



United Nations Day of Peace Australia 2022 Theme: End racism. Build peace

We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations as we work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination; a world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred – a world that we can truly be proud of.

Online – 24 September 1:15 to 3:35 pm

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Program

1:15

Welcome and Introduction by moderator



Moderator – Dr Joy de Leo OAM

UPF Peace Ambassador, President UPF SA Chapter, Member, International Association of Academicians for Peace, Founding President, UNESCO APNIEVE Australia

1:30 - 1:45



Dr Balwant (Bill) Bhaneja

Title: Racism, Nonkilling, and Shared Humanity

Dr Balwant (Bill) Bhaneja is a senior volunteer member of the Board of the Center for Global Nonkilling, a UN ECOSOC NGO. A retired Canadian Diplomat with postings in London, Bonn and Berlin, he has written widely on politics, science and arts. A peace activist since 2004, he is co-founder of the Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (now Canadian Peace Initiative), the Annual Ottawa Peace Festival, and the Center for Global Nonkilling. Other civil society memberships have included: Canadian Pugwash Group and Science for Peace. He is author of seven books, most recent works are: Peace Portraits: Paths to Nonkilling (2022), Creighton University and Center for Global Nonkilling, USA: Troubled Pilgrimage: Passage to Pakistan (2013), Mawenzi/TSAR, Toronto; a collaboration with Indian playwright Vijay Tendulkar: Two Plays: The Cyclist and His Fifth Woman (2006), Oxford University Press, India; and Quest for Gandhi: A Nonkilling Journey (2010), Center for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii, USA. Since 2010, he is also the founding editor of the quarterly on-line Nonkilling Arts Research Committee(NKARC) Peace and Arts newsletter. Dr. Bhaneja holds a PhD in Science Policy from University of Manchester, UK and Masters in International Affairs from Norman Patterson School, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

1.45 – 2.15



Tasneem Chopra OAM

Title: We All Bleed the Same- Let's End the Pain

The prevalence of racism across the globe is a bleak reality. From micro to macro racisms, this is a societal malaise that demands we tackle it, starting with introspection then committing to dismantling structural discrimination. It begins and ends with you & me.

A Cross-cultural Consultant, Tasneem addresses issues of diversity,

equity and inclusion across organisational leadership, including intersectionality within government, corporate, arts and community sectors. She assists clients apply an intersectional lens in their work praxis towards greater cultural competence, innovation and profitability.

For her efforts she was appointed the inaugural Ambassador for Women of Colour, Australia and awarded an OAM. She has also been named an 'Anti-Racism Champion' by the Australian Human Rights Commission and holds a Distinguished Alumni Award from La Trobe University in recognition of her impact in the diversity sector.

A TEDxMelbourne presenter and writer, Tasneem has featured in SBS Life, The Guardian, The SMH and appeared on BBC's IQ2 Debates, Q&A is a regular panellist on The Drum and host of the podcast series, 'Strengths Untold'.

Q&A
2:15 – 2:25

2:25 - 2.40



Dr Steve Rametse

Title: Inhumanity is contrary to Ubuntu/Humanness

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."-
Mother Teresa

The values of Ubuntu/Humanness are vital for harmony and essential for peace. Inhumanity is contrary to humanistic values articulated in the African concept of Ubuntu/Humanness. Ubuntu is a philosophy based on the idea that all humanity is connected. No one is an island of their own.

President of Nelson Mandela Day Australia and a Board member of the African Think Tank Inc. An experienced secondary school teacher and reader of the South African political economy and researcher on the settlement issues of the African diaspora in Australia. A former member of the Victorian Government appointed the African Ministerial Advisory Group which helped formulate the "Victorian African Communities Action Plan" (VACAP), which was adopted by the Victorian government in 2018. He is passionate about exploring ways of how the shared values of the African communitarian philosophy of Ubuntu that find expression at the personal, professional, and political levels can engender mutual respect, collaboration, and securing sustainable social justice for all in the diverse cultural communities.

As part of the leadership collective, he helped organize the seven annual Nelson Mandela Lectures since 2016. In 2020, as the President of Nelson Mandela Day Australia Inc, he collaborated with committee members

to stage the virtual Anti-Racism Symposium in Victoria. Recently, he participated in the virtual Truth Telling panel of three sponsored by the City of Melbourne.

2.40 – 2.55



Dr John Bellavance

Title: Psychological Underpinnings of Racism and the Persecution of Dr Moon

Dr Bellavance has worked in the non-profit sector for 40 years. He has completed his PhD in 2018 at Monash University on the role of values in the use of Information Technologies by high school age children and has been teaching Information Technology in a Melbourne high school for 20 years. He is the Oceania Coordinator, International Association of Academicians for Peace, Vice-President, Universal Peace Federation Australia and Founder of drjohn.online fostering values education. He is one of the founders of Africa Day Australia and was Vice-President for five years. He is also a committee member of the Nelson Mandela Day Australia. In the 1980s, he and his wife Anne worked with the African American community to fight crack cocaine. Their efforts were recognised by the White House, were President Reagan sent him a letter of appreciation for his efforts to rid America of this social ill.

2.55 – 3:15



Ms. Pearl Wymarra

**Title: The In Love of Love
- Identifying, restoring and peace-ing together all our good and proper cultural ways of life.**

Ms. Pearl Wymarra is from the Gudang Aboriginal Clan. For many years she has provided inspiring leadership in addressing the crisis of violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. She is a distinguished teacher and researcher in the restoration of people's emotional health and social well-being. Pearl's mother Marjorie was a descendant of the Stolen Generation with Aboriginal, Filipino, Japanese and Irish heritage, whilst her father, Nicholas, had both Aboriginal and Scottish ancestry.

Born at Old Mapoon Presbyterian Mission in North Queensland, she grew up on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait and has worked in a variety of capacities in the healing and teaching of others. She holds a Masters degree in Health Science (Primary Health Care), a Diploma in Primary Teaching and is

an Honorary Fellow at the University of Western Sydney and is an Peace Ambassador with UPF. Member of the Community Justice Coalition and the Throughcare Jigsaw Group working with prisoners, inmates and their families.

3:15 – 3:35

Panel discussion



Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world in September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

But achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race.

As UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said:

“Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilizes societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and ... the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable.”

Conference Organisers



Universal Peace Federation is an NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) represents a new global interdisciplinary academic initiative aimed at contributing to the realization of a world of lasting peace by building a professional network for academicians to foster a world of peace based on the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values.



**WOMEN'S FEDERATION
FOR WORLD PEACE AUSTRALIA**

Women's Federation for World Peace is an international NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative, and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families can resolve the complex problems of our societies and world.

Supporting Organisations



The Center for Global Nonkilling

Imagine a world in which humans no longer kill each other. Is a nonkilling world possible? Amidst continued killing following

the violent 20th century, the Center for Global Nonkilling arises out of new understanding that a killing-free world is possible. It is possible for humans to stop killing each other from homicide to genocide, terrorism and mass murder in war. A killing-free world is a measurable goal. The methods and means of realization are open to infinite human creativity.



The Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AACCI) is the only national association for two-way trade and investment between Australia and the Arab League

countries. AACCI is a member of the Union of Arab Chambers of and has fostered strong links with the Australian State and Federal governments since it began in 1975.



GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMERCIALISATION

The Global Opportunities

Commercialisation aligns human and societal values in different geographies with business and prosperity by encompassing employees and communities to create social values.



The Global Somali Diaspora (GSD) is a global not-for-profit organization working to bring together and mobilize members of the Somali Diaspora for positive action. Global Somali Diaspora (GSD) is a

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) - Asia Pacific Network for International Education and Values Education (APNIEVE) seeks to promote and develop international education and values education for peace, human rights, democracy and sustainable development.