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ON ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEBUILDING

Schedule of Presentations

Tuesday, October 31 – Thursday, November 2, 2017

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DAY ONE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

Location: The Community Church of New York (Assembly Hall)
40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

8:30 AM Registration (Main Entrance) & Continental Breakfast (Hall)

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Opening Session

Room: Assembly Hall

9:00 AM Opening Speech

Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM

9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks

Dianna Wuagneux, Ph.D., Chair Emeritus of ICERM

9:30 AM Keynote Speeches

Theme: Living Together in Peace and Harmony

Noah Hanft, President and CEO of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, New York
Hon. Tek Bahadur Bashnet, Minister of General Administration, Government of Nepal

Chair:

Dianna Wuagneux, Ph.D., Chair Emeritus of ICERM

10:30 AM Q&A Session with Keynote Speakers

10:45 AM – 5:00 PM Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

10:45 AM Distinguished Lecture on Mediation

Metaphor Awareness for Multidimensional Practice: A Proposal for Enriching Narrative Mediation with Expanded Metaphor Techniques

Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D., DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

No Mediation Without Humanization: Lesson to be Learned from the 45 Years-Long Sham "Peace Process" in the Middle East

Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Resercher, Tel Aviv, Israel

Moderator:

Arthur Lerman, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Political Science, History and Conflict Management, Mercy College, New York

11: 55 AM Group Photo

12:00 Noon – 1 PM Lunch on your own & Networking

1:00 PM Panel 1: Religious Conflict Issues and Model for Peaceful Coexistence

Islamic Identity Conflict: The Symbiotic Sectarianism of Sunni and Shia as Seen Through Hofstede's Cultural Dimensions

Jeff Trueman, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California

Faith and Practice in Conflict Resolution: Toward a Multidimensional Approach

Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D., DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

A Mathematical Model to Attain Peace based on Monotheism

Seyed Abbas Tabatabaei Shirazani, Boroujerdi Civil Rights Group, The Netherlands

Moderator:

Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., Researcher-in-residence of Abrahamic Connections and Islamic Peace Studies at the Center for Global Peace in the School of International Service at American University and the Director of The African Institution, all in Washington DC

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM Short Break

2:10 PM Panel 2: Understanding Gender and Identity Issues for a Sustainable Peaceful Coexistence

Muslim American Women and the Headscarf: Choice and Identity

Abtsam Saleh, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Gender Studies: Challenges to Peace and Sustainable Development in Morocco

Fouzia Rhissassi, Co-chair /UNESCO / Chair : Woman and her Rights, Ibn-Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco

Effectiveness of Treatment Based on Wish-Actualization Doctrine and its Comparison with Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy in Couples with Marital Problems due to Differences of Beliefs and Religious Conflicts

Laleh Moazenzadeh, BCR group, USA

African Inter-Marriages as a Peace-Making Inducement and Developmental Orientation

Tumwebaze Abu Bashir, Zanzibar University

Moderator:

Tzofnat Zoe Peleg-Baker, Ph.D., Psychology & Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Belgium & Taos Institute, U.S.A., and Rutgers University

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM Short Break

**3:45 PM Panel 3: Dehumanization and Transgenerational Conflict:
Effects of Ethno-Religious Conflict on Children**

The Dehumanized Personality: Understanding Prevention and Healing

Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Resercher, Tel Aviv, Israel

Sins of the Father: The Danger and Futility of Trans-generational Conflicts in Nigeria

Nneka Ikelionwu, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Nigeria

**Children's Safety and Ethno-Religious Armed Conflicts in the 21st Century:
A Case of Africa's Great Lakes Region**

Badru Hasan Segujja, Ph.D., Zanzibar University and Kampala International University, Dar es salam-Tanzania

Moderator:

Basil Ugorji, Ph.D. Program, Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, Nova Southeastern University's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM), New York

5:00 PM Day One Closing Remarks

Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM

DAY TWO

WENESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Location: The Community Church of New York (Assembly Hall)
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8:30 AM Registration (Main Entrance) & Continental Breakfast (Hall)

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

9:00 AM Panel 4: Peaceful Coexistence and Harmony

A Learning Journey Towards Peace and Harmony

Ana Martinez De Luco, Sure We Can, Brooklyn, New York

E-clustering for Living Together in Peace and Harmony

Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., Center for Global Peace, American University,
and The African Institution, Washington, DC

Albania Model for Coexistence in Peace and Interfaith Harmony

Nikoll Doci, Ph.D., Albanian Trade Unions Centre for Training and Research

Moderator:

Arthur Lerman, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Political Science, History and Conflict Management, Mercy College, New York

10:00 AM Panel 5: Structural Violence Against Minorities and Post-Conflict Reconciliation

Cultural Capital Deprivation: A Broad Subtle Form of Systemic Elimination

Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University, Texas

Violence Against the Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Sri Lanka: The Recent Phenomena, after the Civil War Ended in 2009

Seeni Mohamed Abdul Niyas, Executive Committee of National Shooru Council, Sri Lanka

Ivo Josipović's Role in Post-Conflict Reconciliation: Former President's Historical Consciousness that Lacked Legitimacy and Support in the Wider Society

Antonija Petričušić, Ph.D., University of Zagreb, Croatia

Moderator:

Tzofnat Zoe Peleg-Baker, Ph.D., Psychology & Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Belgium & Taos Institute, U.S.A., and Rutgers University

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM Short Break

11:10 AM Panel 6: Peaceful Coexistence and Harmony from the African Perspective

Ara n'Umu: Exploring an Igbo Cultural Practice for Peaceful Co-existence in Multiethnic Nigeria

Nancy E. Dickson, Nile University of Nigeria, Jabi-Abuja, Nigeria

'Omoluwabi' and 'Ubuntu' as African Conceptions of Peace building and Conflict Resolution

J.S. Adekoya, Ph.D., University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

A Historical Diagnosis of Ethno-Religious Conflicts in Nigeria: Towards a Model for Peaceful Co-Existence

Chris S. Orngu, Ph.D., Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria

Moderator:

Basil Ugorji, Ph.D. Program, Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, Nova Southeastern University's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM), New York

12:20 PM Group Photo

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch On your own & Networking

1:45 PM Panel 7: The Intersection of Interfaith Dialogue, Public Policy, and Conflict Resolution

Religious Orientation and Religious Provocation among Christian and Muslim Youths in Nigeria

Kayode George, Ph.D., Caleb University, Imota Lagos, Nigeria

Mitigating Ethno-Religious Bias through Interfaith Dialogue and Encounter Journaling

Jillian Post, Global Peacemaker Fellow, Claremont Lincoln University, Central New Jersey

NGOs and Interfaith Policy Development in Nigeria and Cameroon

Harriet Lewis, Ph.D., Konesens Development, Westchester, Illinois

Moderator:

Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations

2:50 AM – 3:00 PM Short Break

3:00 PM Panel 8: Peace Education and Conflict Prevention

Teachers' Preparation for Sustainable Peace-building Education in Post-conflict Colombia

Carolina Castro, The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Effect of treatment based on wish actualization view on reduction symptoms of antisocial personality disorder as an effective step to prevent these individuals from joining terrorist groups

Thomas Gawrgus, BCR Group, USA

Education Against Dehumanization: A Radical Change of Approach to Peace Education

Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Resercher, Tel Aviv, Israel

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Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., Researcher-in-residence of Abrahamic Connections and Islamic Peace Studies at the Center for Global Peace in the School of International Service at American University and the Director of The African Institution, all in Washington DC

4:00 PM Panel 9: Building Sustainable Peace and Security in Multi-Ethnic Societies

Ultra-religious Theory of Wish-actualization as a Comprehensive Solution for Promotion of Global Peace

Shirin Moazen Zadeh, BCR Group, Women Rights Activist, USA

The Nigerian State and Farmers-Herders Conflict: Searching for an Elusive Peace in a Multi-ethnic Society

George A. Genyi, Ph.D., Federal University Lafia, Nigeria

Resolving Conflict through Mediation: The Case of Tiv Farmers Vs Fulani Herdsmen in Benue State, North Central Nigeria

Margaret Bai-Tachia, Ph.D., Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria

Future Agenda of Conflict Resolution in African Societies

Tumwebaze Abu Bashir, Zanzibar University

Moderator:

Tzofnat Zoe Peleg-Baker, Ph.D., Psychology & Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Belgium & Taos Institute, U.S.A., and Rutgers University

5:00 PM Day Two Closing Remarks

Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM



DAY THREE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

1:15 PM Guided Tour at the United Nations

Take off Location: 1st Avenue at 45th Street, New York, New York.

6:00 PM to 9:30 PM Conference Closing Ceremony

Open to the Public / Suggested Donation

Location: The Community Church of New York (Hall of Worship)
40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

Glimpses of 3rd Annual International Conference



Pray for Peace



6:00 PM to 9:30 PM Conference Closing Ceremony

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40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

6:00 PM Meet and Greet / Refreshment

6:15 PM Film Screening

KAWOMERA: Plant, Pray, Partner for Peace – A film about a community of Muslim, Christian and Jewish coffee farmers in Uganda setting an example of peaceful coexistence by Marla Mossman, Peace Caravan Project

Location: Assembly Hall, 40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Pray for Peace - A multi-faith, multi-ethnic and multi-national prayer for global peace

6:30 PM Welcoming Remarks

Laura Waldman, ICERM Member

Michele Washington, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM)

6:40 PM Flute Peace Song Interlude

Dr. Eileen Ain

6:45 PM Song on Piano

Mykel, Singer/Performer at Eec! Productions, Inc.

6:50 PM Peace Prayer & Reflection

Rev. Susana Bastarrica, Founder of Vigil for Peace and Ecology

Guruji Rev. Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan, President, World Yoga Community

Imam Dr. Ahmet M. Atlig, Chaplain, VA Medical Center

Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Kenjitsu Nakagaki, Buddhist Council of New York

Rabbi George Scott Matous, Advisor, All Faiths Seminary International

Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, President of Interfaith Center of USA

7:00 PM World Peace Flag Ceremony

Brandon Perdomo, World Peace Prayer Society

7:10 PM Keynote Speech

Ms. Ana María Menéndez,

Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Policy



7:45 PM ICERM Honorary Award Presentation to:

Ms. Ana María Menéndez, Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Policy
Noah Hanft, President and CEO of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, New York

7:55 PM Support the #RuntoNigeria with an Olive Branch Campaign

Help us #RuntoNigeria with an olive branch and prevent ethnic and religious conflict situation in Nigeria from escalating. With only \$10 you can support one runner for peace, unity & justice!

8:00 PM "I Don't Know You Yet" – A poem recitation

Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations

8:05 PM Aboriginal Taiwanese Blessing Dance

Shiang Jiun Chen, Peace Kite Project

8:15 PM Voices of the Indigenous People

Nana osei Kwame II at Tetrem, Traditional Ruler from the Ashanti Region of Ghana
Michelle L. George, UN Representative for United Tribal Nations/ Onondaga Nation Snipe Clan

8:35 PM Rice Dance

Brandon Perdomo & The Performance in Peace Initiative

8: 45 PM Dance with Flags and a Track

•Mykel, Singer/Performer at Eec! Productions, Inc.

8:50 PM Song - "Search for Peace"

Revalyn Gold, Shout Peace on Earth Activist and Founder

9:00 PM Closing Remarks

Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM)






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