

**SAVE-THE-DATE*****United Nations High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace***

14 September 2012 from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

UN General Assembly Hall and NLB Conference Room 2,

UN Headquarters, New York

This day-long, first-ever General Assembly High Level Forum is intended to be an open public opportunity for the UN member states, UN system entities, civil society including NGOs, media, private sector and all others interested in discussing on the ways and means to promote the Culture of Peace. A special focus will be on the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Culture of Peace adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1999.

Convened by President of the General Assembly H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, the Forum will have an opening ceremony at the GA Plenary Hall, when the President and Secretary-General will speak. This would be followed by two panel discussions and ending with a closing session in which the Deputy Secretary-General would join the President to speak in a separate conference room at the North Lawn Building of the UN.

You are most cordially invited to attend and join in the discussions during the panels.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

Context:

The United Nations General Assembly approved, in 13 September 1999, the resolution (A/RES/53/243) on the Declaration and Program of Action for a Culture of Peace, establishing the principles and foundations of the Culture of Peace, as well as the mandate of the General Assembly for its follow-up and promotion. Moreover the General Assembly also proclaimed the year 2000 as the “International Year of the Culture of Peace” (A/RES/52/15) and the “International Decade on a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)” (A/RES/53/25).

While the development of a Culture of Peace has been clearly stated in several reports and recognized by the annual substantive resolutions by the General Assembly, the current global context evidences the need for further development and promotion. The aim of this High Level Forum is precisely to promote the full and effective implementation of the Program of Action, as adopted by the General Assembly. Therefore it is intended to be a space for a multi-stakeholder debate, taking stock of the good practices developed in the last decade, and identifying future lines of action for the proper enhancement of the Culture of Peace as well as for further strengthening of the Global Movement, following the observance of the abovementioned International Decade for a Culture of Peace.

Background documentation:

⑨ UN General Assembly: *Declaration and Program of Action for a Culture of Peace*. A/RES/53/243. New York, October 1999

⑨ UN General Assembly Resolutions: A/RES/51/101, A/RES/52/13,

A/RES/52/15, A/RES/53/25, A/RES/55/377, A/RES/55/282, A/RES/56/5,

A/RES/57/6, A/RES/58/11, A/RES/59/143, A/RES/60/3, A/RES/61/45,

A/RES/62/89, A/RES/63/113, A/RES/64/80, A/RES/65/11 and A/RES/66/116

⑨ Foundation Culture of Peace: *Good Practices on Culture of Peace*. Barcelona, February 2007

⑨ Foundation Culture of Peace: *World Report on the Culture of Peace 2010. Final Civil Society Report on the United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)*. Barcelona, September 2010

⑨ Foundation Culture of Peace: *The development of Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (1988-2010). Report by Federico Mayor at the end of the United Nations International Decade on Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)*. Barcelona, May 2011