

# September/November 2009

## Bulletin of World Report on the Culture of Peace for September-November 2009

Dear Friends,

More Good News for 2010! It is time to gather fruits of the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010. A youth team including Cecile Barbeito from Spain, Meg Villanueva and Nikki Delfin from the Philippines and Marcos Estrada from Brazil, with help from Dr. David Adams and Professor Alicia Cabezudo, are committed to assuring the End-of-Decade Report from the Civil Society. We ask for volunteers to support the evaluation by mobilizing responses from their own regions or areas of interest.

In the Mid-term evaluation report over 700 organizations from all parts of the world took part in the report, now the aim is to reach 1000, thus volunteers' support will be crucial. The report is to be ready in May 2010, to be submitted to UNESCO. There are individuals and organizations in all parts of the world putting lots of efforts to cultivate a lasting culture of Peace. Examples can be seen in the Culture of Peace Councils in Brazil and other countries, most recently in the city of Santos, in the state of Sao Paulo, where ABrasOFFA (Brazilian Association of Organisers of Folk Festivals and Popular Arts) is working towards the creation of a Culture of Peace Council (See the most recent articles in CPNN ( <http://cpnn-world.org> ) for examples of these city initiatives).

As it is a worldwide initiative we are inviting both individuals and organizations, especially if you are or feel young like us, from all over the world to take part in this process. Please write to one of us below, depending on where you are located.

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**Note: You can already send us information for your organization or institution.**

You can enter information directly on the website at <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org/end-of-decade-report/cgi-bin/ib4/ikonboard.cgi> . To enter information on the website you will need to register and wait for an email within a day will tell you how to enter data in the questionnaire. Alternatively, if you have any problem or prefer, you can send it by email to the contacts above, using the questionnaire below.

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**Announcements:**

1) The Nordland Academy of Arts and Sciences in Northern Norway will dedicate its yearly summer festival, Sommer-Melbu, to a Culture of Peace. The festival will take place during the first part of July, 2010. The aim is to mark the end of the UN Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) and to help strengthen the global process of transforming societies away from a culture of war and violence towards a culture of peace and dialogue. A more detailed program will be presented on the website of the Academy towards the end of the year: [www.nordland-akademi.no](http://www.nordland-akademi.no)

2) In the next issue of the Bulletin there will be exciting news from the Global Youth Solidarity Fund, including the names of the winners from the second round and links to the reports from the first round.

Peace,

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\*\*\*\*\* QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE END-OF-DECADE REPORT \*\*\*\*\*

**Postal Address of organization/institution**

**Email Address of organization/institution**

**Telephone Number of organization/institution**

**Website Address of organization/institution**

**PRIORITIES: Please indicate ALL of the aspects of a Culture of Peace that are important objectives of your organization**

**Culture of peace through education**

**Sustainable economic and social development**

**Respect for all human rights**

**Equality between women and men**

**Democratic participation**

**Understanding, tolerance and solidarity**

**Participatory communication and the free flow of information**

## **International peace and security**

**TOP PRIORITY:** Please indicate which ONE of the aspects of a Culture of Peace above is the most important priority for your organization.

**PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS (required):** What partnerships and networks does your organization participate in, thus strengthening the global movement for a Culture of Peace?

**ACTIONS (required):** What activities have been undertaken by your organization to promote a Culture of Peace and nonviolence during the second half of the Decade (2005-2010)? (Here you can write up to 2500 words).

**PROGRESS (required):** Has your organization seen progress toward a Culture of Peace and nonviolence in your domain of action and in your constituency during the second half of the Decade(2005-2010)?

**OBSTACLES (required):** Has your organization faced any obstacles to implementing the Culture of Peace and nonviolence? If so, what were they?

**PLANS (optional):** What new engagements are planned in the short, medium and long term by your organization to promote a Culture of Peace and nonviolence?

**GLOBAL MOVEMENT (optional):** How do you think the Culture of Peace and nonviolence could be strengthened and supported at the world level?

**PHOTO (optional):** Please send us a photo to illustrate your organization's actions, and we will then publish it. We prefer to receive photos by e-mail in a gif or jpg format (500 pixels wide). Send it to [photo@decade-culture-of-peace.org](mailto:photo@decade-culture-of-peace.org). You may also send a photo by mail to PO box 2305, Branford, CT 06405, USA. Be sure to include a detailed caption that explains the photo.

**In submitting this information I agree that the information that I have entered will be freely accessible to anyone connected to the Internet and that it may be cited or quoted as long as the source is accurately mentioned and the words are not taken out of context.**

# June/July/August 2009

## Bulletin of World Report on the Culture of Peace for June, July and August 2009

Dear Friends,

Good News! The Global Youth Solidarity Fund is now ready to enter its second round of support for youth projects that foster mutual respect, understanding and long-term positive relationships between peoples of different cultures and religions.

We have received the following email from Isabelle Legare of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. Please note that since the working language of the Selection Committee is English, all of the supporting documents are in English, and the your applications must be written in English as well. On the other hand, Isabelle can answer your questions in English, French or Spanish.

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"I am very pleased to announce that the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations is launching the second edition of its Youth Solidarity Fund.

As you may know, this program provides seed funding to outstanding youth projects addressing areas of primary concern to the UNAOC, i.e. fostering mutual respect, understanding and long-term positive relationships between peoples of different cultures and religions.

The Youth Solidarity Fund will support several outstanding youth projects demonstrating innovative approaches to building cross-cultural understanding. The 2009 edition of the Youth Solidarity Fund offers a total envelope of up to US\$300,000. There are two levels of funding available:

◆ Small grants: Community or local-level projects needing funding of up to US\$20,000 each.

◆ Large grants: National or regional-level projects needing funding of up to US\$30,000 each.

A Youth Selection Committee will identify projects deemed to be the most meritorious under each level of funding.

I am inviting eligible youth organizations from all over the world to submit project proposals responding to the criteria outlined in the guidelines. Projects need to be presented via the application form developed for this program...

Please note that the application deadline is September 30, 2009, 1:00 PM, New York time.

The application guidelines and form will be uploaded on our website ([www.unaoc.org](http://www.unaoc.org))

Also, I would ask your help to disseminate this information among your members and partners.

**Should you have questions about the Youth Solidarity Fund, please do not hesitate to contact me at [isabellel@unops.org](mailto:isabellel@unops.org) .**

**In the meantime, did you cast your vote for the Youth Website? See <http://www.unaoc.org/content/view/396/200/lang,english/>**

**Good luck with your projects!"**

**Isabelle Legare**

**Youth Program Manager**

**Office of the Secretariat**

**Alliance of Civilizations**

**United Nations**

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**By all accounts, the six youth projects completed in the first round of the Youth Solidarity Fund were very successful, and it is expected that full reports from them will be available before the end of this year.**

**More good news! The culture of peace was advanced at the World Peace Congress held in Santos, Brazil from August 10-15 under the leadership of Helena Lourenço and under the sponsorship of ABRASOFFA, the Brazilian Association of Organizers of Festivals of Folklore and Popular Arts and IOV, the International Organization of Folk Art. More details will be forthcoming in the next bulletin.**

**Peace,**

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April/May 2009

**Bulletin of World Report on the Culture of Peace for April/May 2009**

Dear Friends,

Over the past few years, I have often been requested to write a book with a strategy for the global movement for a culture of peace. Since I have often been critical of the strategies proposed by others, it has seemed only fair and just that I should propose a strategy myself.

But before writing a strategy for the culture of peace, I found it necessary to write a history and analysis of the culture of war.

I have also tried to imagine how such a strategy could come about over time, and therefore I have also written a utopian novella in which the author looks back from the year 2026 to recall how the transition from culture of war to culture of peace came to pass.

The strategy proposes a new world system to replace the system of nation states that in the course of history has come to monopolize the culture of war. To achieve such a global realignment, civil society organizations such as NGOs should work as much as possible in collaboration with local government. Here is an excerpt from the book explaining the reasons for this:

"It makes sense to redirect the primary emphasis of the civil society toward working together with elected officials at the local level. That does not mean abandoning completely their national and international work, which will continue to help restrain the culture of war at that level. But it does mean a radical shift of emphasis and priorities if we are to arrive at a culture of peace.

First, by working together with local elected officials the civil society can achieve the legitimacy of working for the people as a whole, and it increases the possibility of broadening the base of involvement to include everyone in the community.

Second, by working together with local elected officials, the civil society can find common ground, above the level of their competition for limited resources...

Third, by working together on the culture of peace, the civil society organizations that would normally concentrate on their own particular area, can now take part in a more holistic and mutually-reinforcing approach.

Fourth, by putting energy into local government, they can help build the base for a new world system that is free from the culture of war."

The three books are now available. You can read them on line at the following Internet addresses. If you prefer printed copies, you can order them for \$10 each, by following the links on the Internet pages.

**The History of the Culture of War**

<http://culture-of-peace.info/books/history.html>

**World Peace through the Town Hall: A Strategy for the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace**

<http://culture-of-peace.info/books/worldpeace.html>

**I Have Seen the Promised Land: A Utopian Novella**

<http://culture-of-peace.info/books/promisedland.html>

#### **RECENT CPNN ARTICLES**

Since the previous mailing of the Bulletin for March-April, there have been four articles posted at CPNN . They are the following:

**Peace Research Center Tamera: Creating Models for a Peace Culture ... "We would love to have people from other communities and ecovillages to form this global ring of knowledge and cooperation."**

**U.S. Association for the University for Peace**

... "The U.S. Association for the University for Peace (UPEACE/US) is pleased to announce the launch of its new website: [www.upeaceus.org](http://www.upeaceus.org)"

**Peace through Special Education**

... "the latest attempt by Service Civil International - Sri Lanka Branch in its persevering efforts to contribute in some little way to the much needed peace effort in the country"

**Book Publication: Peace: A World History**

... "Peace: A World History is the first study to explore the full spectrum of peace and peacemaking from prehistoric to contemporary times in a single volume aimed at improving their prospects."

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## February/March 2009

### Bulletin of World Report on the Culture of Peace for February/March 2009

Dear Friends,

Many of you responded to my question about going to the World Social Forum in Belem, but only a few of you came to the Forum, and only a few of us were able to meet there. In fact, the Forum had very little presence of the culture of peace. Even the organizations from Brazil that were represented in the 2005 World Report were mostly absent.

Despite this, the Forum was very important and inspirational (see the CPNN article at <http://cpnn-world.org/cgi-bin/read/articlepage.cgi?ViewArticle=432> ), with a leadership role for the indigenous peoples and a strong presence of youth.

In addition to the article about the Forum, CPNN has received seven other new articles which are listed below.

In response to the call for suggestions about follow-up to the International Decade, we have received a number of very interesting and informative replies:

- According to Michel Cibot of the Association Francaise des Communes, Départements et Régions pour la Paix, it would be useful to follow-up with a Decade for Disarmament. He says that "In any case, we will have international campaigns such as that of Mayors for Peace that will enable us to maintain contact with institutions even if the economic and financial crisis forces us to take up other priorities."

- Joe DeRivera of Clark University in the US suggests that we should publicize the scholarly work that the culture of peace concept has generated, and to "present the tools that different people believe may be used to build a culture of peace."

- Nina Goncharova, president of the Siberian center for Eurasian projects, suggests " a Women for a New World Vision meeting together with heads of the states to bring the male / female balance for the planet of culture of peace." She also suggests a "Theatre of New Time world tour to become a real international voice for culture of peace by means of media & arts - all countries who are interested in hosting this international art event are welcome to cooperation."

- Denis Alberto Torres, Director of the Martin Luther King Institute in Nicaragua, reminds us that, in response to their request, this year has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Reconciliation, which is complementary to the culture of peace. He would like to help develop programming and networks such as those for the culture of peace and to disseminate through our networks the Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations so that its call for reconciliation is taken up by governments and the civil society. The Declaration is available at the following Internet address: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/61/17> "

- Helena Lourenco, from the IOV South America (International Organization of Folk Art), reminds us that "we will hold a major Peace Congress in the Americas, for which



information is available at <http://www.abrasoffa.org.br/> "

- Irene Hadjidakis - van Schagen writes from the Netherlands: "Let us invite elders from all kind of indigenous peoples around the globe to be our elders too. Let us invite them to celebrate the International day of Peace with us in front of the peace palace at the Hague, or maybe even inside, together with the judges of the International Court of Justice and ask them to be consultants in our disputes. I think they are the best teachers to educate us to listen to understand again, to preserve the planet, to respect all life and share with others."

- David Inkey writes from the United States: "Let us examine the first known peace treaty on earth, the treaty of kadesh, 1269 b.c.....and prepare all of our peace study programs to study it now and to prepare programs bridging from the end of the decade for the culture of peace to 2031.....the presumed 3300th anniversary of the treaty of kadesh, not allowing any calendar corrections in that long expanse crammed with so many skirmishes, conflicts, battles, war and rumors of war."

## RECENT CPNN ARTICLES

### AFRICA

**Program of Socio-economic Training and Job Placement for Young Ex-Soldiers in North Kivu**


... "Barzas have been created by PEREXC for youth in the city of Butembo since January 2008. A barza is a village-based, inter-communal forum for conflict resolution, based on African traditional rituals of reconciliation and non-violent settlement of local conflicts."

### ARAB STATES

**Life-Link Friendship-Schools: Working with Schools in Arab Countries and UNESCO's Global Network**

... "Life-Link program is Education for Sustainable Development!"

### EUROPE

**Living Faiths Together**  **Tool kit on inter-religious dialogue in youth work**  
... "EYCE and its inter-religious partners combined their expertise in the pioneer field of inter-religious youth work and wrote this special hand book in a unique, consensus-based process. "

**International Renewable Energy Agency founded in Germany**

... "Swift action has to be taken in order to change current trends in climate change. In addition to energy efficiency, increasing the use of renewable energy will be an essential factor in mitigating climate change."

**Young Peacemaker of the Year**

... "Both children and their teachers are taking part in an interdisciplinary program, the "Network of Schools of Peace" in the different regions of the country [Russia], establishing

**direct contacts and outlining plans for the future."**

## **LATIN AMERICA**

### **World Social Forum in Belem, Brazil**

**... "the indigenous peoples spoke as an important voice of the forum ... They came in their warpaint; one indigenous woman explained to me that they consider themselves engaged in a fight to save their forest from exploitation and destruction "**

**Commemorative Publication of the UNESCO Chair of Education for Peace [Puerto Rico]  
... "The contents of the anthology are divided in three thematic parts: Culture of war and violence, culture of peace and nonviolence, education in human rights and for peace."**

## **ALL REGIONS**

### **Happy New Year from TRANSCEND International**

**... "Our kind invitation goes to you, to contribute in 2009 to the development of Peace Studies and Action."**

**Peace,**

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