif font, flanked by two circular logos of the UPF. The logos show a globe with a sunburst and the text 'UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION' and 'UPF'. A dark blue horizontal bar with white text contains the title 'Track 1.5 Diplomacy Initiatives with North Korea'. Below this bar, the time and date '10:00 – 11:30 CET, Tuesday, 27th July, 2021' are listed in bold black text. The bottom section lists the moderator and speakers in black text.

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**ILC2021**

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**Track 1.5 Diplomacy Initiatives with North Korea**

**10:00 – 11:30 CET, Tuesday, 27th July, 2021**

Moderator  
**Mr. Humphrey Hawksley** - Author, Long-standing BBC Foreign Correspondent

Speakers:  
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### Session I

**10:00 - 11:30 CET, Tuesday, 27th July, 2021**

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You are cordially invited to join our virtual International Leadership Conference (ILC) Session entitled, 'Track 1.5 Diplomacy Initiatives with North Korea'.

Track 1.5 dialogues are conversations that include a mix of government officials - participating in an unofficial capacity - and non-governmental experts. Neither track 1.5 nor track 2 discussions carry the official weight of traditional diplomacy, yet they offer a private, open environment for individuals to build trust, hold conversations and discuss solutions in a way their official counterparts sometimes cannot. Trusted figures can often glean better insights and nuances and provide non-official communication channels that can prove useful in a crisis. The panelists will share their own experience of Track 1.5 Diplomacy with the DPRK, in the context of parliamentary as well as non-governmental initiatives.

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You are cordially invited to join our virtual International Leadership Conference (ILC), a series of webinars to be convened by the Universal Peace Federation from July 27 to 29, 2021 under the theme:

Toward the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Best Practices in Track II Diplomacy.

The conference is part of UPF's Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, dedicated to exploring the prospects for peace on the Korean Peninsula through constructive dialogue between the two Koreas and with the other stakeholder countries of the region.

On May 9, 2021, UPF launched Think Tank 2022, a worldwide alliance of experts from a wide range of professional fields -- government, academic, civil society, faith-based organizations, the media, business, and the arts -- who will work together and pool their best insights as to how peaceful reunification can be accomplished in the coming years.

A series of three International Leadership Conferences is organized between June and August 2021. Each ILC tackles specific issues related to Korea and concludes with recommendations from Think Tank 2022. The July ILC will turn attention to the role of non-state actors, examining a variety of steps that may be taken that contribute to peace and eventual reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. Please see the attached program.

We are pleased to invite you to take part in this timely initiative and look forward to your participation in the upcoming webinars.

Yours sincerely,

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