

The Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy in the UN

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“The Influence of New US and UN Leadership on International Relations, Economic Development, Innovation, New Markets, & Global Human Rights”

(New York City & Washington DC; January 10th – 14th, 2017)

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Symposium Timetable

Tuesday, January 10th, 2016

**VENUE: United Nations Conference Room 6 (CR 6) 15:00-18:00
(hosted by Romanian Mission)**

14:00 **Registrations**

15:00 **“Responsibility and the Role of the United Nations in Today’s Interdependent World”**

Introductory Speech

Mark Donfried

(Director General, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

15:15 **Keynote Speech**

H.E. Amb. Ion Jinga

(Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations)

16:30 **“The Role of the New UNSG in the Changing Global Landscape”**

Keynote Speech

H.E. Amb. Odo Tevi

(Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations)

17:00 **H.E. Amb. Laura E. Flores H.**

(Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations)

18:00 **Social Program**

Wednesday, January 11th, 2016

***VENUE: United Nations Conference Room 6 (CR 6) 15:00-18:00
(hosted by Romanian Mission)***

10:00 **Keynote Speech**

Mr. Mohammed Shams Malique

(Representative of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, President of the Citizen Movement ; Criminal Lawyer; Director of Melford Village;

10:15 **Keynote Speech**

Mr. Jacob Milton

(CEO, Legal Network International, LLC ND Tycoon Properties, Inc.)

10:30 **"Democracy And National Elections In Bangladesh and the USA"**

Keynote Speech

Prof. Dr. Shaheda Obaed

(Educationist, Retired as Director General, National Academy for Education Management)

11:00 **Keynote Speech**

The Hon. Giandomenico Picco

(Former United Nations Under Secretary General)

11:30 **Keynote Speech**

Lily Gray

(Liaison Officer, UNESCO Liaison Office to the UN)

12:15 **“Foreign Assistance: Ineffective or Detrimental Without Cultural Awareness”**

Keynote Speech

James L. Creighton

(Distinguished Fellow, East-West Institute)

13:00 **Break**

15:00 **Keynote Speech**

Prof. Dr. Volker Berghahn

(Seth Low Professor of History, Columbia University)

16:00 **Keynote Speech**

The Hon. Rabbi Abadie

(Chief Rabbi, Safra Synagogue)

16:30 **“Theatre, Ritual and Building International Communities”**

Keynote Address & Interactive Discussion

David Daimond

(Director, Theatre Without Borders)

Rabbi Yakov David Cohen

(Director, Institute of Noahide INC)

17:30 Music as Cultural Diplomacy

Speech

Heather Schmid

(Award Winning Singer & Cultural Diplomat)

18:00 Social Program

Thursday, January 12th, 2016

VENUE: 2103 RAYBURN BUILDING, United States Congress, Washington DC

**12:30 Tour Meeting Point Entrance to US Capital
Visitors Center & Orientation Film**

1:20 Tour of US Capital – Guided Walking Tour

**15:00 “The Influence of New US on International
Relations, Economic Development, Innovation, New Markets, &
Global Human Rights”**

Introductory Speech

Mark Donfried

(Director General, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

15:15 Keynote Speech

Congressman Daniel M. Donovan Jr.

(United States Senator from New York)

Keynote Speech

Senator Lamar Alexander

(United States Senator from Tennessee)

Attorney Richard Hellman

(Founder, Middle East Research Center)

**16:00 ROUNDTABLE WITH MEMBERS OF THE US
CONGRESS**

18:00 Social Program

Friday, January 13th, 2016

***VENUE: United Nations Conference Room 11 (CR 11), General
Assembly Building, United Nations 10:00-13:00 (hosted by
Hungarian Mission)***

10:00 Welcome Remarks

1. E. Amb. Katalin Bogyay

(Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations)

Mark C. Donfried

(Director General of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

“The Role of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Peace and Security”

Panel Discussion

H.E. Ms. Cristina Gallach

(Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information)

Nihal Saad

Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for the High-Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Rev. Msgr. Tomasz Grysa

(Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations)

The Hon. Agha H. Jafri

(Secretary General, American Muslim Congress)

12:30-13:00 **“A Conversation with H. E. Amb. Katalin Bogyay, Permanent**

Representative of Hungary to the UN, President of the ICD Program on Cultural Diplomacy & The Arts”

Moderator:

Mark C. Donfried

(Director General of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

VENUE: Permanent Mission of Hungary to the UN (227 E 52ndstreet, New York)

(13:30-18:00)

13:30 Lunch Reception Hosted by Hungarian Ambassador to the United Nations

15:00 **“Conflicts cause Poverty and Poverty can Cause Conflicts”**

Keynote Speech

Dr. Amir Lakha

(Founder and Chairman, Humanitarian And Charitable One Trust)

15:30 **Rehabilitate And Reintergrate For Development**

Keynote Speech

Nancy Bolima

(Founder & Executive Director, HEDECS Cameroon)

16:00 **“Education as a Resource of Smart Power”**

Keynote Speech

Aigerim Raimzhanova

(PHD Student of Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations, a program offered by the University of Bucharest, Romania – Faculty of Philosophy, in cooperation with the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD), Berlin)

16:30 *Concluding Speech*

Mark Donfried

(Director General, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy)

18:00

Social Program

Saturday, January 14th, 2016

Day of Departure