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Dialogue: The Critical Role of Communication in Building Cultures of Peace

Thursday, January 28, 2021

2:30pm to 5pm

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In the weeks prior to the UN75 anniversary commemoration UN Secretary-General, António Guterres highlighted the links between dialogue and communication and a culture of peace. At the Sept. 10, 2020 High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, he said, **"A healthy culture of peace creates space for civil society and the media to play their full part. They are essential to dialogue and accountability between people and their governments. We must make sure that digital communications contribute to peace and are not misused to spread hate and extremism. And creating a culture of peace means supporting dialogue with those who are different. Respect, empathy and the protection of human rights and dignity must be our guide, even in the most difficult circumstances."**

This Dialogue will focus on the critical role of communication and outreach in building Cultures of Peace for local, and global communities especially during these challenging times with the pandemic. Our colleagues will share their initiatives on peace education, nuclear disarmament, ending gender violence and discrimination, to support a culture of peace as a human right with their plans of action to "Leave No One Behind."

Our Partners: NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Coalition for the UN We Need, Global Family, Together First, SDG Impact Awards Community, Soroptimist International, World Federalist Movement-Canada, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, COVIDxNOW, EBW, Debate for Peace, Huairou Commission, Youth for a Better World:/Montessori Model UN, Youth Impact! Forum, Global Assembly of Partners, NGO Major Group Urban Cluster, Global Family for Love & Peace, ICW, CoNGO, and UNA-USA Council of Organizations.

Welcome:

- Ms. Margo LaZaro, President & Chair of the NGOCSD-NY & Co-Founder/CSO of the SDGIAs

Keynote Reflections

- Mr. Narinder Kakar, Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations
- Mr. Satya S. Tripathi, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the UN Environment, NYO (video)
- Mr. Alyn Ware, Founder & Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament
- Ms. Yasmeen Ally, Communications Specialist with Religions for Peace
- Ms. Mandy Sanghera, International Human Right Activist & Award Winning Philanthropist

Cultures of Peace - Plans of Action

- Ms. Monique Cuillerier, Coordinator, of the Women, Peace and Security Network - Canada
- Mr. Neil Ghosh, President and CEO of SOS Children's Villages USA
- Ms. Mary Muia, Soroptimist International UN Rep, UNEA in Nairobi, Kenya
- Mr. Dennis Wong, Co-Founder of the Rotary Action Group for Peace
- Mr. Steven Aiello, Founder and Director of Debate for Peace, Israel

Coalition for the UN We Need & the UN75 People's Declaration

- Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need and Together First

Interactive Exchange

