



FEATURED SPEAKERS



LEYMAH GBOWEE

A 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, Ms. Gbowee is a peace activist, trained social worker, and women's rights advocate. Her leadership of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace brought together Christian and Muslim women in a nonviolent movement that played a pivotal role in ending Liberia's civil war in 2003. Ms. Gbowee is the founder and current President of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, founder of the Liberia Reconciliation Initiative and co-founder and former Executive Director of Women in Peacebuilding Network/West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP). In 2017, Ms. Gbowee was selected by the United Nations Secretary-General to serve as a member of his High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation.

ANNIKA SÖDER

Ambassador Annika Söder, is the Special Representative of the CiO of the OSCE for South Caucasus. She is also the Chair of the European Institute of Peace, a member of the Swedish Women's mediation network, and a participant in various international and European mediation, peacebuilding and dialogue undertakings. Annika Söder served as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Sweden between 2014 and 2019. In that capacity she led the government's work on conflict resolution, dialogue and facilitation, i. a. on North Korea and Yemen. Before that she was Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation working on UN matters, UN reform, peace building and the SDGs. She has also been a senior manager and ADG of the UN FAO, responsible for external relations, partnerships, interagency affairs and communications. Previously, she served as State Secretary for International Development Cooperation in the Swedish Government and as spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry, and in several positions on security policy, EU and UN affairs, and as foreign policy advisor to prime and foreign ministers. In 2020 she served on the group of Independent Eminent Persons appointed by the UN Secretary-General to assist in the 2020 review of the UN's peacebuilding work

