





PROGRAM

GNRC SIXTH FORUM

THE CHILD IS CALLING: INTERFAITH COOPERATION TO BUILD A HOPEFUL WORLD FOR CHILDREN

PARK ROTANA

Abu Dhabi, 19-21 November 2024





Masters of Ceremony:

English:

Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali,

Secretary-General, Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC)

Arabic:

Mr. Hamad Khatir,

Vice President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC)

DAY ONE:

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2024

07:00 - 09:00ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND

SEATING

09:00 - 10:25**FIRST PLENARY:**

OPENING CEREMONY

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese

VFNUF:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

OPENING

Opening Remarks:

Miss. Ghaya,

GNRC Sixth Forum Children's Advisory Group

Mr. Kul Gautam,

GNRC Sixth Forum International Organizing Committee (IOC) Chair

Ikebana Presentation

Welcome Remarks:

H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan,

Minister of Tolerance, UAE

Rev. Keishi Miyamoto,

President, Arigatou International, Convenor, GNRC.

Mrs. Dana Humaid,

President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC)





10:25 – 10:55 **GROUP PHOTO**

10:55 – 11:25 **BREAK**

VENUE:





11:25 - 13:20

SECOND PLENARY:

BUILDING A SAFE WORLD WITH

CHILDREN

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish,

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chair:

Ms. Bani Dugal,

Principal Representative, Bahai International Community to the UN & Co-Chair, IAFSC

Special Message:

Ms. Catherine Russell,

Executive Director, UNICEF

Children's Pre-forum Report

Keynote Remarks:

Amila

Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid,

UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderators:

H.E. Emmanuel Adamakis,

Ecumenical Patriarchate, Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon & Chair, IAFSC

Mr. Brian King,

Founder and CEO, Mtoto na Sheria Initiative & Youth Lead, GNRC Kenya

Panelists:

H.E. Reem Al Falasi,

Secretary-General, UAE Supreme Council of Motherhood and Childhood

Child Representative

Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki,

General Secretary, All Africa Conference of Churches

Ms. Andrea Kaufmann,

Director, External Engagement for Faith and Development, World Vision

Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne,

President, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka

Ms. Nour Alsaadi.

UNHCR Refugee Young Champion





Special Message:

H.E Excellency Dr. Salim M. AlMalik,

Director General, ICESCO

13:20 – 14:30 **LUNCH AND NETWORKING**

VENUE:





14:30 - 15:30

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

Language:

Group A:

The Dignity of the Child in the Digital World

VENUE:

STUDIO ONE

Moderators:

Rabbi Diana Gerson,

Associate Executive Vice President, New York Board of Rabbis; Member, IAFSC & Coordinator, GNRC USA

Shariaz.

Member of the Children's Advisory Group

Panelists:

Mr. Abdullah AlHebsi,

Deputy Director, Child Protection Center, Ministry of Interior

Prof. Benyam Dawit Mezmur,

Member (and former Chairperson) of the UN CRC Committee & Member Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors

Mr. Marcelo Neira,

Director, Advocacy and Studies, Episcopal Delegation for Education of the Archbishopric of Santiago & Developer of the Learning to Live Together (LTLT) Manual in the Digital Environment

Ms. Ismeta Salihspahic,

President, UŽ "Mozaik" Visoko & Coordinator, GNRC Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Nicholas Dike,

Youth, GNRC Nigeria





Group B:

The Role of Families in Ensuring Safe Spaces for

Language:

VENUE:

Children

GARDEN ROOM ONE

Moderators:

Bishop Method Paul Kilaini,

Auxillary Bishop Emeritus of Bukoba, Tanzania

Tudor,

Member of the Children's Advisory Group

Panelists:

Archbishop Emeritus Felix Anthony Machado,

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vasai, India

Ms. Shamsa Abubakar,

Honoree, Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2023 & Member, GNRC Kenya

Ms. Lubna Tarawneh,

Lawyer and Coordinator, Arab Women and Child Organization & Member, GNRC Jordan





Group C:

Collaborative Communities: Interfaith and Intra-Faith Dialogue and Action in Promoting a Safe World

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish,

VFNUF:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Introductory Remarks:

Rev. Kojitsu Kobori,

Chief Priest, Sanzenin Temple, Japan Tendai Sect

Moderators:

Mr. Emmanuel Ametepey,

Founder and Executive Director of Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG), Convener of the African Youth SDGs Summit & Contact Person, GNRC Ghana

Ms. Dimitra Missira,

External Relations & Partnerships Officer, KAICIID

Panelists:

Ms. Delali Morty,

Participation Manager, WeProtect Global Alliance

Anthony

Ms. Kholoud Mabrouk,

Journalist, KAICIID

Ms. Mahasen Haddarah,

Senior Writer and Reporter, KAICIID

Ms. Asmaa Kftarou,

Founding Member, Interreligious Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation in the Arab World (IPDC)

Pastor Tania Barrios.

Methodist Pastor & Coordinator, GNRC Peru





Group D:

Language:

Pathways to Building Resilience and Strengthening Mental Health in the Face of Global Shocks, **Emerging Crises, and Pandemics**

VFNUF:

GARDEN ROOM TWO

Moderators:

Ms. Anna Rita Ronzoni,

Technical Officer, Violence Prevention and Control, World Health Organization

Frida.

Member of the Children's Advisory Group

Panelists:

Dr. Mohammad Abo-Hilal,

MD, Clinical Psychiatrist & Founder, Syria Bright Future to help Syrian refugees

Ms. Sandra Cazares,

Implementer, Prevenir project of the Alliance for the Protection of Children - APN & Coordinator, GNRC Mexico

Dr. Fatima Al Mansouri,

Psychiatrist, Owner Halak LeHamak Clinic

Dr. Luis Torres-Hostos,

Founding Dean and Professor, School of Social Work, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

15:30 - 16:00

BREAK

VENUE:





16:00 – 17:00 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Region One:

Latin America and the Caribbean

VENUE:

STUDIO ONE

Moderator:

Ms. Maria Jose Ananias,

Coordinator, GNRC Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Language:

Spanish

Region Two:

Europe and North America (USA and Canada)

VENUE:

GARDEN ROOM TWO

Moderators:

Ms. Laura Molnar,

President, Education for Change & Coordinator, GNRC Romania

Ms. Ismeta Salihspahic,

President, UŽ "Mozaik" Visoko & Coordinator, GNRC Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Donna Bollinger,

United Church of Christ Representative to the UN & Contact Person, GNRC USA

Language:

English





Languages: English, French

Re	aio	n T	hr	ee:

Africa

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Moderators:

Sheikh Ramadhan Aula,

Director, Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution & Coordinator, **GNRC** Kenya

Ms. Joyce Mdachi,

Director, Global Religion for Children Foundation (GRCF) & Coordinator, GNRC Tanzania

Mr. Jonas Habimana,

Executive Director, Bureau d'Informations, Formations, (BIFERD/ ASBL) & Coordinator, GNRC Democratic Republic of Congo

Region Four:

Asia

VENUE:

MEETING PLUS TWO

Moderator:

Mr. Gopal Vijayaragavan,

Coordinator, GNRC India

Language:





Region Five:

Middle East and North Africa

VENUE:	
GARDEN ROOM ONE	
Moderators:	Language:
Fr. Abdo Raad, President, Annas Linnas & Coordinator, GNRC Leband	Arabic
First Meeting of the Forum Declaration Draftin	ng Committee
VENUE:	
MEETING PLUS ONE	
19:00 KABUKI PERFORMANCE	
VENUE:	
GRAND PARK BALLROOM	
DINNER HOSTED BY ARIGATOU INTERNATION	AL
VENUE:	
FOYER	





DAY TWO.

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2024

08:30 - 09:00**NETWORKING AND SEATING**

09:00 - 09:40THIRD PLENARY:

> THE CHILD IS CALLING: INTERFAITH COOPERATION TO BUILD A HOPEFUL

WORLD FOR CHILDREN

Languages:

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chairs:

Dr. Kezevino Aram,

President, Shanti Ashram & Vice Chair, GNRC Sixth Forum IOC

Reflections:

Interfaith Cooperation to Build a Hopeful World for Children

Dr. Kezevino Aram

Keynote Address:

Nobel Peace Laureate

Kailash Satyarthi

Special Message:

Ms. Muzoon Almellehan,

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador





09:40 - 11:30

FOURTH PLENARY:

BUILDING A SECURE WORLD WITH

CHILDREN

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chair:

Dr. Mohammed Samak,

Secretary General, Christian-Muslim Committee for Dialogue

Special Message:

Chief Rabbi David Rosen,

Special Advisor, the Abrahamic Family House, Abu Dhabi

Keynote Remarks:

Varisha

Mr. Eltayeb Adam,

UNICEF Area Representative for the Gulf Region

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderators:

Dr. Mohammed Elsanousi,

Executive Director, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (NRTP)

Ms. Zvonimira Jakic,

Director, Foreign Policy Initiative, Youth & GNRC Bosnia and Herzegovina

Panelists:

Michelle

H.E. Cardinal John O. Onaiyekan,

Archbishop, Latin Church, Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria

Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome,

Secretary–General, Center for Sustainable
Conflict Resolution

Dr. Rima Salah,

Chair, Early Childhood Peace Consortium

Mr. Somboon Chungprampree,

Secretary–General, International Network of Engaged Buddhists

Ms. Saydah Al-Arashi,

UNHCR Refugee Young Champion





Special Message:

Rev. Jerry Pillay,

Secretary General, World Council of Churches (WCC)

11:30 – 12:00 **BREAK**

VENUE:





12:00 – 13:00 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS: THEMATIC DISCUSSION**

Language:

English

Group A:

Addressing the Root Causes of Conflicts and Wars

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

VENUE:

GARDEN ROOM TWO

Moderators:

Ms. Safak Pavey,

Senior Adviser, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Panelists:

Emirates Center for Strategic Studies

Child Representative

Dr. Katherine Marshall,

Senior Fellow, Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs

Ms. Marian Iskander,

Teacher, St. George International School & Contact Person, GNRC Sudan

Ms. Opor Srisuwan,

Project Sector Technical Advisor, Child Protection and Women's Empowerment & Contact Person, GNRC Thailand

Mr. Rojer Salameh,

Head of Youth and Children Program, Arab Educational Institute & Contact Person, GNRC Palestine

Dr. Angeliki Aroni,

Ministry of Immigration, Greece, Head of the Unit for Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Immigration, Greece





Group B:

Stakeholder Participation in Building Resilience to Conflict

Languages:

VENUE:

STUDIO ONE

Moderators:

Amb. Saleh Habimana,

African Forum for Muslim Councils, Advisor, GNRC Rwanda

Panelists:

Janin

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik,

Executive Vice President, New York Board of Rabbis

Ms. Maria Clara Osula,

Regional Program Manager, Norwegian Church Aid

Mr. Marco Villela,

Director, Strategic Initiatives of CA4, Member, Alliance for the Protection of Children (APN) - Prevenir & Representative, World Vision

Mr. Jonathan Ammons,

Director of Interfaith Relations, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Group C:

Building a Peaceful and Inclusive World for and with Children

Language:

VFNUF:

GARDEN ROOM ONE

Moderators:

Dr. Chintamani Yogi,

President, Peace Service Centre & Coordinator, GNRC Nepal





Panelists:

Danita

Rabbi Gabriel Negrin,

Chief Rabbi, Jewish Community of Athens, Greece

Ms. Donna Gail Bollinger,

United Church of Christ Representative to the UN & Contact Person, GNRC USA

Fr. Abdo Raad,

President, Annas Linnas & Coordinator, GNRC Lebanon

Group D:

Addressing Xenophobia, Hate Crimes and Extremism

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Moderators:

Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome,

Secretary-General, Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution, Kenya

Panelists:

Mark

Ms. Anjum Malik,

Executive Director, Global Impact Initiative & Managing Partner, Alhambra US Chamber

Sr. Agatha Chikelue,

Executive Director, Cardinal Onaiyekan
Foundation for Peace & Coordinator, GNRC
Nigeria

Sheikh Ramadhan Aula,

Director, Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution & Coordinator, GNRC Kenya

Ms. Maria Julia Garcete Yegros,

Director, Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN-OEA)

The International Center of Excellence For Countering Extremism and Violent Extremism, Hedaya





13:00 - 14:30 **LUNCH AND NETWORKING**

VENUE:





14:30 – 14:40 PLENARY READING OF THE

DRAFT DECLARATION

14:40 – 15:30 **FIFTH PLENARY:**

ALL FOR CHILDREN: PROGRESS MADE ON

THE PANAMA COMMITMENTS

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator:

The Right Revd. Julio Murray,

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Central America

Panelists:

Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali,

Secretary-General, GNRC, Director, Arigatou International – Nairobi

Ms. Maria Lucia Uribe,

Director, Ethics Education for Children, Arigatou International – Geneva

Ms. Rebeca Rios-Kohn,

Director, Prayer and Action for Children, Arigatou International – New York

Rev. Fred Nyabera,

Director, End Child Poverty, Arigatou International – Nairobi

15:30 – 16:00 **BREAK**

VENUE:





16:00 - 17:30

SIXTH PLENARY:

CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE 16TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND **ACTION FOR CHILDREN (DPAC)**

Languages:

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chair:

Ms. Rebeca Rios-Kohn,

Director, Prayer and Action for Children, Arigatou International - New York

Welcoming Remarks:

Mr. Kul Gautam,

GNRC Sixth Forum International Organizing Committee (IOC) Chair

Lighting of Candles and Interfaith Silent Prayer

Video Presentation:

Commemoration of the 16-years of World **Day of Prayer and Action**

Special Remarks:

Ms. Nadia Cherrouk,

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)

Honoring Champions of Children's Rights

INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE

Moderator:

Ms. Ornella Barros,

Program Officer, Prayer and Action for Children

Panelists:

The Right Revd. Julio Murray,

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Central America

Mr. Eltayeb Adam,

UNICEF Area Representative for the Gulf Region

Ms. Maria Julia Garcete Yegros,

Director, Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN-OEA)





Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid,

UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

Presentation of Wear My Shoes Award 2024

Rev. Keishi Miyamoto,

President, Arigatou International &

Convenor, GNRC

Mrs. Dana Humaid,

President, IAFSC

Layaa

Maria

Mario

Presentation of Stand Together - All For Children Campaign

Introduction

Jeff Oppenheim

Performance

Mr. Michael Orland

Singer Ms. Anandita

Arunachalam,

Representative, Global Youth

17:30 – 18:00 TRANSPORT TO SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE

18:00 – 19:30 VISIT TO SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE

19:30 **DINNER**

VENUE:

FOYER

Second Meeting of the Forum Declaration Drafting Committee

VENUE:

MEETING PLUS ONE





DAY THREE:

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2024

08:30 - 09:00**NETWORKING AND SEATING**

09:00 - 10:30**SEVENTH PLENARY:**

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE WORLD WITH

CHILDREN

Languages:

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chair:

Rev. Fred Nyabera,

Director, End Child Poverty, Arigatou International – Nairobi

Special Message:

Rev. Michinari Kujo,

Chief Priest, Meiji Jingu

Keynote Remarks:

Presentation by Children

Ms. Deepika Singh,

Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderators:

Mr. Foday Bangura,

World Council of Churches & Youth, GNRC Sierra Leone

Ms. Ivana Barac,

Project Coordinator, Sombor Educational Centre & Co-Coordinator, GNRC Serbia

Panelists:

Mr. Abdul Mugeet,

Youth Advocate for Climate Change, UNICEE

Ms. Maria Francisca Yax,

President, Indigenous Peoples Ancestral Spiritual Council





Mr. Mudassar Ahmad,

Youth, GNRC Pakistan

Ms. Marlene Pilatasig,

Youth, GNRC Ecuador

Ms. Sam Schulman,

Youth, GNRC USA

Special Message:

Elder Adilson de Paula Parrella,

General Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

10:30 - 11:00

BREAK

VENUE:





11:00 - 12:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: THEMATIC DISCUSSION

Language:

Group A:

Responsible Lifestyles

VENUE:

STUDIO ONE

Moderators:

Ms. Frederique Seidel,

Senior Advisor, World Council of Churches-UNICEF Partnership & Program Lead, WCC Children and Climate

Mr. Djifa Agbelenko Agbezoukin,

Human and Social Sciences Sector, ICESCO

Panelists:

Mr. Hamad Khatir,

Vice-President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC)

Marelia

Rabbi David Rosen,

Special Advisor, Abrahamic Family House

Rev. Nicta Lubaale,

General Secretary, Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC)

Ms. Natalia Seriakova,

Executive Director, Jugend, Bildung und Kultur e.V. (JuBuk) & Contact Person, GNRC Germany

Group B:

Addressing Hunger, Childhood Poverty, and Inequality

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Languages:

English, Arabic,





Moderators:

Rev. Fredrick Nyabera,

Executive Director, Arigatou International-**End Child Poverty**

Franciscah,

Child Representative

Panelists:

Dr. Jeremy K. Everett,

Executive Director, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University

Ms. Hesha Perera,

SDGs Academy for Children, Arigatou International-End Child Poverty

Ms. Solrun Engilbertsdottir,

Policy Specialist Co-Chair, Global Coalition to End Child Poverty, Social Policy and Social Protection UNICEF

Ms. Nadia Younsa Tahirou,

Youth, GNRC Niger

Group Discussion Leads

Deacon Adebayo Anthony Kehinde.

Member, GNRC Nigeria

Prof. William Otiende Ogara,

Chairman, Fin Church Aid Kenya

Dr. Nelson Arns.

International Coordinator, Pastoral da Crianca

Ms. Nadia Cherrouk,

Chief Administrative Officer, Pan American Development Foundation (PADF)

Ms. Alibe V. Hamacher,

Chief Partnership & Development Officer, Liaison to the United Nations

Child Representative

Group C:

Ethical Values and Education for Sustainable Development

Language:

VENUE:

GARDEN ROOM ONE





Moderators:

Ms. Maria Lucia Uribe,

Director, Ethics Education for Children, Arigatou International – Geneva

T. Arunachalam,

Member of the Children's Advisory Group

Panelists:

Rev. Oscar Espinoza,

Methodist Pastor and Chaplain at the Methodist School, Santiago & Coordinator, **GNRC** Chile

Dr. Brinder Singh Mahon,

Chief Executive Officer, Strategy and Faith

Ms. Laura Molnar,

President, Education for Change & Coordinator, GNRC Romania

Dr. Khaled Khalifa,

Senior Advisor, Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, UNHCR

Mr. Joseph E. Flynn,

Managing Director, St. Mary's Group of Schools - Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia

Group D:

Climate Conscious Stewardship

Language:

VENUE:

GARDEN ROOM TWO

Moderators:

Mr. Iftikhar Mubarik,

Executive Director, Search for Justice, Co-Coordinator, GNRC Pakistan

Sanchit,

Member of the Children's Advisory Group

Panelists:

Ms. Deepika Singh,

Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace

Ms. Catherine Wong,

Policy Specialist in Climate and Security Risk & Technical Lead on Climate and Security, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)





Mr. Alexander Gwanvalla,

Coordinator, Community Green Engagement & Coordinator, GNRC Cameroon

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VENUE:





12:15 - 13:15

EIGHTH PLENARY:

LAUNCH OF THE GNRC STRATEGY 2030

Languages:

French, Spanish,

VENUE:

GRAND PARK BALLROOM

Session Chairs:

Fr. Abdo Raad,

President, Annas Linnas & Coordinator, **GNRC** Lebanon

Ms. Saydoon Nisa Sayed,

Coordinator, GNRC South Africa

Special Thanks:

Bishop Method Paul Kilaini,

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Bukoba, Tanzania

13:15 – 14:00 **Interfaith Prayer for Peace**

14:00 – 15:30 **LUNCH AND NETWORKING**

VENUE:





15:30 - 16:30

TRANSPORT TO WAHAT AL KARAMA

16:30 - 18:30

NINTH PLENARY:

CLOSING CEREMONY

Languages:

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese

VENUE:

WAHAT AL KARAMA

Session Chair:

Mrs. Dana Humaid,

President, IAFSC

Readout of the Abu Dhabi Declaration

Remarks from Dignitaries:

Reflections on Answering the Call of the Child from

Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi

ibn Bayah,President, Forum for Peace in Muslim
Societies

Sheikh Abdallah bin Mahfuz

18:30 – 19:30 **TRANSPORT TO HOTEL**

19:30 **DINNER**

VENUE:













































