

On the Occasion of the UN-DESA 53<sup>rd</sup> Commission for Social Development

## **PEACEFUL & COHESIVE SOCIETIES FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Concept Note

#### **Introduction**

On the Occasion of the UN-DESA 53<sup>rd</sup> Commission for Social Development, the Journalists and Writers Foundation is organizing a side-event in a panel discussion format in collaboration with Peace Islands Institute. The side event entitled “Peaceful and Cohesive Societies for Social Development” seeks to discuss the commitments of the World Summit for Social Development of 1995.

This panel will discuss the role of civil societies in implementing the culture of peace in public settings. Speakers will present their works in building peace and preventing conflicts in developing and developed countries. It’s important to build a strong society around the universal values and achieve tolerance, reconciliation and social cohesion.

The panel will also present good practices that how a community can contribute to social development through education, social integration, human rights, democracy, and eradication of poverty around the world.

This side event will also highlight the Goal #16 and Goal #17 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; (Goal #16) Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels and (Goal #17) Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



### Speakers:

- Prof. Martha Ann Kirk, Th.D., *Theological Union, University of the Incarnate Word*
- Prof. David Ives, *Executive Director, Albert Schweitzer Institute*
- Huseyin Hurmali, *Vice President, Journalists and Writers Foundation*
- **Moderator** – H.E. Carlos Garcia, *Former Ambassador of El Salvador to the UN*  
Founder & CEO of Global Consultant

### Format of the Side Event

- Panel Format with three experts and a moderator
- Q & A Session
- Open to all

### Date

- 11 February 2015 - Wednesday

### Time

- 3:00-4:30pm

### Venue

- UN Conference Room B

### Organizers

- Journalists and Writers Foundation
- Peace Islands Institute

### Journalists and Writers Foundation \*

The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF) was founded in 1994 with a main principle of promoting love, tolerance and dialogue in society through its activities and projects. Its mission is to look for opportunities in building a common living space based on reconciliation and mutual respect by bringing hundreds of intellectuals from different cultural, religious, ethnic and ideological backgrounds together.

*\*JWF is an international NGO with UN ECOSOC General Consultative Status*

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### Peace Islands Institute

Peace Islands Institute (PII) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of peace, education, prosperity, and development worldwide. PII aims to develop original and alternative perspectives on the global and social phenomena, presents explanations and solutions, and supports successful practices in order to achieve world peace by creating the realms of peaceful coexistence, or “peace islands”.

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