

SUMMIT AGENDA

Is Peace Possible? A Summit of Peacemakers on Today's Frontlines

Oct. 23 to 24, 2007

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ)
San Diego, California

All public panels will be held in the Peace & Justice Theatre.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

9 to 9:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	IPJ Rotunda
9:30 to 10 a.m.	Welcome to the Fifth Anniversary Summit of the Women PeaceMakers Program	Peace & Justice Theatre

Welcome

Joyce Neu, executive director, IPJ

Introduction of IPJ Women PeaceMakers

Erika Lopez, Women PeaceMakers program officer, IPJ

Emiko Noma, editor, IPJ

Women PeaceMakers in Action

Kathy Sangha, founder, Sun & Moon Vision Productions

Rebecca Sangha, founder, Sun & Moon Vision Productions

Congratulations from the Fred J. Hansen Foundation

Anton Dimitroff, trustee

Gail Dimitroff, friend of IPJ Women PeaceMakers

Women's Paths to Peace

Dee Aker, deputy director, IPJ

Laura Taylor, program officer, IPJ

10 a.m. to noon	Peacemaking: Persevering in the Face of Conflict	Peace & Justice Theatre
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Panelists will present the complexities of real-world conflict mitigation and peace negotiations in their respective countries. Reflecting on the current obstacles to their initiatives to create the conditions for peace, women on the frontlines will share their perspectives and updates on the recurring challenges and possible improvements they encounter in their work.

Speakers: *"Confronting Cycles of Violence: Struggling Against a Failed State"*

Zahra Ugas Farah (Somalia)

"Documenting Broken Promises: When Ceasefires Fail"

Mary Ann Arnado (Philippines)

"Facing the Backlash: Defending Women's Rights"

Palwasha Kakar (Afghanistan)

"Advocating to End Gender-Based Violence: Defending Displaced Communities"

Shreen Abdul Saroor (Sri Lanka)

"Getting Around the Walls: Striving for a Two-State Solution"

Samia Bamieh (Palestine)

Discussant: Priscilla Hayner, co-founder of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), director of the Peace and Justice Program and Liberia Program of ICTJ

Moderator: Laura Taylor, program officer, IPJ

Rapporteur: Emiko Noma, editor, IPJ

Note-taker: Ryan Millard, intern, IPJ

2 to 4 p.m. Seeking Human Security: Crossing Conflict Lines Peace & Justice Theatre

In entrenched conflicts, dehumanizing perceptions of the “other” must be called into question. These speakers will discuss their on-the-ground work to dispel politically-motivated myths through education, policymaking, grassroots activism and cross-border communication. By working across conflict lines these women demonstrate and model methods to achieve and foster inclusive human security in communities, nations and regions scarred by ethnic conflict, identity politics and discrimination.

Speakers: *“Applying Grassroots Knowledge from Tribe to Nation”*
Susana Tenjoh-Okwen (Cameroon)
“Identifying Indigenous Wisdom: A Process for Inclusive Legislation”
Latifah Anum Siregar (Indonesia)
“Reintegrating Child Soldiers: Rebuilding Communities”
Sister Pauline Acayo (Uganda)
“Educating a Generation for Peace”
Svetlana Kijevčanin (Serbia)
“Linking Tolerance and Justice Across Borders”
Raya Kadyrova (Kyrgyzstan)

Discussant: Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, independent consultant, author, *Women Building Peace (2007)*
Moderator: Dee Aker, deputy director, IPJ
Rapporteur: Karla Alvarez, program coordinator, IPJ
Note-taker: Dana Twal, USD student and IPJ intern

4 to 4:30 p.m. West Coast Launch of Women Building Peace: What They Do, Why It Matters Peace & Justice Theatre

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, author of *Women Building Peace: What They Do, Why It Matters (2007)* will share a comprehensive, cross-regional analysis of women's peacebuilding initiatives around the world. Her book traces the evolution of international policies in this arena and highlights the endemic problems that stunt progress. Anderlini's astute analysis, based on extensive research and field experience, demonstrates how gender sensitivity in programming can be a catalytic component in the complex task of building sustainable peace, and provides concrete examples of how to draw on women's untapped potential.

Speaker: Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, independent consultant
Introduction: Erika Lopez, Women PeaceMakers program officer, IPJ

4:30 to 5 p.m. Book sales and signing IPJ Rotunda

7 to 9 p.m. Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture International Strides for Inclusive Peacebuilding Peace & Justice Theatre

International policymakers and experts will highlight gender concerns and inclusion in conflict resolution, peacekeeping operations and long-term peacebuilding efforts such as reconciliation and accountability for war crimes, particularly gender-based human rights violations. Representing international organizations and networks that shape and influence decision making on a global scale, speakers will address how the broader community can and must respond to frontline calls for inclusive peace and justice.

Speakers: Priscilla Hayner, director of Peace and Justice Program, ICTJ
Joyce Neu, executive director, IPJ
Lt. Gen. Joseph Olorungbo Owonibi, former force commander, United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

Wednesday, Oct. 24

9:30 to 10 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast IPJ Rotunda

**10 a.m. to noon Peacebuilding: Peace & Justice Theatre
Fostering Civic Trust**

Steps toward peace and security remain tentative without gender-inclusive governance and policies. With a stable peace on the horizon, a range of issues must be addressed at each level in society following periods of mass atrocity and gross human rights violations. Women are often at the forefront of these efforts, whether at the grassroots level to restore relations or in the national arena to create a climate in which institutions are reformed. From building the capacity of civil society to ensuring good governance, women have a key role to play.

Speakers: *“Preparing for Peace: Implementing Agreements, Moving Forward”*
Shobha Shrestha (Nepal)
“Envisioning a National Framework for Independence”
Shukrije Gashi (Kosovo)
“A Voice for Peace: Educating and Promoting Women’s Development”
Rebecca Joshua Okwaci (Sudan)
“Fighting Corruption from Within: Post-conflict Elections and Institution Building”
Christiana Thorpe (Sierra Leone)

Discussant: Joyce Neu, executive director, IPJ
Moderator: Theresa de Langis, former executive director of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, 2007 IPJ peace writer
Rapporteur: Laura Taylor, program officer, IPJ
Note-taker: Ray Amberg, intern, IPJ

2 to 3:30 p.m. Media as a Tool for Peacebuilding Peace & Justice Theatre

Today’s emerging information and communication technologies have the potential to connect the world as never before. New media tools can enable us to share peacebuilding solutions, strengthen cultures, educate communities (no matter the level of literacy), monitor peace processes, promote civic empowerment and create new levels of accountability and transparency in governments and corporations around the world.

Speakers: Dee Aker, executive producer, Women PeaceMakers Documentary Series Project
Shukrije Gashi, former print journalist, Kosovo
Idalia Maytorena, WorldLink intern, IPJ
Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, executive producer, Sudan Radio Service
Lilia Velasquez, attorney and media advocate, San Diego/Mexico

Discussants: Kathy and Rebecca Sangha, founders, Sun & Moon Vision Productions
Moderator: Pamela Gray Payton, assistant vice president for public relations, University of San Diego
Rapporteur: Susan Van Schoonhoven, summit rapporteur and 2006 IPJ peace writer
Note-taker: Alissa Skog, USD student and IPJ intern

3:30 p.m. Summit Adjournment