



# Peace = Future The math is easy

## International Day of Peace Student Observance

17 September 2010 • United Nations, New York

### Youth, Peace and Development

Videoconference at 9:30 a.m. • Conference Room 2 • Live UN webcast: <http://www.un.org/webcast>

Organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information in association with  
Pathways to Peace, United Religions Initiative & World Peace Prayer Society

## PROGRAMME

### PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (8:30-9:00 AM)

**Musical Performances** by a JAPANESE YOUTH CHOIR from Ritsumeikan Uji High School, Osaka, Japan, joined by students from the United States. The choir is accompanied by two pianists playing a Hibaku piano which was damaged during the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and has since been restored for use in concerts.

**Peace Bell ceremony** – Live Feed by UNTV (9-9:20)

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### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (9:30 AM)

**Introductory remarks**, MR. KIYOTAKA AKASAKA,  
United Nations Under-Secretary-General  
for Communications and Public Information

**Welcome address**, United Nations  
SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON

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### INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

**Video message** from  
UN Messenger of Peace JANE GOODALL

**Remarks by UN Messengers of Peace**,  
ELIE WIESEL and MIDORI and  
UN Goodwill Ambassador YUNA KIM

**Discussion** between special guests and youth  
at UN Headquarters and in the United Kingdom and at UN Peace-  
keeping Missions in Sudan and Liberia

### Remarks by UN Goodwill Ambassadors

GOEDELE LIEKENS, ANGGUN and CATARINA FURTADO

**Discussion** between special guests and youth at UN Headquarters  
and in the United Kingdom and at UN Peacekeeping Missions

Introduction of youth moderators AJARAT BADA and CATHERINE  
PETER, members of the initiative "One Young World".

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### PRESENTATIONS BY STUDENTS AT UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Presentation:** Students at the UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)

**Questions and answers** between students at UNHQ and the  
United Kingdom, the other peacekeeping mission and the Sudanese  
students

**Presentation:** A poem entitled "We are the dream" by students at  
the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) on the theme of the African Union  
Initiative: "2010 Year of Peace and Security in Africa"

**Questions and answers** between students at UNHQ and the  
United Kingdom, the other peacekeeping mission and the Liberian  
students

**Presentation:** Students at the Winterbourne International Academy, United Kingdom, discuss a youth project in Afghanistan

**Questions and answers** between students at UNHQ and in the United Kingdom, the the other peacekeeping mission and the students in the United Kingdom

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#### **PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS AT UN HEADQUARTERS**

**Presentation:** "Voices for Faith in Conflict" by LILLY DAY, Fio-rello H. La Guardia High School of Music, Art and the Performing Arts, Manhattan, New York

**Questions and answers** between students at UNHQ and the United Kingdom and the peacekeeping missions.

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#### **PERFORMANCE:**

"Lift every voice and sing" performed by the choir of Japanese and US students

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#### **FLAG CEREMONY:**

MS. DEBORAH MOLDOW, World Peace Prayer Society leads Flag Ceremony

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#### **MINUTE OF SILENCE**

#### **RINGING OF THE PEACE BELL:**

MRS. BAN SOON-TAEK presides over the ringing of the Peace Bell

#### **CLOSING PERFORMANCE: "WE ARE THE WORLD"**

Performed by the choir of Japanese and US students.

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#### **PARTICIPANTS**

##### **SCHOOLS**

Bushwick Leaders High School for Academic Excellence, Brooklyn, New York

Groton-Dunstable Middle School, Groton, Massachusetts

Montauk Public School, Montauk, New York

Riverdale Country School, Bronx, New York

Susan E. Wagner High School, Staten Island, New York

William B. Ward Elementary School, New Rochelle, New York

Westhampton Beach Middle School, Westhampton, New York

Parkway NW Peace and Social Justice High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

United Nations International School, New York

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

Amnesty International

Brooklyn Bridges

Bridge the Gap TV

Cercle de Paix

Connecting The Dots Inc.

Journeys of Peace

Love, Peace & Prosperity International

New Jersey Youth Corps

One Young World

One World Youth Project

PeaceJam

Philadelphia School District

Railroad Street Youth Project

Roots & Shoots, J. Goodall Institute

St. James A.M.E. Church/Choices Program

The Pathways To Peace

Universal Peace Federation

United Religions Initiative

U Thant Institute

Vermont Peace Academy

World Peace Prayer Society

Year Up

#### **MISSIONS**

UNMIS – UN

Mission in Sudan

Comboni Secondary School, Juba, Sudan

UNMIL – UN Mission in Liberia,

-Stella Maris Polytechnic, -

- University of Liberia,
- AMEU University
- United Methodist University
- African Methodist University
- Len Miller High School, Monrovia, -Cathedral Catholic High School, Monrovia

### SCHOOLS VIEWING THE LIVE WEBCAST

Thornton Township High School District 205, South Holland, Illinois

Thornridge High School, Dolton, Illinois

Thornton Township High School, Harvey, Illinois

Thornwood High School, South Holland, Illinois

### PROFILES OF THE SPECIAL GUESTS

**Elie Wiesel** A United Nations Messenger of Peace since 1998, Mr. Wiesel is a Holocaust survivor who has dedicated his life to the pursuit of peace, the protection of human rights and the prevention of further acts of genocide. He is the author of 57 books, and received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in 1986. His focus as a Messenger of Peace is on human rights.

**Midori** Midori made her historic debut as a violinist at the age of 11 when she was introduced as a surprise guest artist by conductor ZUBIN MEHTA at a New Year's Eve concert given by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Since being appointed as a UN Messenger of Peace in 2007, Midori has worked to advance the Millennium Development Goals and to help focus attention on the needs of youth. Through her support of music education, she hopes to inspire young people to build a sense of community and learn from each other.

**Yuna Kim** Ms. Kim, a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, is the 2010 Olympic Champion in women's figure skating. She is the first figure skater from the Republic of Korea to win a medal at the Olympic Games. She is one of the most highly recognized athletes and media figures in South Korea.

**Goedele Liekens** Ms. Liekens is a well-known TV personality in Belgium where she hosts a popular television show on social and relationship issues. She was appointed a UNFPA (UN Population Fund) Goodwill Ambassador in 1999 and writes on the situation of women in developing countries.

**Anggun** Anggun is a Goodwill Ambassador for FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) and a singer/songwriter from Indonesia. Following her success in Indonesia, she decided to pursue an international career, left Indonesia in 1994 and finally settled in France. In 1997, Anggun made history as the first Asian artist

to break into the international music scene by releasing her first international album Snow on the Sahara in 33 countries across the world.

**Catarina Furtado** Ms. Furtado is an actress from Portugal who was appointed as a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador in 1999. She produced several public service announcements that have increased the public commitment of Portuguese government officials to support efforts to empower and improve the status of women.

### MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**Goal 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

**Goal 2:** Achieve universal primary education

**Goal 3:** Promote gender equality and empower women

**Goal 4:** Reduce child mortality

**Goal 5:** Improve maternal health

**Goal 6:** Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria other diseases

**Goal 7:** Ensure environmental sustainability

**Goal 8:** Develop a global partnership for development

### THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY has proclaimed the year commencing on 12 August 2010 as the International Year of Youth (A/RES/64/134). The Year was initiated to harness the energy, imagination and initiative of the world's youth in overcoming the challenges facing humankind, from enhancing peace to boosting economic development. The theme for the Year is Dialogue and Mutual Understanding and is aimed to encourage dialogue and understanding across generations, and to promote the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and freedoms and solidarity. More specifically, the theme also seeks to encourage young people to dedicate themselves to fostering progress, including the attainment of the UN Millennium Development Goals. More information on the International Year of Youth can be found at the Youth and United Nations website at [www.un.org/youth](http://www.un.org/youth)