Peace by peaceful means

INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
VIENNA, AUSTRIA – JUNE 10TH/11TH 2023

SUMMARIZED FINAL PROGRAM
Vienna, Austria – June 10th/11th 2023

A conference to discuss challenges related to the Russian-Ukrainian war, to hear the voices of civil society representatives of the various NATO countries, as well as representatives from Russia and Ukraine who support the aims of the Peace Summit. Participants from the Global South will share the dramatic consequences this war has had for the people in their countries and emphasize how they can contribute to peace.

The conference will creative solutions and ways to end the war and how to prepare negotiations. This is not only the task of states and diplomats but nowadays more and more also of global civil society. The conference will include a combination of statements, working groups, panels of experts and dialogues.

Location of the event: The conference will take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of June. All the participants will get information about the new venue on Friday.

June 9th at 07 PM CEST (Friday)
Festive concert on the 180th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize winner Bertha von Suttner as a prelude to the the International Peace Summit.
For more info, click here (abfang.org/peaceconcert).

June 10th & 11th (Saturday & Sunday)
International Summit for Peace in Ukraine
Opening, Plenary, Working Groups, Pathway to Peace


Local Organizers and Supporters: AbFaNG (Action Alliance for Peace, active Neutrality and Non-Violence), Institute for Intercultural Research and Cooperation (IIRC), WILPF Austria, IFOR Austria

Sponsors: CODEPINK, Transform Europe, Meeting Destination Vienna

Please note this is a preliminary program. Subsequent changes to the program and speaker may occur. Last updated on: 10/06/2023 . More information: www.peacevienna.org
10.00 – 11.00 Opening Session

Opening music, Greetings & Welcome: Gerhard Kofler, (AbFaNG, Austria); Rosa Logar, (WILPF, Austria); Sean Conner (IPB).

Video Greetings: Noam Chomsky (USA); Cardinal Álvaro Leonel Ramazzzini Imeri (Guatemala).

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary: Actions for Negotiations and a Ceasefire

The plenary will focus on the current situation in Ukraine and how to shift the narrative from war and military support to a peaceful resolution and common security. This includes questions on the role of governments and civil society as well as arguments against and for a ceasefire followed by negotiations and a peace plan.

Speakers

- Jeffrey Sachs (Professor at Columbia University and Pontifical Academy, USA)
- David Choquehuanca (Vice-president of Bolivia)
- Anuradha Chenoy (Former Professor at Jawaharlal University, New Delhi India)
- Ann Wright (Former US Colonel and Diplomat) and video from Dennis Kucinich (Member of the US House of Representatives)

Moderator: Niamh Aine Ni Bhriain (TNI, Ireland)

13.00 – 14.15 Plenary: Civil Society Movement and Peace voices against the War from Russia and Ukraine

With the support of the Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung

Speakers

- Oleg Bodrov (Public Council of the South Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Russia)
- Nina Potarska (WILPF, Ukraine)
- Karyna Radchenko (Partnership for Advancing Innovative Sustainability, Ukraine)
- Yuriii Sheliazhenko (Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, Ukraine)

Moderators: Heidi Meinzolt (Germany) and Leo Gabriel (Prague Spring 2 Network, Austria)

14.15 – 15.15 Lunch Break

15.15 – 17.15 Working Groups (More information on next page)

17.00 Welcome "Hiking for Peace" in the entrance hall

17.30 - 18.30 Outcome of the working groups

18.30 – 20.00 Voices for Peace

Fabio Alberti (Italy), Baroness Ako-Adounvo (Ghana), Ellen Barfield (USA), Medea Benjamin (USA), Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen (Romania), Annette Brownlie (Australia), Gianpiero Cofano (Italy), Colectivo Un Llamado por La Paz (Costa Rica), Simo Endre (Hungary), Lindsey German (UK), Phill Gittins (UK), Kate Hudson (UK), Jan Kavan (Czech Republic), Tamara Lorincz (Canada), Chloé Meulewaeter (Spain), Sylvie Jacqueline Ndongmo (Cameroon), Binalakshmi Nepram (India), Alain Rouy (France), Annemarie Sancar (Switzerland), Verena Winiwarter (Austria), Tatjana Zdanoka (Lithuania)

Chair: Katerina Anastasiou (Transform! Europe) and Reiner Braun (IPB)
Working Groups

Analysis of the nature and context of this war

1. What is this war about? A multi-perspective analysis
   - Convener: Ludo de Brabander (Vrede)

2. Dynamics of war and the nuclear threat
   - Convener:

Initiatives to stop the war and working towards peace

3. Voices from inside the war
   - Convener: Lisa Clark and Sergio Bassoli (Europe for Peace)

4. Peace proposals – a critical assessment
   - Convener: Emily Molinari (IPB) and Reiner Braun (IPB)

5. The role of civil society, feminist perspectives and approaches on the way to peace
   - Convener: Rosa Logar (WILPF Austria), Annemarie Sancar (PWAG)

6. The geostrategic transformations
   - Convener: Cora Fabros (AEPF) and Leo Gabriel (Prague Spring 2)

7. Post-war lessons: The new peace architecture for Europe
   - Convener: Alessandra Fontanella (IPB) and Sean Conner (IPB)

8. Rediscovering peace
   - Mattia Donati (Comunità di Sant’Egidio) and Massimiliano Franco (ACLI Youth)

Living with war, struggling for peace

9. The (violation of the) right of conscientious objection to military service during the Russian-Ukrainian war
   - Convener: Yurii Sheliazhenko (WRI) and Zaira Zafarana (MIR Italy)
Sunday, June 11th

9.30 – 11.30 Pathways to peace

In the opening plenary session (10’) the conveners explain the procedure and present the two questions which will be discussed in 8 groups with moderators each. , whisper groups and loud thinking.

Conveners: Heidi Meinzolt (WILPF, Germany) and Annemarie Sancar (PWAG, Switzerland)

11.30–12.15 Light Lunch

12.15–13.45 Panel Discussion

Dialogue of politicians and social movements for negotiations and a ceasefire – Acting together for peace!

• Video from Lula Da Silva, President of Brazil
• Video from Wang Danning (Charhar Institut, China)

Speakers:

• Michael von der Schulenburg (Germany, former UN diplomat)
• Clare Daly (Member of the European Parliament, Ireland)
• Maurizio Landini (video) (General Secretary CGIL, Italy)
• Father Alejandro Solalinde (Hermanos En El Camino Director, Mexico)
• Ann Wright (Former US Colonel & Diplomat, USA)
• Reiner Braun (IPB, Germany)

Moderator: Medea Benjamin (CODEPINK)

13.45–14.45 Break

14.15–15.00 Closing Plenary

• Presentation of the “Vienna Appeal for Peace in Ukraine” introduced by Werner Wintersteiner (Austria), Almut Rochowanski (Austria), Bert Knorr (USA), and Reiner Braun (Germany)
• Act now: the results of the summit and the next steps
• Closing remarks by Alain Rouy (National Secretary of Mouvement de la Paix, France and IPB)

Logistics & Other Information

Speeches, videos and a peace wall will be included in the International Peace Summit. The International Peace Summit will be held in a hybrid format with the opportunity to join the conference virtually.

Contact: International Peace Bureau, Marienstraße 19-20, 10117 Berlin
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The event is open to the public, but there are limited places available. Please, consider registering to guarantee your place. TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE!

Accommodation suggestions: Please visit https://www.wien.info/en

For more information and the detailed program, visit www.peacevienna.org