

# EUROPE - EURASIA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## “Eurasia & Europe Dialogue: Building Trust and Securing Cooperation for Sustainable Development”

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015  
Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,



Universal Peace  
Federation



Women's Federation  
for World Peace



Diplomatic Academy  
of Vienna



Academic Council  
on the  
United Nations System

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) extend a cordial invitation to you to attend a special event to be convened in Vienna, Austria, on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 on the theme “**Europe-Eurasia Dialogue: Building Trust and Securing Cooperation for Sustainable Development**” at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. The partner organizations include ACUNS Vienna and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

The event is the fifth in a series of Europe-Eurasia leadership conferences aiming at developing partnership and cooperation between the two regions, in place of the friction and, at times, open antagonism that has been marking their history, and in light of their critical role for world peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Attended by leading figures from the areas of politics, religion, business, academe and diplomacy, Europe – Eurasia leadership conferences began in 2012 in Moscow (“[Peace and Security in Multicultural Societies](#)”) and Vienna (“[Europe and Russia – Partners in a Globalized World](#)”); the series continued in 2013 in Paris (“[Europe and Eurasia: Cooperating for a Culture of Peace and Human Development](#)”) and in 2014 in Chisinau (“[Eurasia - Europe Dialogue for Peace](#)”). In February 2015 a panel discussion on “[The Imperative of an EU–Russia strategic reset](#)” was organized in Vienna.

Alongside this year's celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, one significant milestone is the proclamation by the General Assembly of the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. The conference will be an opportunity to explore grounds for cooperation between Europe and Eurasia in the context of the next 15-year objectives of sustainable development outlined by UN delegates.

The conference sessions will cover a variety of topics as set out in the program below. International participants should arrive on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October in the evening and will be accommodated at the Erzherzog Rainer hotel, close to the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

We do hope that you will be able to attend. Please notify of your wish to attend by contacting your local UPF or WFWP chapter. We look forward to hearing from you soon and to meeting you in person at this significant conference.

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Secretary-General,  
UPF Europe

CAROLYN HANDSCHIN  
President,  
WFWP Europe

PETER HAIDER  
President,  
UPF Austria

# **PROGRAM**

(tentative schedule)

## **THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER**

Arrivals at Hotel

20:00 Opening briefings and Introductions

**Speakers:**

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Mr. Jack Corley, President, UPF-Europe

Rev. Jin Hwa Chung, President, UPF-Eurasia

## **FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER**

Location: Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

9:00 Registration

**9:30 Session I: The EU & Russia: Resetting a Strategy of Cooperation**

- Dr Thomas Walsh, International President, Universal Peace Federation
- Dr Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General, Council of Europe (1999-2004)
- Dr. Ruslan Greenberg, Director, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Dr Jaap De Zwaan, Director, Netherlands Institute of International Relations (2005-2011)

11:00 Break

**11:30 Session II: The Role of Europe and Eurasia for Peace in the Middle East**

- Dr Werner Fasslabend, Minister of Defence (1990-2000), Austria
- Mr. Helge Lurås, Director, Centre for International and Strategic Studies, Oslo (invited)
- Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)
- Amb. Anvar Azimov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Croatia

13:00 Lunch

**14:30 Session III: Interreligious, Intercultural Dialogue - Bridging Divisions between East and West**

- Mr. Christian Rathner, Journalist, Austrian National TV
- Prof. Igor Pellicciari, University of Salento, Italy - Higher School of Economics, Moscow (tbc)
- Dr Vladimir Narsia, Professor, Georgia American University
- Mr. Marat Hayretdinov, Department of Science and Education of the Muslim Spiritual Authority of the Russian Federation.

16:00 Break

**16:30 Session IV: Engaging Women and Youth to Fulfill Sustainable Development Goals: Education and Leadership**

- Mrs. Marina Pilshikova, Vice-president, Congress of Ethnic Associations of Russia
- Mrs. Mariana Marin, President, General Association of Teachers of Moldova
- Miss Yuliya Vlasova, Student, Russian Fine Chemical Industry University, Moscow
- Mr. Matteo Bergamini, Founder and Director, "Shout Out UK"

- Miss Gulnara Iusupova, Student, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University

18:30 Closing

## **SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER**

Location: Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

### **9:00 Session V: Implications of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development for Europe and Eurasia**

- Dr Slawomir Redo, Senior Program Advisor, ACUNS, Vienna Office
- Dr. Yuriy Boshytsky, Rector, Kyiv University of Law the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- Prof. Marco Riccieri, General Secretary Italy (tbc)

10:30 Break

### **11:00 Closing Session**

- Ms. Elena Kolesnichenko, Chairperson, UPF Youth Peace Council, Russia (Youth)
- Ms. Teresa Habjan, Chair, Youth Advisory Panel of the Austrian Commission for UNESCO
- Dr. Thomas Walsh, International President, Universal Peace Federation

12:30 Lunch

Afternoon and evening: Departures of international participants