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# 3RD GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT

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# YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOREFRONT OF GLOBAL PEACEBUILDING

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Though an increasing volume of peacebuilding efforts now centralize inclusive social and political narratives to create peaceful and durable societies, the meaningful participation of our youths is oftentimes overlooked. As a result, at Humanitarian Affairs Asia, we aim to engage with youths, evoke new ideas, and empower leaders. Young people are the engines of sustainable, peaceful societies, and their inclusion in global peacebuilding is of paramount importance.

Young people may feel they lack resources and experience in peace efforts. The exposure to instability, war, conflict, human rights violations and terror can create immense anxiety: a feeling of overwhelming defeat and self-doubt that one's individual contribution will never be enough to challenge systemic structures of inequality and injustice.

The 3rd annual Global Peace Summit aims to provide a platform for reassurance – a reminder for young leaders that their contribution is vital. With these new and ongoing challenges comes opportunities for revolutionary solutions which can be solved by young people from all around the world. They have what it takes to be the next leaders of peace.

You will hear from activists from around the world to hear about their fight for a more peaceful society. Your students will access innovative resources, extensive global networks, and new perspectives that are necessary to be a global peace advocate, gaining the means to build a better world for themselves and the world.



# ENGAGE

- Connect and collaborate with passionate peace advocates spanning the globe.
- Gain fresh insights through the voices of survivors, activists, and refugees, broadening your perspective and enriching your understanding.

# ENRICH

- Grasp the stark realities of global conflicts, fostering a deeper comprehension of the world's challenges.
- Refine your fervor to advocate for a world that's secure and improved.
- Uncover your personal definition of world peace, igniting a sense of purpose and a vision for a harmonious future.

# EMPOWER

- Embark on the journey of becoming a trailblazing young leader.
- Spark inspiration in others through your actions and commitment.
- Elevate your impact as a distinguished Peace Ambassador with Humanitarian Affairs.



# THE JOURNEY

## WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Be between the ages of 17-30 years old
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership experience and potential
- Be passionate about peace, social change and current affairs
- Be willing to participate with an open mind when networking with persons from different backgrounds, interests and ambitions
- Be motivated to serve as a Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassador for one-year

## WHAT WILL THE EVENT ENTAIL?

### The 3rd Global Peace Summit 2024 Speakers

**Ayik Chut Deng** (South Sudan), Former Child Soldier, Red Army

**Tova Friedman** (United States), Holocaust Survivor

**Rahila Haidary** (Australia), Hazara Genocide Survivor

**Derek Schwartz** (United States), Veteran Marine

**Sulaiman Khatib** (Palestine), Co-Founder/Director, Combatants For Peace

**Zak Ebrahim** (United States), Author, "The Terrorist's Son"

## WHERE OUR PAST DELEGATES SOARED?

### Previous attendees have charted inspiring paths in diverse career avenues

- Diplomacy, Governance, Advocacy, NGO Leadership, Social Research, Charitable Endeavors, and Social Entrepreneurship.

*Unlock your potential and embrace a future of impactful possibilities.*





# SOME OF THE SPEAKERS

Most of us recall childhood memories of playing with friends in the playground, but not Ayik Chut Deng. As a young boy, Ayik fought as a child soldier in Ethiopia and Sudan. He witnessed unspeakable violence and was regularly tortured by the older boys.

At the age of nineteen, Ayik escaped to Australia as a refugee. However, adjusting to a new life in Australia was far more difficult than he anticipated. Ayik was suffering from chronic and misdiagnosed mental health issues leading to years of erratic behavior. He even got into trouble with the law before coming to the realization that his behavior was putting his life, as well as the lives of his loved ones, at risk.

Today, Ayik is a **father, actor and volunteers at his local youth center**. Overcoming his childhood of indescribable horror became a lifelong process of learning and healing. Ayik Chut Deng will reveal the lessons learnt from his **painful childhood as a child soldier**.



**AYIK CHUT DENG**

FORMER CHILD SOLDIER  
SOUTH SUDAN



**ZAK EBRAHIM**

AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "THE  
TERRORIST'S SON"  
UNITED STATES

In 1990, when Zak Ebrahim was only seven years old, his father, El-Sayyid Nosair, shot and killed the leader of the Jewish Defence League, becoming the first known Islamic jihadist to take a life on American soil.

For Zak, a childhood of terrorism was all he knew. After his father's incarceration, his family moved more than twenty times, hunted and persecuted for the crimes of his father.

Growing up, Zak could never adopt the views of his father. As he grew older, he was able to gain a deeper grasp of his horrific actions. This knowledge led to a firm conviction in the desire to promote peace.

Zak later went on to write the book, "The Terrorist's Son," which details his **incredible journey in finding his own path, a path away from hate**.

Tova Friedman is a Holocaust survivor. As one of the youngest survivors of the Nazi reign of terror, Tova grew up in a world of unimaginable suffering, scarred by the death and destruction of the Tomaszów Mazowiecki ghetto in occupied Poland.

Tova's early years were full of violence, of hunger, and of fear, always under the constant threat of annihilation. Her survival, amidst the widespread devastation and loss, serves as a testament to the **vitality of the human spirit and the unwavering will to live**. By the end of the war, Tova was just one of five children from Tomaszów that survived.

Her presence at the Peace Summit will allow delegates the rare opportunity to hear the firsthand account of a survivor, enabling them to grasp the magnitude of the Holocaust and the necessity of Holocaust education. Her powerful narrative will remind delegates of the **indomitable human spirit, the importance of remembrance, and the urgent need to promote peace in our world**.



**TOVA FRIEDMAN**  
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR  
UNITED STATES



**SULAIMAN KHATIB**  
CO-FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR  
"COMBATANTS FOR PEACE  
PALESTINE

Growing up in Palestine, Sulaiman Khatib never knew peace. He was, after all, raised in a war zone.

At the age of fourteen, Sulaiman joined the "Fatah" movement and began his violent struggle for freedom. He went as far as attempting to steal guns from Israeli soldiers, landing him a 15-year sentence in a juvenile prison. There, he recounts horrendous cruelty and torture in the cells. An opportunity to work in the prison library presented a paradigm shift for Sulaiman. Through his journey of self-directed learning and discovery, Sulaiman realized that there are multiple narratives to conflict. He had dehumanized his enemy, without realizing that they all shared common enemies: hatred and fear.

Sulaiman would go on to become **Co-Founder and Director of Combatants for Peace**, an organization composed of Palestinians and Israelis who had participated in the cycle of violence against each other but have since chosen to reject it and work together instead. Sulaiman Khatib's journey teaches you that there is an alternative to violence. **Together we can bring peace, but the change must first start within us.**

# MY STORY



**DYANA SATYA MOITINHO FREITAS**  
2020 Peace Summit Delegate

## BEFORE ATTENDING THE PEACE SUMMIT

Dyana Satya Moitinho Freitas knew she wanted to make a difference *“I wanted to help transform the lives of refugees around the world,”* but she didn’t know how she would make that difference. She decided to attend the 2020 Peace Summit – a decision she would later describe as a *“life-changing”* experience.

## DURING THE PEACE SUMMIT

*“I can genuinely say that I have just participated in one of the most humbling experiences of my life. It is a few experiences that make you see the world in a new way, whilst simultaneously structuring bridges of support and resources. Thus, enabling the realisation of the ideal world’s existent in our imaginaries.*

*The speakers and the organisers at the Peace Summit at the UN Bangkok have shown us what the path to peace should and can look like. No matter your race, religion, gender, sexuality - every human has the right to dignity, to freedom. I cannot share with you all what four days of immersion in peace talks, workshops, interactions, and more, we're like. I can only tell you what has been the most inspiring and life-changing of all, which is, all of the beautiful humans that I met from 55 countries.”*

## AFTER THE PEACE SUMMIT

After attending the 2020 Peace Summit for Emerging Leaders Dyana Satya Moitinho Freitas was inspired in the pursuit to provide stable employment to refugees, volunteering as Project Director of a research and design team at Enactus, at the University of Sydney.

*“Our team of volunteers have come up with the RANA project, which stands for Refugees Are Never Alone, where we will provide stable employment to refugees to create handmade artisan products such as cotton t-shirts featuring refugees’ arts, designs and messages. May we all inspire and make the world the best possible place we can be, in our journey as Peace Ambassadors.”*



# THE PACKAGE

**VENUE** The Peace Summit will be held at the **United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand.**

The UNCC serves as one of the headquarters for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The registration **fee of USD 1,100 + 7% VAT (tax)** includes:

- 4-night shared accommodation
- Local transportation from hotel to UN Conference Center
- Meals include 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 coffee breaks
- An enriching interactive experience
- Access to all plenary sessions
- Knowledge-based workshop discussions
- An electronic certificate of participation
- Networking opportunities

Please note that the discounted early bird fee ends on **October 20, 2023.**

# FUNDING

Empower your students to join the summit journey. Assist them in exploring grants and scholarships offered by your university and government initiatives. Reach out to our Global Peace Advocates for seamless support and comprehensive details. Together, let's ensure their transformative experience becomes a reality.







# BE A HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PEACE AMBASSADOR

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The Global Peace Summit is your gateway to equipping yourself with the tools and wisdom to champion a more peaceful world, embracing the role of a dedicated Peace Ambassador with Humanitarian Affairs. This distinctive role is exclusively extended to delegates who have attended the summit.

This voluntary role spans a year and is driven by your own initiative, empowering you to steer peace-promoting endeavors within your community.

Delve into poignant narratives shared by speakers, experts, and activists, extracting invaluable insights. Engage in immersive workshops and thought-provoking challenges, while forging connections with kindred spirits.

As you bid farewell, you'll carry the flame of empowerment, ignited by the summit, ready to manifest impactful change. Your journey doesn't end here – you'll pave the path for fellow youth, becoming a beacon of peace in action.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- 01** Request a copy of the Delegate Application form from our Secretariat. Please note applications through our website will incur an administrative fee of USD 12.00
- 02** Collate all the completed forms from nominated students
- 03** Send the forms directly to Secretariat for processing

**The United Nations Conference Center has limited seating capacity so please register early to reserve a place for your students at the summit.**

If you want to learn more about the Peace Summit please email us an Expression of Interest today! Our Global Youth Advocate will be there to assist you with the entire nomination and application process.

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