



2026 International Women's Peace Conference

PROGRAM BOOKLET

Date | 17 – 18 September 2026

Venue | Cheongju, Republic of Korea

Host | IWPG



President of IWPG
Jeon Na Yeong

Welcome Remarks

The International Women's Peace Conference is a meaningful annual event held every September, where women from around the world gather to discuss peace and share their experiences and thoughts. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who joined us this year to help build a future of sustainable peace.

Our daily lives are not merely fleeting moments. Our day-to-day experiences accumulate to form our lives and experiences, and the feelings and thoughts we gain from them serve as valuable clues for building a better future. Women, in particular, have been building peace by connecting people and mediating conflicts within the home, local communities, workplaces, educational settings, and sometimes even in the midst of conflict and strife.

These experiences of women should not remain merely as individual stories. They contain vital insights into what kind of peace our society needs and what changes must be made. When women's experiences and voices are reflected in societal decision-making, policy, and, furthermore, in international discourse, we can build a more realistic and sustainable world of peace.

This conference is an opportunity to share women's daily lives and experiences, discover their meaning together, and translate them into international discourse. I hope that the stories and actions shared here today will evolve into new solidarity and action, and that women's leadership for peace will spread even further, transcending regions and generations.

IWPG believes that our choices and actions today will create a more peaceful daily life for the next generation. We hope this gathering will serve as a meaningful starting point for shaping that future together.



About the Conference

The international community today faces not only wars and armed conflicts but also a wide range of challenges, including hatred, discrimination, and social division. In this context, the role and participation of women have become increasingly essential to advancing sustainable peace. Peace is more than the absence of war. It is a value that is experienced and practiced in every day life—in our families, schools, workplaces, and local communities. These everyday acts of peace collectively become the driving force for shaping the future of peace.

Guided by its vision, “Women and Girls Shaping the Future of Sustainable Peace,” the International Women's Peace Group (IWPG) has carried out diverse initiatives to empower women as agents of peace through leadership development, peace education, and international cooperation. By fostering women's participation and solidarity, IWPG continues to connect local communities with the international community while building a global platform to promote a culture of peace.

Under the theme “Everyday Peace, Women’s Power: Shaping Global Governance,” this conference will bring together women leaders, peace practitioners, youth, civil society representatives, and partner organizations from around the world. Participants will share the experiences and achievements of women empowered through peace education and explore innovative pathways for peace through diverse examples of peacebuilding in both everyday life and conflict-affected settings.

Furthermore, the conference seeks to strengthen women-centered peace leadership through peace education and capacity building while promoting international solidarity and cooperation to collaboratively shape sustainable peace governance. Ultimately, it aims to establish itself as a global platform dedicated to realizing a future of peace created by all women.



Conference Overview

- Title: 2026 International Women's Peace Conference
- Theme: Everyday Peace, Women's Power: Shaping Global Governance
- Date : 17–18 September 2026
- Venue : Enford Hotel, Cheongju, Republic of Korea
- Host : International Women's Peace Group (IWPG)

Program Schedule

Time	9/17		9/18		
10:00~10:30	Opening Session (Grand Ballroom)		Peace Academic Network Session (Jikji Hall A)	Peace Chapter Workshop (Jikji Hall B)	
10:30~11:00					Media Roundtable (Executive Lounge)
11:00~11:30					
11:30~12:00					
12:00~12:30					
12:30~13:00	Side Event 1 ‘Peace in the AI Era’ (Jikji Hall A)	Side Event 2 ‘Peace Education and Women’s Leadership’ (Jikji Hall B)			
13:00~13:30					
13:30~14:00					
14:00~14:30					
14:30~15:00	Side Event 3 ‘Future Generations and Peace’ (Jikji Hall A)	Side Event 4 ‘Civil Society and Peace’ (Jikji Hall B)	Main Session ‘Everyday Peace, Women’s Power: Shaping Global Governance’ (Grand Ballroom)		
15:00~15:30					
15:30~16:00					
16:00~16:30					
16:30~17:00	Global Peace Networking Reception (Grand Ballroom)				
17:00~17:30					
17:30~18:00					
18:00~18:30					
18:30~19:00					
19:00~19:30			Networking Dinner (Grand Ballroom)		
19:30~20:00					
20:00~20:30					
20:30~21:00					

Opening Session

The official opening program of the 2026 International Women's Peace Conference, introducing the vision, purpose, key messages, and the program of the conference to the participants.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 10:00~11:00 (60 min)
- Venue: Grand ballroom
- Participants: All attendees

2) Program

*MC: Fortunate Malwase Shingange

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
10:00~10:03	Opening	MC	EN
10:03~10:13	Welcome Remark	President of IWPG	KO
10:13~10:28	Congratulatory Speech	Dr. Ahad Mohammed Salem Gaasos	AR
		Ing. Diana Caiza	SP
10:28~10:55	Conference Introduction and Participation Guidelines	Secretary General of IWPG	KO
10:55~11:00	Photo & Closing	MC	EN

3) Speakers



Dr. Ahad Mohammed Salem Gaasos

- Minister of State for Women's Affairs of Yemen
- Minister of Local Administration
- Engaged in Women's Empowerment and Peacebuilding



Ing. Diana Caiza

- Mayor of Ambato, Ecuador
- Led policy initiatives for women, Indigenous communities, rural areas, and local economic development

Side Event

The side event is a participatory program that brings together partners and participants from diverse fields to discuss key peace-related issues from practical perspectives and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

The side event will address four key themes: ① Peace in the Age of AI, ② Peace Education and Women's Leadership, ③ Future Generations and Peace, and ④ Civil Society and Peace. Each session will provide an opportunity to share experiences and ideas from various fields, expand international exchange and networks, and explore practical approaches that can lead to future joint initiatives and sustainable cooperation.

1. Peace in the Age of AI

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 12:30~14:00 (90 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall A
- Program

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
12:30~12:35	Opening and introduction of attendees	MC	EN
12:35~12:38	Video "AI That Will Change the Future of Humanity"	-	-
12:38~12:48	Keynote Speech: Peace in the Age of AI	TBD	
12:48~13:30	Panel Discussion Session 1. New Peace in the Age of AI Session 2. Women's Leadership and AI Session 3. Building a Future of Peace Together	Panel 1	EN
		Panel 2	KO
		Panel 3	FR
		Panel 4	MN
13:30~13:40	Q&A	Participants	-
13:40~13:50	Compose a message of peace	MC	EN
13:50~14:00	Photo & Closing	MC	

- Speakers

	Speaker	Content
Panel 1	Ms. Madrine Bbalo Mbuta (Director of Policy, Planning, and Information, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, Zambia)	AI and international peace, AI governance, International cooperation, The digital divide between countries
Panel 2	Choi Yeong (Head of Dadok AI Research Institute, Korea)	AI development and social change, Cyber Threats, AI Ethics, and Human-Centered AI
Panel 3	Mrs. Shirete Sulimani (International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Canada)	Women's participation in decision-making, inclusive leadership, Field Experience in Building Peace with Women
Panel 4	Ms. Dashzeveg Oyunbileg (Advisor to the Secretariat of the Governor of Buerget, Mongolia)	The AI that future generations want



2. Peace Education and Women's Leadership

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 12:30~14:00 (90 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall B
- Program

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
12:30~12:36	Opening	MC	EN
12:36~12:39	Video "Different Journeys, One Shared Purpose"	-	-
12:39~12:45	Keynote Speech	Ms. Simone Yankey	EN
12:45~13:21	Presentation of Peace Practice Case Studies	Panel	EN/ SP
13:21~13:29	IWPG Case Presentation	Branch Manager, IWPG San Francisco Branch	EN
13:29~13:37	Comprehensive Summary	Mr. Walter Nyaga Maina	EN
13:37~13:47	Photo & Closing	MC	EN

- Speakers

	Speaker	Topic
Keynote Speech	Ms. Simone Yankey (Senior Policy Officer, AU-CIEFFA)	Peace Education and Women's Leadership: Building the Foundation for Sustainable Peace
Panel 1	Ms. Erika Janet Valdivieso López (Vice Minister of Women, Peru)	Public Policies and Women's Empowerment: Institutional Foundations for Strengthening Women's Participation and Leadership
Panel 2	Ms. Francisca Moto Young (Director in Charge of Women's Social Empowerment, Cameroon)	From Women's Empowerment to Social Participation and Leadership: Experiences and Lessons from Cameroon
Panel 3	Dr. Vinutthaput Phopphet (Professor at Shinawatra University, Thailand)	From Education to Women's Leadership: The Role of Education in Empowering Women to Lead
Panel 4	Ms. Daniel Mutegi Giti (NCIC CEO, Kenya)	Institutionalizing Peace Education and Conflict Prevention: An Approach to Sustainable Peace
Panel 5	Ms. María Paula Prada Ramírez (2026 Yale Peace Fellow · Independent Strategic Advisor, Colombia)	From Women's Leadership to Peacebuilding: Experiences and Lessons from Colombia
Panel 6	Ms. Shegofa Naseri (Vice President of Sunrise Community Inc, Australia)	Peace Education and Women's Leadership in Community: A Journey Toward Peace Action
Panel 7	Ms. Mujgan Tahery (CEO of Uniting Circle Multicultural Community Center, Afghanistan)	From Women's Empowerment to Community Leadership and Social Cohesion
Panel 8	Walter Nyaga Maina (WPS Research and Knowledge Management Officer, OSE-WPS, AU)	Strengthening Women's Leadership for Peace:- A WPS Perspective



3. Future Generations and Peace

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 14:30~16:00 (90 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall A
- Program

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
14:30~14:33	Opening	MC	EN
14:33~14:38	Video "The Empty Seat of Future Generations"	-	-
14:38~15:24	Speech	Panel	EN
15:24~15:49	Panel Discussion and Q&A	Moderator	EN
15:49~15:55	Final Performance	-	-
15:55~16:00	Photo & Closing	MC	EN

- Speakers

	Speaker	Contents
Panel 1	Ms. Fawzia Koofi (Former Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Afghanistan)	Peace designed from the first 1,000 days of life
Panel 2	Ms. Mishal Adina (Director of Women's Development, Park Christian Foundation, Pakistan)	Peace Designed by Future Generations - The day the children stand in the assembly
Panel 3	Dr. Bindu Mohandas (Principal of Visalhigiri Public School, India)	School is the infrastructure of peace - A Site of Peace Established Directly by Youth
Panel 4	Prof. Erinma Bell (Deputy Representative of the Manchester Royal Household, UK)	From the street to the school - The Power of Community Peace Education Proven by Manchester
Panel 5	Mr. Newman Anesly (General Director of BBCE International University, Sri Lanka)	Designed alliance - A Women-Led Support Force for Peace, Positive Masculinity
Panel 6	Hon. Dr. Nomathemba Mokgethi (Member of the Gauteng Provincial Assembly, MPWC Chairperson, National South Africa)	Peace for future generations promised by the legislature - From Participation to Legislation: The Future Generations Peace Policy and Legislative Agenda Proposed by the Gauteng Provincial Assembly Women's Caucus



4. Civil Society and Peace

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 14:30~16:00 (90 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall B
- Program

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
14:30~14:35	Opening	MC	EN
14:35~14:40	Welcome Remark	Regional Director of G10, IWPG	-
14:40~14:45	Congratulatory Speech	Ing. Diana Caiza (Mayor of Ambato, Ecuador)	EN
14:45~14:52	Keynote Speech	Keynote speaker	EN
14:52~15:45	Panel Discussion and Q&A	Panel	EN/SP
15:45~16:00	Photo & Closing	MC	EN

- Speakers

	Speaker	Contents
Keynote Speech	Hon. Maria Therasa Timbol (President of the Kapalong Women's Council, Philippines)	TBD
Panel 1	Ms. Rosario Viridiana Román Carrillo (Head of Semúje, Mexico)	Panel Discussion 1: Civil society connects people Nurture Peace
Panel 2	Dr. Regina Palmer-Coleman (Law firm representative and civil society activist, USA)	
Panel 3	Ms. Lilly Kolts Besoer (Representative of Voice of Change, Papua New Guinea)	
Panel 4	Ms. Millicent Bruce (Director of the Energy Quest Foundation, Ghana)	Panel Discussion 2: Civil society leads change Expand Peace
Panel 5	Ms. Ros Ermawati (Quantum Polytechnic Training Practitioner, Indonesia)	
Panel 6	Ms. Riswati (Secretary-General of Flower Ace, Indonesia)	

Global Peace Networking Reception

The Global Peace Networking Reception is an networking program that shares IWPG's key initiatives and collaboration cases while expanding global partnerships.

Through roundtable discussions, it serves as a platform for dialogue and solidarity to discuss peace activities and cooperation strategies by region, and to strengthen communication and solidarity for feasible joint projects and the establishment of an international network for building sustainable peace governance.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 17 September 2026 (Thu) 16:30~18:30 (120 min)
- Venue: Grand ballroom
- Participants: All attendees

2) Program

*MC: Fortunate Malwase Shingange

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
16:30~16:32	Opening	MC	EN
16:32~16:47	Introduction to IWPG Initiatives	Kyeong-mi Lee (Director of Global Initiatives, IWPG)	EN
16:47~17:07	Case Presentation	Ms. Shafaq Jaffrey (Founder & CEO of AusPak Women Association)	EN
		Min-suk Yu (International Affairs Coordinator, IWPG G10)	EN
17:07~17:10	Photo & Closing	MC	-
17:10~18:30	Roundtable Discussion	-	-

3) Case Presentations

Case	Partner	Contents
1	AusPak Women Association, Australia	• Co-hosting the Sydney preliminaries for the 5th International Loving Peace Art Competition • Signed MOUs with IWPG G2 • Women's peace education, activities to raise awareness about violence against women, and local community events, etc • International cooperation with women's organizations, the media, community networks, and Australian government officials
2	Universidad Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco(UJAT), Mexico	• Signing peace MOU • Establishment of the Peace Committee • UJAT-UNAM PLTE Peace Instructor Training • Women's Peace Education and Graduation Ceremony • Establishment of an institution to host the IWPG-UJAT Global Citizenship International Program • Operation of student-participatory peace and cultural programs

Peace Academic Network Session

The Peace Academic Network Session brings together representatives from universities, primary and secondary schools, and educational institutions to discuss strategies for expanding Women's Peace Education (PLTE) and practical approaches to its implementation in educational settings.

The session will share the current status of PLTE and key challenges in its implementation, followed by roundtable discussions by type of educational institution to explore practical models for expansion and opportunities for collaboration. Through this process, participants will connect their experiences and expertise and lay the foundation for an academic and educational network to support the sustainable expansion of PLTE.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 18 September 2026 (Fri) 10:00–12:00 (120 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall A
- Participants: Education professionals

2) Program

*MC: Primrose Atuhura

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
10:00 - 10:03	Opening	MC	EN
10:03 - 10:15	PLTE Briefing	Director of Global Initiatives, IWPG	EN
10:15 - 11:20	Round Table	All	-
11:20 - 11:35	Roundtable Presentations	Group Leaders	-
11:35 - 11:40	Photo & Closing	MC	EN

Peace Chapter Workshop

This workshop is an opportunity for IWPG Peace Committees from around the world to share their experiences and achievements in peace work carried out in their respective regions. We will share examples of realizing community-based peace through women's peace education, community service, and cultural and artistic activities, and together seek common directions and action plans for expanding peace activities and sustaining their practice.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 18 September 2026 (Fri) 10:00~12:00 (120 min)
- Venue: Jikji Hall B
- Participants: Representatives and members of Peace Committees & Branch Managers

2) Program

*MC: Rujeko Faith Van Wyk

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
10:00~10:02	Opening	MC	EN
10:02~10:05	Peace Committee Activity Video	-	-
10:05~10:22	Case Presentation	Ms. Karen Elizabeth León Romero	EN
		Ms. Narankhuu Ganchimeg	MN
		Ms. Selamawit Reda	EN
10:22~11:42	Group Discussion	Group leader	-
11:42~11:47	Announcement of the "Peace Chapter"	Secretary General of IWPG	KO
11:47~11:50	Photo & Closing	MC	

3) Activity Case

	Peace Committee	Contents
Case 1	Jontas por la Paz Peace Committee, Mexico	• "What does peace mean to you?" peace interview • Online forum and dance challenge commemorating the 4.26 International Women's Peace Day
Case 2	Bayanzhurkh Gatsirtu Peace Committee, Mongolia	• Deliver support supplies to nomadic women in the outskirts • Peace education
Case 3	Manchester Peace Committee, UK	• Peace education • Co-hosted International Loving-Peace Art Competition • Hate Crime Session linked to peace education • Community Peace Run with local organizations

Media Roundtable

This is a press conference themed “Women’s Solidarity for Peace and the Role of the Media,” sharing the significance of women’s peace activism and international solidarity. We will introduce international women’s peace issues and IWPG’s vision, and through a Q&A session, explore together the roles of women and the media in promoting peace.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 18 September 2026 (Fri) 10:30~12:00 (90 min)
- Venue: Executive Lounge
- Participants: Journalists, press, media personnel

2) Program

*MC: Moon Mi-soon

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
10:30~10:33	Opening	MC	KO
10:33~10:43	Women’s Peace and the Role of the Media	President of IWPG	KO
10:43~11:18	Speech of Women’s Peace Issues	Ms. Fawzia Koofi	EN
		Dr. Ahad Mohammed Salem Gaasos	EN
		Ing. Diana Caiza	SP
		Bishop Dr. Kepha N. Omae	EN
11:18~11:40	Q&A	Participating Press/Media	-
11:40~11:45	Photo & Closing	MC	KO
11:45~12:00	Networking	Pre-selected Press/Media	-

3) Speakers

	Speaker	Topic
1	Ms. Fawzia Koofi (Former Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Afghanistan)	Afghan Women’s Rights and Peace Negotiations: The Road Ahead
2	Dr. Ahad Mohammed Salem Gaasos (Minister of State for Women’s Affairs, Yemen)	Restoring Everyday Life in a War Zone: Local Governance and Women’s Leadership in Yemen
3	Ing. Diana Caiza (Mayor of Ambato, Ecuador)	Breaking the Glass Ceiling: An Indigenous Woman Mayor on Diversity, Inclusion, and Peace
4	Bishop Dr. Kepha N. Omae (NCIC CEO, Kenya)	Beyond Division and Hatred: Building Social Cohesion

Main Session

The Main Session is a global platform that envisions a sustainable future of peace together, based on women's leadership, peace education, and international solidarity. It highlights the peace work of peace activists and women leaders both in Korea and abroad, and shares women's experiences of choosing and practicing peace in their daily lives and in various settings. Through this, it presents the future direction of women-led peace governance.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time: 18 September 2026 14:30~17:00 (150 min)
- Venue: Grand Ballroom
- Participants: All attendees

2) Program

*MC: Seraina Schneuwly

Time	Program	Speaker	Language
14:30~14:37	Opening	MC	EN
14:37~14:43	Commemorative Remarks	President of IWPG	EN
14:43~15:21	Session 1 Women's Leadership & Capacity Building	Ms. Mampurane Caron Kgomo	EN
		Ing. Diana Caiza	SP
		Mrs. B. Gerel Saraana	MN
15:21~15:25	Video	-	-
15:25~15:50	Session 2 Everyday Peace : Women's Actions that Transform Conflict	Ms. Achiri Constance Amboh	EN
		Ms. Fawzia Koofi	EN
15:50~16:15	Session 3 Future Generations & Global Solidarity	CPA. Carren Ageng'o	EN
		Dr. Dawn Michele Whitehead	EN
16:15~16:30	Summary and Conclusion	Secretary General of IWPG	KO
16:30~16:45	Plaque of Appreciation Award Ceremony	MC	EN
	Appointment Ceremony	MC	EN
	MOU Signing Ceremony	MC	EN
16:45~16:57	Special Performance	Performance Team	-
16:57~17:00	Photo & Closing	MC	EN



3) Keynote Speakers

Session 1 - Women's Leadership & Capacity Building



 **Ms. Mampurane Caron Kgomo**

- Deputy Director of Gender, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Republic of South Africa
- Topic: From Everyday Peace to Global Governance: Women's Leadership and the Practice of Diplomacy
- Key points: Government, diplomacy, WPS, SDGs, international cooperation



 **Ing. Diana Caiza**

- Mayor of Ambato, Ecuador
- Topic: Empowering Women to Lead Inclusive and Resilient Communities
- Key points: Gender violence prevention, women's empowerment, Indigenous communities, rural area economic policy, international cooperation, women's leadership



 **Mrs. B. Gerel Saraana**

- Founder & CEO, BÖRTE Family & Women's Academy, Mongolia
- Topic: Growing Women Leaders for a Changing World
- Key points: Family, Women's Rights, Human Resource Development, Women's Leadership, Organizational Development, International Cooperation, Private Diplomacy

Session 2 - Everyday Peace : Women's Actions that Transform Conflict



 **Ms. Achiri Constance Amboh**

- Founder of HAND IN HAND Cameroon
- Topic: Women Leading Everyday Peace in Communities
- Key points: Three Community Development, Women's Leadership, Climate, Women's Empowerment, Gender Equality, Girls



 **Ms. Fawzia Koofi**

- Former Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Afghanistan
- Board President of Women for Afghanistan (WFA), UK
- Topic: Keeping Hope Alive: Women's Resilience and Everyday Peace Amid Conflict
- Key points: Restoration, Care, Women's Agency, Peacebuilding, Solidarity



Session 3 - Future Generations & Global Solidarity



CPA. Carren Ageng'o

- Principal Secretary, State Department for Children Services, Kenya
- Topic: Women Empowering Future Generations: Building Resilient Families and Communities
- Key points: Child protection, gender equality, social protection, community resilience, and empowerment of women and families



Dr. Dawn Michele Whitehead

- Vice President of the Office of Global Citizenship for Campus, Community, and Careers, AAC&U, USA
- Topic: Youth as Architects of Peace
- Key points: Global citizenship education, development of global curricula, civic participation, and experiential education

Networking Dinner

The Women's Networking Dinner offers participants an opportunity to enjoy an informal dinner following the official program, build meaningful relationships, exchange ideas, and strengthen networks in a welcoming atmosphere.

1) Basic Information

- Date & Time : 18 September 2026 (Fri) 19:00~21:00 (120 min)
- Venue: Grand Ballroom
- Participants: Pre-registered guests

2) Main Program

- Dinner
- Networking Program

*MC: Evelina Henriksson

2026 High-Level Women's Peace Cooperation Meeting

These meetings allow women leaders and key figures come together to discuss the direction of peace and cooperation.

Through meetings with female leaders worldwide, IWPG will share the potential for mutual cooperation and explore concrete measures for sustainable peace cooperation and joint projects in the future.

- Date : 17-18 September 2026 (Thu-Fri)
- Venue: Executive Lounge
- Participants: Pre-registered guests

Welcome Remarks



Ms. Jeon Na Yeong

President of IWPG

Distinguished guests, women leaders, and peace advocates joining us from around the world, It is a great pleasure to welcome you. I am Jeon Na-yeong, President of the International Women's Peace Group, IWPG. On behalf of IWPG, I warmly welcome all of you who have traveled from across the world to the Republic of Korea for the 2026 International Women's Peace Conference. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude for being here to share your valuable experiences, insights, and wisdom with us.

Since 2014, the International Women's Peace Conference has been held every September in Korea, bringing together women from around the world to speak about peace and share their experiences and perspectives. It is a great pleasure to welcome once again those of you who have been working for peace across government, the international community, civil society, education, local communities, and many other fields. We come from different countries. We have lived in different circumstances, and the challenges we face—as well as our experiences of peace—may be very different. For some, peace may mean a life safe from conflict and violence. For others, it may mean the freedom to raise their voices and the right to choose their own future. And for someone else, peace may simply be an ordinary day spent safely with family and neighbors. Yet I believe there is one hope that brings all of us together here today: the desire to make the world we live in more peaceful and to leave a better world for the next generation.

Peace is not something created only by a few selected people. It is discussed at international conferences and negotiation tables, but ultimately, peace begins in our everyday lives. The choices we make in moments of conflict, the way we listen to people who are different from us, and the way we reach out to someone in difficulty these seemingly small actions come together to shape the communities in which we live. And in countless spaces of everyday life, women have long been creating peace. Women have protected their families and communities, mediated conflict, educated children, connected people in times of hardship, and, even amid violence and conflict, taken action to help communities recover and rebuild. Yet these experiences and actions have sometimes gone unnoticed because they were considered too ordinary, or simply too personal. I believe, however, that some of the most important answers to peace can be found precisely within these everyday experiences.

The theme of this year's conference is "Everyday Peace, Women's Power: Shaping Global Governance."

Within this theme lies a set of important questions that we hope to explore together throughout this conference: What does peace look like in our everyday lives?

What choices have women made, and what actions have they taken, to create that peace?

And how can these experiences and actions lead to broader and lasting change?

Throughout this conference, we will hear a wide range of stories from women leaders and peace advocates working in different parts of the world.

Together, we will explore how women demonstrate leadership in diverse contexts, how they choose and practice peace amid conflict and hardship, and how today's experiences and solidarity can be carried forward to the next generation and expanded through the international community.

Each of you has experiences worth sharing. You have wisdom that can be passed on to others, and there is also much we can learn from one another. Sometimes, one person's experience can give someone else new courage. A small action that begins in one community can become the seed of a new peace initiative somewhere else. And when the voices of women from different places are connected, they no longer remain the voice of one individual they can become a force for social change. That is why I see each and every one of you not simply as participants attending a conference, but as people who have been creating peace in your own lives and communities.

I hope this conference will not be a place where we simply listen to the stories of others, but a time when we discover, share, and connect our experiences with one another.

IWPG believes that peace can begin in everyday life, grow into a culture within communities, and ultimately lead to sustainable institutions and social change. And throughout that process, women must not remain merely beneficiaries of peace, but become agents who create peace and leaders who shape its future. As we take part in the many programs ahead, I encourage you to share your thoughts and experiences freely. Try to meet new people with open minds and open hearts. Listen to perspectives different from your own, and discover new possibilities for what we can achieve together. I hope the relationships and conversations that begin here will continue long after this conference ends within your own communities and areas of work—and grow into stronger solidarity and meaningful action.

Once again, I warmly welcome each and every one of you to the 2026 International Women's Peace Conference. May our time together bring new inspiration, new connections, and a new beginning in our shared journey toward peace. Thank you.

Congratulatory



Dr. Ahad Mohammed Salem Gaasos

Minister of State for Women's Affairs of Yemen

- Current Minister of State for Women's Affairs
- Appointed Minister of Local Administration in 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen, Women leaders, peacebuilders, researchers, activists, and representatives of civil society organizations, Distinguished guests, Peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings.

It gives me great pleasure to join you at this international gathering, which brings together women, leaders, and institutions from around the world under a deeply meaningful theme: "Everyday Peace, Women's Power: Shaping Global Governance."

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to the organizers of this conference and to the International Women's Peace Group (IWPG), in which we are participating for the first time in the Republic of Korea, alongside a large number of peace advocates from countries around the world, for creating this space—one that does not merely speak of peace as a distant goal, but views it as a daily practice that begins with the individual, with the family and community, and extends to national institutions and the international system.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Human experience has proven that peace does not always begin at the negotiating table, nor does it end with the signing of peace agreements. Peace begins when we reject hatred, when we protect people from violence, when we grant women and girls their right to education, work, participation, and decision-making, and when we raise generations to accept difference and respect others. This is where the concept of "everyday peace" draws its importance because societies cannot build sustainable peace at the national level if peace is not present in people's daily lives. In this context, women are not merely recipients of the outcomes of peace, nor simply among those most harmed by conflict; rather, they are genuine partners in peacemaking, guardians of the values of social cohesion, and an important voice in preventing conflict, recovering from it, and rebuilding communities.

In countries that have suffered and continue to suffer from conflicts and crises, we recognize more fully the scale of the role women can play. A woman who has faced the effects of war, held her family together, helped her community endure, and worked for education, health, relief, and social cohesion is, in truth, practicing a form of peacebuilding—even if she does not carry the

title of "peacemaker." Our responsibility today, therefore, is not limited to recognizing these roles, but requires transforming them into genuine participation in policymaking and decision-making.

Distinguished guests,

Discussion of women's empowerment in peacebuilding must not remain at the level of slogans. We need a political, legal, and institutional environment that enables women to reach positions of decision-making; sustainable programs for capacity-building; education that fosters a culture of peace; genuine protection for women and girls from violence and discrimination; and platforms that give women in conflict areas the opportunity to convey their voices and experiences to the international community. We also need to listen more closely to women who are living through conflicts and crises, for women's experience of war is an important source of knowledge, expertise, and solutions. Peace that does not listen to women, and does not make room for them at the decision-making table, remains an incomplete peace.

From our reality in Yemen, we understand that peacebuilding cannot be separated from restoring a society's capacity to live, protecting the family, securing children's futures, providing opportunities for women and youth, strengthening state institutions, and entrenching the values of dialogue, tolerance, and acceptance of others. Yemeni women have paid a heavy price because of the years of war that Yemen has endured, yet at the same time they have proven their capacity for resilience, initiative, and generosity, contributing to easing the effects of the crisis, preserving the cohesion of family and society, engaging in humanitarian and community work, and advocating for peace. It is our duty to move from viewing women merely as victims of conflict to recognizing them as partners in ending conflict and building peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Shaping the global governance that seeks sustainable peace requires more diverse voices, broader participation by women, and cooperation that transcends borders, geography, and cultures. Today we stand before an important opportunity to build bridges between different experiences; every society has its own story, and every woman her own experience, but what unites us is the belief that peace is a shared responsibility, and that building it cannot be the task of governments or international institutions alone. We need global solidarity among women one that does not erase the distinctiveness of societies, but instead turns the diversity of experience into a source of strength, knowledge, and cooperation.

We also need to give future generations the tools of peace, not the tools of conflict, and to make education, cultural exchange, and communication between peoples means of building trust, breaking down stereotypes, and raising a generation that believes difference can be a space for cooperation rather than a cause for conflict.

Distinguished guests,

I believe the most important message we can take from this conference is that peace is not a one-time event but an ongoing, continuous path—and that women's strength lies not only in their

ability to face crises, but in their ability to transform experience into knowledge, knowledge into initiative, and initiative into change. From this, our responsibility as women leaders, institutions, and policymakers is to work together to: strengthen women's participation in decision-making; support women leaders in the field of peacebuilding; expand opportunities for education, training, and capacity-building; protect women and girls from violence and discrimination; support local initiatives led by women; and transform women's everyday experiences into knowledge that can contribute to policymaking and the building of sustainable peace.

The peace we want for our nations and the world begins with small details: a word that respects others, a family that rejects violence, a school that teaches tolerance, a society that accepts diversity, an institution that allows women to participate, a government that listens to its citizens, and a world that believes human dignity is indivisible.

In conclusion, I affirm that women's participation in peacemaking is not a privilege granted to them, but a right, a responsibility, and a necessary partnership for building a more just and stable future.

Let us make this conference a space for listening, learning, and exchanging experience—but also a space for moving from ideas to initiatives, from initiatives to action, and from action to results that people feel in their daily lives. Let our message be clear: when women participate in peacemaking, peace becomes more inclusive; when the values of peace become daily practice, peace becomes more sustainable; and when women stand in solidarity across borders, the future of peace becomes a shared global responsibility.

I wish your conference every success, and hope its work bears fruit in genuine partnerships and initiatives that contribute to building a safer, more just, and more peaceful world. And peace be upon you, and God's mercy and blessings.

Congratulatory



Ing. Diana Caiza

Mayor of Ambato, Ecuador

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Alli punlla, tucuy mushuk warmikuna, mashikuna.

(Good morning to all women of new thought, sisters and brothers.)

I am here today bearing a greeting from our origins and from the voice of history. I come from the highlands, sheltered by the Tungurahua Volcano. I come from Ambato, in the heart of Ecuador, where the land blossoms even over the cracks left by history.

I am Diana Caiza. I am a woman, I am young, and I proudly carry the blood, traditional clothing, and wisdom of the Kichwa Chibuleo people. For the first time in the history of my city, Indigenous peoples and women have taken their place in the mayor's office to govern.

But today, I am not here only as a political authority. I am here as the voice of my grandmothers, of those women who cultivated the land in silence, who sustained life through wars and dispossession, and who taught me that peace is not the absence of noise, but the presence of harmony. In the worldview of the Ecuadorian Andes, we cannot understand life without Sumak Kawsay—the Good Life. Sumak Kawsay teaches us that we cannot be at peace with ourselves if we are not at peace with nature, with our community, with our family, and with the memory of our ancestors.

Today, this International Women's Peace Conference brings us together under the theme of Peace in Everyday Life.

And from the Andes, I would like to reaffirm that message: Peace is not signed only at the great desks of global diplomacy.

Peace is not a cold document. Peace is woven day by day. Peace lives in the kitchen, when we feed our children; in the school, when we teach respect for differences; and in the land, when we sow it without violence.

Peace is a daily force, a peaceful resistance, and an uninterrupted act of love.

And this everyday peace undeniably bears the face and hands of women.

Today, I would like to share with you a message and an understanding: the similarity between Andean culture and Korean culture. Being here today, in the historic and beautiful Republic of Korea, deeply moves my spirit.

As I crossed the oceans, I discovered that between the mountains of the Andes and the ancestral wisdom of Asia, there is an invisible but indestructible thread.

Korea is a land that knows the pain of division, but that also possesses the nobility of restoration. In the profound thinking of Asia, there is an understanding of balance, the flow of energy, the highest respect for elders, and love for the land.

In Andean culture, we call the land Pachamama. Here in Asia, there is also an understanding that nature and humanity are one body.

Both the Korean people and the Indigenous peoples of the South have learned to flourish from the ashes, to heal wounds with dignity, and to build hope where there was once pain.

Our ancestral cultures knew something that the modern world has forgotten:

The most powerful force in the universe is not the power that destroys, but the care that sustains life.

I am aware that everything I am saying may seem like a dream.

For all these reasons, I would like to make a call to action and global solidarity.

Sisters, women leaders of the world, activists, young people, and representatives of civil society:

The world today faces devastating wars, discrimination, hatred, and deep social divisions.

In the face of violence that divides us, we respond with solidarity that unites us.

Through the IWPG network, I ask you to unite our voices to demand global governance in which women are not spectators, but architects of the destiny of our nations.

One woman educated in peace is a community kept safe; thousands of women united in peace are a transformed planet.

Let us leave Cheongju with the certainty that peace is possible.

Let us take with us the commitment to practice compassionate, courageous, and community-centered leadership.

May the spirit of our mothers and grandmothers, of our ancestors, guide us. May the wisdom of our peoples illuminate us.

And may the transformative power of women flourish in every corner of the planet.

Yupaychani.

Thank you very much.

Speech



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Women's Leadership & Capacity Building

- Topic: From Everyday Peace to Global Governance: Women's Leadership and the Practice of Diplomacy
- Key points: Government, diplomacy, WPS, SDGs, international cooperation

Good day, distinguished guests, colleagues, women leaders and peacebuilders.

It is a privilege to speak about women's leadership and capacity building, and to share how women's everyday efforts to build peace can influence institutions, public policy and international cooperation.

My central message today is simple: "I am a Cadre for Peace."

This expression is connected to the legacy of the late South African women's leader Mama Gertrude Shope. It reflects a commitment to dialogue, service, education and peaceful transformation. For me, being a cadre for peace means understanding that peace is not created only through formal negotiations. It is also built through our daily actions in our families, communities, schools, workplaces and public institutions.

From Women's Voices to Institutional Action

One of the most valuable lessons from our work is that women's voices can create meaningful change when they are connected to a clear process of engagement. The process begins when women identify a concern through community or stakeholder discussions. The concern is then discussed, documented and developed into a practical proposal. The proposal is presented to the relevant decision makers, partnerships are formed and, when support is secured, the proposal becomes an approved programme or institutional intervention. This process was demonstrated through the establishment of a ten day Peace Leadership Training and Education Programme at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation. The initiative came from discussions about the need to strengthen women's knowledge and confidence in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, dialogue and leadership. It was also part of our contribution to the national effort to end gender based violence during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and Femicide campaign.

These discussions were developed into a structured programme with clear objectives, relevant content and institutional value. The next step involved presenting the proposal and engaging with decision makers. We had to show how peace education and women's leadership supported the responsibilities of the public service and the wider priorities of gender equality, international cooperation, peace and security. Through consultation, engagement and institutional support, the programme was approved. This experience showed that women's leadership is not only about identifying problems. It is also about developing solutions, presenting ideas, engaging institutions and securing the support needed to turn those ideas into action. The programme invested in women's ability to contribute to peacebuilding and decision making. It created space for learning about mediation, dialogue, conflict prevention, social cohesion and leadership. In this way, women's voices moved from discussion into an institutional programme.

Peace Education in the Workplace

Following this initiative, we also introduced peace education in the workplace. This was important because peacebuilding must not only happen in communities and schools. It must also be part of the environments where people work every day. The workplace sessions created an opportunity to promote respectful communication, empathy, cooperation, constructive dialogue and the peaceful management of conflict. They also recognised the important role women play in creating a positive workplace. Women bring valuable experiences, ideas and leadership to institutions. When women are supported to participate meaningfully, they help improve communication, strengthen teamwork and promote a working environment based on dignity, respect and understanding. Peace education in the workplace therefore became more than a training activity. It connected gender equality, employee wellbeing, professional conduct and institutional effectiveness. It showed that women's leadership contributes not only to peace in communities, but also to peaceful, respectful and productive workplaces.

Partnerships as a Form of Diplomacy

The initiative also showed that lasting institutional change requires partnerships. Cooperation was extended to the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities and the Gauteng Legislature Women's Multiparty Caucus. These institutions supported the vision and entered into Memoranda of Understanding with IWPG. These agreements created a formal foundation for cooperation, shared activities and continued engagement. This process shows that diplomacy is not limited to formal international negotiations. Diplomacy is also about listening, building relationships, finding common ground and creating practical cooperation between institutions. Women practise this form of diplomacy in their communities and organisations every day. They bring people together, identify shared interests and create space for different perspectives. Our engagement with the City of Johannesburg also connected peacebuilding to local government and the realities of communities. This is important because peace must be experienced where people live, work and raise their families. Through these partnerships, a peace initiative was connected to national government, provincial structures, local government and civil society.

This is how local leadership can contribute to wider governance and international cooperation.

Capacity Building and Peace Education

Capacity building is essential because women need knowledge, confidence and support to participate fully in decision making. Through workshops, information sharing and peace education, women can strengthen their understanding of conflict prevention, mediation, human rights, gender equality and community engagement. Knowledge gives women the confidence to speak and participate. It also helps them communicate their experiences in ways that institutions can understand and respond to. Our work has also extended to schools and school governing bodies because peacebuilding must include the next generation. Learners who are taught respect, empathy, dialogue and peaceful conflict resolution develop skills that can influence their families and communities. Peace education helps young people understand that disagreement does not have to become hatred and that differences do not have to lead to division. When peace values are taught in schools and workplaces, they become part of the foundation for responsible citizenship, positive leadership and healthy institutions.

The Responsibility of Visibility

As an IWPG Publicity Ambassador, I have had the opportunity to promote peace education and highlight the contribution of women peacebuilders. This role has reminded me that visibility comes with responsibility. When women are given a platform, we must use it to amplify the voices of others, promote dialogue, strengthen partnerships and create opportunities for emerging leaders. Women are not only beneficiaries of peace. They are educators, mediators, negotiators, community leaders and agents of transformation. Women's leadership is therefore central to the Women, Peace and Security agenda and to the achievement of inclusive and sustainable development.

Conclusion

Our experience demonstrates that women's leadership can follow a clear path. A voice becomes advocacy. Advocacy becomes partnership. Partnership becomes institutional action. Institutional action creates wider social change. The Peace Leadership Training and Education Programme, peace education in the workplace, cooperation with government institutions, engagement with local government and peace education in schools all reflect this process. They show that women's everyday experiences and peacebuilding efforts can influence programmes, partnerships, workplace culture and public priorities. The legacy of Mama Gertrude Shope reminds us that peace requires courage, organisation and service. To say, "I am a Cadre for Peace," is to accept responsibility for promoting dialogue, supporting women's participation and preparing future generations to build peaceful societies. Let us continue to lead with courage, work together with purpose and use our knowledge to open doors for others.

Let us build peace wherever we are.

Thank you.

Speech



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- Led grassroots initiatives for women’s empowerment and conflict prevention

Women's Leadership & Capacity Building

- Topic: Empowering Women to Lead Inclusive and Resilient Communities
- Key points: Gender violence prevention, women’s empowerment, Indigenous communities, rural area economic policy, international cooperation, women’s leadership

Ali chishi, tucuy mashikuna.

Good afternoon, sisters and brothers from around the world.

Distinguished authorities of the International Women’s Peace Group (IWPG), delegates, women leaders, and peacebuilders, I come before you from Ambato, in the heart of the Ecuadorian Andes—a city that has learned to rise after earthquakes and transform adversity into collective strength.

I stand before you as an Indigenous woman, a mother, a public servant, and the first democratically elected Indigenous woman to serve as Mayor of Ambato in its 205-year history.

My presence here represents the girls who grew up without seeing themselves reflected in decision-making spaces; the rural women who sustain their families and communities and those who, for generations, have contributed their labor and wisdom without receiving the recognition they deserved.

Speaking about women’s leadership and capacity building at the global level requires us to begin with one conviction: Women do not need to be granted capacity. That capacity already exists.

What is still lacking in too many places are the fair conditions to exercise it: education, economic autonomy, political participation, security, and genuine access to decision-making.

In the worldview of the Andean peoples, leadership does not mean domination. It means serving, listening, and caring for the balance between the community and nature.

It is the principle of Ayni: reciprocity—the understanding that no one can prosper sustainably if their community is left behind. It is also Sumak Kawsay, or Buen Vivir—the Good Life: a dignified life built on justice, harmony, and shared responsibility.

These ancestral principles remain deeply relevant in the face of today's global challenges.

Women's leadership should not be measured solely by the number of women who attain positions of authority. It should also be measured by how much they transform institutions, how many doors they open for other women, and their ability to turn representation into tangible results. That is why capacity building cannot be limited to isolated training programs. It requires a continuous process that connects education, mentorship, networks, technology, financing, and leadership opportunities.

A woman who has the skills but is excluded from decision-making continues to face a barrier.

A woman who assumes public responsibility but lacks support networks continues to face an inequality that often remains invisible. At the local government level, we can take direct action.

In Ambato, we understand that governing means caring. A well-lit public space means that a girl can return home safely. A childcare and early development center gives a working mother greater autonomy. Training and access to technology enable an entrepreneur to strengthen her income and livelihood. International cooperation creates bridges so that young people, rural women, and members of Indigenous communities can access knowledge and opportunities that were once beyond their reach.

Our experience also shows that partnerships can transform capacity into real possibilities. When governments, women's organizations, academia, the private sector, and international cooperation work together, knowledge ceases to be a privilege and becomes a tool for equity. But no strategy will be enough if girls continue to learn that power has only one face. We need peace education from an early age, diverse female role models, and media that present women not only as victims, but as creators of solutions, negotiators, scientists, entrepreneurs, and leaders of government.

Everyday peace begins precisely there: in a school that does not discriminate, in a home free from violence, in a community that listens to women's voices, and in an institution that guarantees equality.

That peace, multiplied across thousands of communities, can transform global governance.

Today, I propose three commitments:

- First, to make sustained investments in the capacities of girls and women.
- Second, to ensure their meaningful participation at every level of decision-making.
- And third, to build international networks that enable territories to share knowledge, opportunities, and solutions.

We have not come this far simply to occupy a symbolic seat. We have come to redesign the table and ensure that no one is ever left out again. May every woman who strengthens her own capacities also empower another. May every institution that opens a door keep that door open. And may every public decision bring us closer to a world where equality is not merely a promise, but an everyday reality.

Yupaichani. Thank you very much.

Speech



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Women's Leadership & Capacity Building

- Topic: Growing Women Leaders for a Changing World
- Key points: Family, Women's Rights, Human Resource Development, Women's Leadership, Organizational Development, International Cooperation, Private Diplomacy

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Warm greetings from Mongolia. We are living in an age where humanity possesses more knowledge than ever before, yet has never needed trust more deeply. War, climate change, and the age of AI remind us of one profound truth: Peace is not sustained by agreements alone. It is sustained by the trust we build between people. For this reason, women's leadership is far more than a matter of representation. It is the foundation upon which peaceful, resilient, and hopeful societies are built, beginning in the family, growing within communities, and ultimately shaping our shared world. Today, it is my great honor to represent BÖRTE Family & Women's Academy, Mongolia's first national institution dedicated to family and women's leadership, established under the initiative of the Prime Minister of Mongolia, N. Uchral. Our Academy bears the name of Börte Üjin, one of the most remarkable women in Mongolian history. Börte was not remembered merely as the Great Queen of Chinggis Khan. She was a visionary strategist who helped stabilize a nation, protected the values that held families together, and nurtured the leaders of the next generation.

A New Era Calls for New Leadership

We are living through an unprecedented transformation. AI is reshaping the world of work. Climate change is reshaping our planet. Conflict is testing the bonds of human trust. Demographic shifts are redefining families and communities. For decades, we measured women's progress by participation. Today, participation alone is no longer enough. We must build leadership ecosystems. In Mongolia, we have a saying: "When the roots are strong, the branches flourish."

Just as a tree without deep roots cannot withstand the storm, leadership without values cannot withstand the challenges of our time.

True leadership grows from five living foundations:

- Purpose rooted in values
- Inner confidence
- Intergenerational mentorship
- Institutions that create opportunities
- Communities built upon mutual trust

Our greatest challenge is not the absence of talented women.

It is ensuring that these foundations become lasting systems.

The Most Precious Quality That Cannot Be Fully Taught

People often ask me, "What is the one leadership quality that education alone cannot fully cultivate?"

My answer is always the same. Inner courage. Skills can be taught. Knowledge can be transferred. Technology can be learned. But the courage to protect human dignity, create hope amid uncertainty, and make difficult decisions when no perfect answer exists grows only through lived experience, shared values, and intergenerational mentorship.

There is an old Mongolian saying: 'A person grows through wisdom, and is remembered through courage and perseverance. Leadership is not authority.

Leadership is a lifelong commitment to carrying forward the wisdom entrusted to us by those who came before us while creating lasting value for those who will come after us.

In the end, we are not remembered for the titles we held. We are remembered for whom we trusted, whom we inspired, and to whom we left peace.

Mongolia's Contribution: The BÖRTE Model

This conviction became the foundation of BÖRTE Family & Women's Academy.

We often say: "We do not simply deliver training. We build systems."

Throughout my years working in human resource development and organizational transformation, I have witnessed one consistent truth.

Training expands knowledge. Systems transform lives. That is why we never see women merely as participants. We see them as future changemakers who begin transformation within their families, and local communities.

Our BÖRTE Model is consist of five interconnected pillars:

- Family resilience
- Women's leadership
- AI-enabled learning
- Intergenerational mentorship
- Citizen diplomacy

In Mongolia's nomadic tradition, a child is never raised by one person alone.

This culture—where the wisdom of grandparents, the values of mothers, and the responsibility of the community come together as one—offers us a vital lesson. Leadership is not about reaching the summit alone. It is about helping others rise, so that shared progress endures across generations. This is not only Mongolia's experience. It is a model we can build together.

A New Partnership for Peace

Peace is not simply the absence of war. Peace is the presence of trust. Today, we face an important choice. Will future international cooperation be measured only by agreements between governments? Or will it also be measured by the trust built between people?

I chose the second path. We need a new era of Citizen Diplomacy. We need women leadership network connected across borders. We need young leaders who learn, innovate, and solve challenges together through AI.

In Mongolia, we have long believed: "Harmony within the family spreads into society. Harmony within society spreads across the world."

That is why I believe peace does not begin at the negotiating table. Peace begins at home.

Three Commitments to Our Shared Future

Today, I respectfully invite this forum to embrace three shared commitments.

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Second, Mongolians have always regarded nature as our 'Mother Earth'. We have a cherished teaching: "We may leave footprints upon the Earth, but we must never leave scars upon nature."

This is not just a tradition. It is a way of life. Across Mongolia, elders teach children to honor mountains, rivers, springs, and grasslands through everyday practice. For me, mentorship is not merely a transfer of knowledge. It is the passing of a culture that teaches us how to live in harmony with one another and with the Earth itself.

Third, Artificial Intelligence represents a historic opportunity when guided by wisdom.

When misused, it risks creating new forms of inequality. We do not see AI as a tool that replaces people. We see it as a bridge connecting women in Mongolia's remote communities with global knowledge, mentorship, and opportunity. Because the future of technology will ultimately be shaped not by algorithms alone, but by our humanity.

In Mongolia, there is a beautiful saying: "Those who are meant to meet will always find one another." Perhaps we did not gather in this room by coincidence.

We came here because we share a responsibility to protect our Earth and to pass peace forward to future generations.

So today, let us do more than exchange words. Let us build meaningful partnerships. Let us create lasting change. Let us shape our common future together.

The words spoken in this room may one day fade. But the trust we build today can continue to live in the lives of those who come after us. When women lead together, the world does not become divided. It becomes more compassionate. More resilient. More peaceful.

The work we undertake today is not only for our generation. It is for the future in which our children will simply say, "Thank you." The philosophy of BÖRTE Academy can be expressed in a single sentence: "We do not simply deliver training. We build a value-based system of intergenerational peace leadership."

Thank you.

Speech



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Everyday Peace : Women's Actions that Transform Conflict

- Topic: Women Leading Everyday Peace in Communities
- Key points: Three Community Development, Women's Leadership, Climate, Women's Empowerment, Gender Equality, Girls

My name is Achiri Constance Amboh. Founder of HAND IN HAND Cameroon, and by training an Engineer in Town Planning with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in Cameroon. I am honored to speak on a subject close to my heart:

Women Leading Everyday Peace in Communities, created through women's leadership.

I have come to understand that peace begins within us, it is not just the absence of war, or only signed in agreements or declared in halls. Rather, I have understood that, Peace is built every day, at home and in the society, when people feel included, when dignity is protected, when people have access to opportunity, when they trust their government and one another, when dialogue helps us agree, and when young people and women can participate in the decisions that affect their communities and their lives.

The experience that shaped my journey

A Story of Struggle

Let me begin with the experiences that shaped my own journey toward empowerment, community development, and peacebuilding.

I was born and raised in a village called Zem Njinibi, North West Region of Cameroon, by a single mother. As a young girl, I was absorbed into peasant farming and hunting simply to survive. That was the only way I could help my grandparents and mother to care for me. I grew up lacking basic needs and things as simple as menstrual pads and clothes at the age of puberty. I never knew how wearing a new cloth or shoe felt like. In fact, having something new was a luxury I rarely knew.

My mother gave her very best. She died struggling as a tomato hawker, working to keep us alive. But out of that struggle rose a heroine. My aunty emerged as the one empowered woman in our house. She managed through part time education and ended up as a nurse.

From her job, she supported and shouldered the family's responsibilities. She became my idol. When she spoke, everyone listened, and she influenced the decisions in the family. She started by supporting me in school, became our peacemaker, uniting brothers when there is a quarrel that could eventually lead to division in the house, and because of her advice, many in our family were able to make investments that changed their future. She earned her respect because she chose to educate herself, learn a skill and earn a good job. This is what empowerment can do. When women become empowered, they gain decision making power, dignity is protected, and can build peace and support other women to raise. (The story is long but let's leave it for another day).

What Society Showed Me Became My Turning Point

As I grew up to adulthood, I saw diverse forms of power struggles within homes and media reports of femicide and Gender based violence that led to alarming levels of violent cases recorded against women, all linked to weak economic stands and lack of women empowerment.

I saw community problems like waste management, which could be solved easily by women, because they are the first to come in contact with waste while cooking, shopping, packaging or doing laundry. This shaped my professional journey as a Town Planner, connecting gender and community development.

I saw women abandoned with their children, leaving many of those children as school dropouts, with this woman being the only hope for their children. Holding the responsibility of supporting the next generation and saving the future and society from nuisance.

I saw that weak financial power and a lack of education that placed women at a profound disadvantage. Exposed to violence, without a voice at home, unable to contribute to development, and with limited access to opportunity. How can the society be peaceful when faced with such situations?

This contrast, between what one empowered woman could achieve in my own family, and what so many unempowered women are suffering around me. That was what the turning point of my life's work became.

Raising Hope through HAND IN HAND Cameroon

This is why I founded HAND IN HAND Cameroon. I have seen, and I believe deeply, that women can better contribute to the growth of their families when they become empowered. Empowered women influence decision-making, they head community initiatives, they feel included, and their dignity is protected. This leads to peace at home, and it raises stable families.

The lesson I have learned is simple but powerful: by creating a safe space for women, and by supporting girls' education, we help young girls and women build both a network and the confidence to engage with the issues that shape policies on women's rights, education, and equality. In this way, they become active agents of change, not just beneficiaries of it. In doing so, they fan the flame of peace within their communities.

The Way Forward

So, how can women's leadership create more peaceful and resilient communities? I offer four paths forward, drawn directly from what I have lived and witnessed:

- First, successful women must lead peaceful initiatives, showing by example that change is possible.
- Second, these women must inspire others to contribute, so that leadership multiplies rather than remaining isolated.
- Third, we must create spaces for dialogue, because peace is negotiated in conversation before it is ever declared in policy. This begins at home
- And fourth, we must mentor girls and young women, so that the next generation inherits not our struggles, but our strength.

Closing

My aunty taught me, without ever calling it leadership, that one empowered woman can hold a family together. If women could multiply and amplify the actions of my aunt beginning from their homes, to their villages, towns, and all nations represented in this room, we will be proud to see the outcomes of how women's leadership can hold a community, society and a country together.

Peace is not distant. It is built every day, in homes like the one I grew up in, through the courage of women, and through the work we choose to do together, hand in hand.

Let's engage everyday peace. Let's build peace together.

Thank you.

Speech



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Everyday Peace : Women's Actions that Transform Conflict

- Topic: Keeping Hope Alive: Women's Resilience and Everyday Peace Amid Conflict
- Key points: Restoration, Care, Women's Agency, Peacebuilding, Solidarity

Women are not only victims of conflict; we are agents of peace. Although women have not initiated wars, conflicts and wars have affected women and children to a large extent; not only do they lose their loved ones, but in the last five decades, war has left 2.5 million war widows in Afghanistan. Opportunities and rights are stripped away from them; that is why their meaningful inclusion and participation in peacebuilding, including official and track-two negotiations, are important. Sometimes tokenistic inclusion of women can be harmful; ticking the box is not inclusion. Once they are included, they must not be sidelined to discussions only around women's rights; they need to have a say on every matter related to the peace agreement, finance, security, political structure, etc.

My engagement in the peace negotiations with the Taliban taught me that women must have a seat at the table. Having a seat at the table doesn't mean women's voices are heard; it is the first step towards women's participation. We all know and agree that Decisions about peace cannot be sustainable when half of society is excluded from shaping them. In Afghanistan, we started promoting women's inclusion in peace talks with the Taliban since 2015. The government then developed the 1325 action plan; we mobilized CSOs, media, and political leaders to ensure women are in the process and that their traditional role in Afghanistan in peacebuilding is considered. It was not an easy exercise, and it will never be easy to secure a seat at the table.

Women's leadership is not an addition to peacebuilding—it should be part of and essential to it. When women participate meaningfully, peace processes have a better chance of reflecting the needs of the whole society.

Peace is more than the absence of fighting. For women and victims of war, silence guns without ensuring their rights are preserved; they have no guarantee in the agreement that they will be included in decision-making and that they have a life with dignity, rights, opportunity, safety,

and the ability to participate fully in society. Negative peace is the case of Afghanistan, where the Taliban claim that they brought security; however, security without participation in socio-political life looks like a graveyard, as some women in Afghanistan tell me.

My message today is simple: “Injustice anywhere could be injustice everywhere”, today the situation of women in Afghanistan is a testimony to the global community on how WPS agenda has failed the women of Afghanistan, in order for them to regain their rights and freedom, their dignity, they need to be given the space so that they build peace with their own participation, include men so a joint future is shaped, this is what we have been doing for the past one year, but sadly the case of Afghan women is not a priority to the world, it extremely challenging and hard to even organize some of these dialogues. My plea to all of you, to the UN, is to support women and girls in Afghanistan as they endure the harshest situation.

If we want to transform conflict, we must transform who gets to shape peace. Women must be at the table, at the decision-making table, and at the table where the future is built.

Speech



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Future Generations & Global Solidarity

- Topic: Women Empowering Future Generations: Building Resilient Families and Communities
- Key points: Child protection, gender equality, social protection, community resilience, and empowerment of women and families

President of the International Women's Peace Group, Ms. Na-young Jeon, Distinguished Delegates, Esteemed Women Leaders, Ladies and Gentlemen, It is a great honor to represent the Republic of Kenya at this important gathering. I bring you warm greetings from the Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services and from the people of Kenya.

Across every society, women are the first peacebuilders. They are the first teachers, the first protectors, and often the first responders when families face crisis. When women are empowered, families become stronger. When families are stronger, communities become resilient. And when communities are resilient, nations become peaceful. This simple truth reminds us that sustainable peace begins not in institutions alone, but in homes, families, and communities.

We cannot discuss the future without discussing the well-being of children.

No society can thrive when its children are unsafe or when its women are excluded from leadership and opportunity.

In Kenya, we have learned that child protection is not merely a social responsibility; it is an investment in peace, stability, and sustainable development. When children experience violence, exploitation, harmful practices, or neglect, the consequences are felt far beyond childhood. Such experiences weaken social cohesion and undermine the foundations upon which peaceful societies are built. That is why Kenya has strengthened its commitment to protecting children through constitutional guarantees, the Children Act, 2022, and the National Care Reform Strategy, which promotes family and community based care. We have also partnered with religious leaders and communities to champion child safeguarding and positive social change.

At the same time, we recognize that laws and policies alone are not enough.

Women must be recognized not only as caregivers, but as leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, educators, and agents of change. Women bring unique perspectives that strengthen decision-making, build social cohesion, and promote inclusive development. When women lead, the understanding of security expands. It becomes not only about protecting borders, but also about protecting dignity, opportunity, and human well-being.

The impact is intergenerational. When a woman is empowered economically, her family becomes more resilient. When a girl is protected from violence and given access to education, she gains the opportunity to reach her full potential and contribute meaningfully to society. Future generations do not inherit peace by chance; they inherit the values, systems, and opportunities that we create today. To build resilient societies, governments cannot work alone. We need strong partnerships among governments, civil society organizations, faith leaders, communities, and families.

In Africa, we often say, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Today, I would add that it takes empowered women, supportive communities, responsive governments, and effective partnerships to raise a peaceful generation. The role of government is to provide the enabling environment through laws, institutions, services, and social protection programmes. The role of civil society and communities is to provide trust, reach, innovation, and local ownership. Together, these partnerships create protective environments where children can thrive and where women can exercise leadership and influence.

Distinguished delegates, The challenges facing women and children today including violence, trafficking, online exploitation, displacement, climate - related disasters, and conflict do not respect national borders. No nation can address them alone. The future generation we seek to protect is not Kenyan, Korean, African, or European alone. It is a shared generation whose hopes and opportunities depend on the choices we make together. We must therefore strengthen international cooperation, share good practices, invest in prevention, and build systems that protect children and empower women everywhere.

As I conclude, allow me to emphasize that peace is not built in conference halls alone. It is built in homes where women are empowered, in schools where children are protected, and in communities where every person is treated with dignity and respect. If we truly seek sustainable peace, our greatest investment must be in people especially women and children.

Let us commit ourselves to building societies where every girl can dream without fear, every child can grow in safety, and every woman can lead with dignity because when we empower women, we multiply peace. When we protect children, we safeguard the future. And when we do both together, we create a legacy that will endure for generations.

Asanteni Sana. Thank You. Kamsahamnida.

Speech



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Future Generations & Global Solidarity

- Topic: Youth as Architects of Peace
- Key points: Global citizenship education, development of global curricula, civic participation, and experiential education

Thank you for the invitation and opportunity to speak to you today. I am going to talk about an idea called "the beloved community," and how it can guide us as we seek to build a peaceful community for our shared future. I am drawing on the work that has been done in global learning, my primary field, and from theology. It is important now to reconsider the way forward through a beloved community at this time of deep division and mistrust, both across nations and within them.

I am not a theologian. But three theologians have shaped the concept of a beloved community, which has been adapted to broader contexts.

Our first voice is Josiah Royce, a philosophy professor at Harvard, who first used the term in 1913. He said the beloved community is one where individuals express love and devotion, not only to their own community, but to everyone. He described this as coming from an individual transformation based on God's love though the idea itself reaches beyond any one faith. This transformation contributes to a community rooted in shared humanity, where we value all members. Our second voice is theologian Howard Thurman, who drew on Royce's work. He was a philosopher, educator, and preacher who served as Dean of Chapels, the senior religious and spiritual leader, at Howard University and Boston University, and spent time with Gandhi in India to develop his understanding of nonviolence as part of the beloved community. This is where the beloved community becomes a peace practice, not just an ideal. Thurman argued that each of us carries a collective responsibility to build this community; it is not someone else's job.

We all play a role. He named three things we need: integration, truly working together, not just standing side by side; harmony, made richer, not weaker, by our differences; and human dignity at the center of everything. Thurman's work also influenced our third voice, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King himself never offered a single definition of the beloved community. Still, across his speeches, he provided a framework: a community that welcomes everyone, regardless of race, gender, class, or background. A community where conflict ends not in bitterness, but in reconciliation and a new relationship between people who once stood on opposite sides, which is what peacemaking looks like in practice. King said, "Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

Our fourth voice is American scholar bell hooks, who contributed a more contemporary lens to the framing of the beloved community. She argued that we need a radical openness where everyone knows they belong. That takes mutual respect. It takes cultural humility, the willingness to say, "My way of belonging is not the only way." She also wrote that community is not a place without conflict. It is the commitment to each other that pushes us to resolve conflict when it comes. She also said that being a "citizen" should not mean becoming like one dominant model, it should be open to many different ways of belonging.

So, how do we build a beloved community to prepare students for this shared future? It is connected to peacemaking and peacebuilding, which are not personality traits. They involve a set of skills we can teach mutual respect, shared humanity, collective responsibility, and cultural humility.

This can only happen in collaboration with civil society and community organizations, both corporate and non-profit. Students must have sustained, meaningful engagement with leaders and practitioners in women's leadership, peace education, and other local, national, and international organizations. In the field of global learning, we have found that students have attained these four essential peacemaking skills through intentional experiences in the community. Through internships, community-based projects, service learning, research, and other opportunities to address real world challenges in partnership with practitioners.

Through these types of experiences, students have opportunities to engage in activities, programs, and experiences where they navigate collaboration and work across differences and commit to mutual respect in their interactions. That means, for example, meeting an individual's unfamiliar custom with a question instead of a judgment, approaching each other with curiosity rather than suspicion. These skills are essential for workplace readiness and for preparing the next generation of peacemakers and peace builders. This cannot happen only in classrooms.

Students must have the opportunity to engage outside their institutions directly with community members, civil servants, and others. Through these experiences, students learn that solidarity, not division, is what carries us into our shared future. But we must make sure that we provide students with opportunities to practice and perfect these skills in their beloved communities.

I will close with two voices. Martin Luther King Jr. described the beloved community as one where people are seen first as individuals, with unique life experiences, who are brought together for the common good. And bell hooks wrote: "Those of us working for change must first become a beloved community among ourselves, as we strive for all of society to become one too."

Mutual respect. Shared humanity. Collective responsibility. Cultural humility. That is how we build the beloved community that we need right now.

Summary & Conclusion



Ms. Choi Kyung-nam
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Distinguished guests, and everyone joining us here today, Thank you for being with us. Today, through three sessions, we have shared a wide range of experiences and perspectives on women and peace.

In our first session, we explored women's leadership and empowerment.

In the second, we heard how women choose and act for peace amid conflict and crisis.

And in the third, we reflected on how the peace we build today can be carried forward to future generations and strengthened through broader international solidarity.

These stories came from different countries, regions, and fields. Yet I believe there was one message that ran through all of today's discussions: Peace is not something that others create for us. It is something we choose, practice, and build together in our everyday lives. And in that process, women are not merely beneficiaries of peace. They are essential participants and leaders.

Through our first session, we were invited to reconsider what women's leadership truly means.

Women's participation is not simply a question of how many women are present in a room.

Women must be able to speak from their own experiences, define the issues that matter, and influence both the process and the outcomes of decision-making.

What women need is not simply a place to be present, but **a voice and the power to create meaningful change.**

In our second session, our attention turned more closely to the realities of everyday life.

Conflict and war do not exist only as events in the news. They affect people's homes and families, their health and livelihoods, their relationships, and their futures. Within these realities, women have continued to connect people, protect communities, mediate conflict, and, at times, rebuild lives that have been disrupted or destroyed. Today, we witnessed the tremendous power that these actions can create. At the same time, there is something we must remember together.

Women should not be expected to sustain peace through courage and sacrifice alone.

For women to choose and practice peace in their daily lives, they must be **supported by societies and institutions** that protect and reinforce those efforts.

And through our third session, we considered how this peace can continue into the future.

For peace to be sustainable, it cannot depend only on the efforts of a few women leaders today. The next generation must be able to learn peace, choose peace for themselves, put it into practice, and pass it on to others. Experiences that begin in one community must also be connected with women in other regions, so that we can learn from one another and develop new forms of action together.

The stories and concerns we heard today are not limited to the experiences of just a few speakers. Last July, IWPG brought these questions to a much broader group of women around the world. From July 20 to 21, approximately 1,070 women from 46 countries participated in the 2026 Global Women's Peace Forum through four regional sessions covering Asia-Pacific, Africa and Europe, the Americas, and South Asia and the Middle East.

Women working across government, civil society, academia, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and local communities came together to discuss what makes peace difficult in their own lives and contexts, and what kinds of change are needed.

The realities differed from one region to another. In some places, conflict and forced displacement were the most urgent concerns. In others, gender-based violence and discrimination, women's participation, education, and community-level challenges came more strongly to the forefront. Yet when we looked across the voices of women living in these very different realities, several shared priorities emerged again and again: women's meaningful participation and leadership, the prevention of violence, peace education, recovery and social support, and community-based peacebuilding. IWPG brought these voices together in the 2026 Global Women's Peace Recommendations. To help these recommendations lead to stronger dialogue and practical action, IWPG will continue working to connect women's experiences and voices beyond their local and regional contexts, so that they can contribute to national and international discussions and decision-making. And when we consider the discussions from today's conference alongside these recommendations, the path ahead becomes clearer.

First, women's participation must be meaningful. The Recommendations emphasize that women must go beyond simply being present in decision-making spaces; they must be able to influence actual policies and decisions. This is also what we discussed today in our first session on women's leadership. Women must move beyond being invited participants and become actors who shape agendas and influence decisions.

Second, the actions women take to sustain peace in everyday life must be supported by society and institutions. At the Forum, participants emphasized the need not only for laws and policies addressing violence, but also for connected systems of medical, legal, and psychosocial support, safe protection mechanisms, and community-based services.

For women affected by conflict in particular, peace means more than the absence of gunfire. It means being able to restore safety, heal, rebuild livelihoods, and once again participate in decisions about their own futures. Peace must create the conditions in which people can become agents of their own lives again.

Third, peace must be something that the next generation can carry forward.

Forum participants emphasized the importance of learning peace, mutual respect, and nonviolent conflict resolution from an early age, while creating opportunities for young people to grow into the peace leaders of the future.

International solidarity, likewise, should not mean simply replicating one region's model in another. It should be a process of learning from one another while adapting ideas to local cultures, realities, and, most importantly, the voices of local women.

So who is responsible for creating all of this change? The responsibility does not belong to any one actor alone. Governments, international organizations, civil society, educational institutions, and local communities all have roles to play. No single actor is sufficient on its own. When policies and institutions, education, and community action are connected, women's experiences and voices can lead to broader social change. The 2026 Global Women's Peace Recommendations were not created to present one complete or final answer. Rather, they are intended to provide a shared starting point for future policy dialogue, cooperation, and action, grounded in the experiences and perspectives of women from diverse regions and walks of life.

Returning now to this conference, there is one message I would like to leave with you. What we have shared today must not end on this stage. When experience becomes voice, when voice becomes action, and when those actions connect with one another, change begins.

Shortly, we will hold a presentation ceremony to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to peace with a Plaque of Appreciation. We will also appoint new IWPG Advisory and Publicity Ambassadors who will take on new roles and responsibilities with us, and we will sign MOUs that represent our commitment to future cooperation. Through the many programs and encounters of this conference, we will continue to meet new people, hear new stories, and discover new possibilities for working together. I believe that all of these moments are part of the process through which the power of women and international solidarity that we have discussed today becomes real relationships and real action. Our task is not simply to listen to women's experiences, but to turn those experiences into knowledge, translate that knowledge into action, and connect that action to changes in society and institutions. That, I believe, is the task this conference leaves with us.

May the peace that begins in one woman's everyday life become change within her community; may changes across communities connect and grow into international solidarity; and may the choices we make together today lead to more peaceful everyday lives for the generations to come. IWPG will continue connecting the experiences and voices of women around the world, supporting women's peace leadership to grow within their communities, and working so that those voices can be reflected in broader policy discussions and within the international community. I hope that the conversations and connections that began here today will lead to new actions wherever each of us returns.

Thank you.



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