

**List of speakers, respondents, invited guests and moderators at
The Informal Interactive Hearing of the General Assembly on Interreligious
and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace
Thursday 4 October 2007, 15.00 -18.00 hrs**

Panel 1: Challenges of Interreligious and Intercultural Cooperation Today

Speakers:

- **Ms. Gulvaira Shermatova**, Director, L'auravetli'an Information & Education, Network of Indigenous Peoples, Russia
- **Prof. Paul Knitter**, Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture, Union Theological Seminary, USA
- **Prof. Gamal I. Serour**, Director, International Islamic Center for Population Studies and Research, Al Azhar Centre, Egypt
- **Dr. Sohan Lal Gandhi**, President, Anuvrat Global Organization, India
- **Mr. Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa**, Joint Executive Director, Interfaith Mediation Centre, Nigeria

Respondents:

- **Mr. Manuel Manonelles**, Director, Foundation for a Culture of Peace, Spain
- **Mr. Thalif Deen**, UN Bureau Chief, Inter Press Service International Association, Sri Lanka
- **Prof. Eliseo Mercado**, Chair, National Peace Council, Philippines
- **Rev. Judith Van Osdol**, Continental Coordinator of Women's Ministries, Latin American Council of Churches, Argentina
- **Ms. Katy Sarre**, Chief Executive Officer, INFOGEST, Senegal

Moderator

- **Dr. William Vendley**, Secretary-General, World Conference of Religions for Peace, USA

Panel 2:

Best Practices and Strategies of Interreligious and Intercultural Cooperation Going Forward

Speakers:

- **Sr. Gerardette Philips**, Representative, Islamic College for Advanced Studies/Religious of the Sacred Heart
- **Ms. Georgette Bennett**, President and Founder, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, USA
- **Rev. Carlos Tamez**, Representative, Comunidad Teologica de Honduras, Honduras
- **Ms. Mitra Deliri**, Representative of the Bahá'í International Community and Director of External Affairs Office of the Bahá'ís of Tanzania, Tanzania
- **Mr. Effenus Henderson**, Chief Diversity Officer, Weyerhaeuser Company, USA

Respondents:

- **Prof. Steven Rockefeller**, Co-chair, Earth Charter International, USA
- **Sr. Francisca Ngozi Uti**, Representative, Centre for Women Studies and Intervention, Nigeria
- **Dr. Josef Boehle**, Coordinator, UNESCO Chair in Interfaith Studies, University of Birmingham, UK
- **Mr. Tatsuya Yoshioka**, Director, Peace Boat, Japan
- **Ms. Fatima Ahmed**, Executive Director, Zenab for Women in Development, Sudan

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Mohamed Al-Murad**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations

Invited Guests:

- **Mr. Qamar-ul- Huda**, Scholar of Islamic Studies and Comparative Religions, Pakistan.
- **Dr. John Taylor**, Representative, International Association for Religious Freedom, Switzerland

Civil Society Task Force members:

Members of the Civil Society Task Force, whose names appear below, may also be called upon to engage in the hearing, as necessary.

- **Mr. Ari Alexander**, Co-Executive Director, Children of Abraham, USA
- **Dr. Kezevino Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram, India
- **Mr. Erol Avdovic**, UN Correspondent, Deutsche Welle, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Hiro Sakurai**, UN Representative, Soka Gakkai International, and Former President, Committee of Religious NGOs, Japan

Note: Speakers and respondents have been requested to participate at the Informal Interactive Hearing in their individual capacity.