

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 Albert Schweitzer Institute and 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 is 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.

## Panelists

Prof. Martha Ann Kirk, Th.D. Theological Union University of the Incarnate Word Terry

Prof. David Ives Executive Director Albert Schweitzer Institute

Huseyin Hurmali Vice President Journalists and Writers Foundation

H.E. Carlos Garcia - Moderator Former Ambasssador of El Salvador to the UN Founder & CEO of Global Consultant Date: February 11, 2015 - Wednesday

Time: 3PM - 4.30PM

Venue: United Nations Conference Room B

\* UN Ground Pass Required