

## WFWP International: UPF's International Leadership Conference 2021

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In July, WFWP collaborated with the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) in organizing four webinars for the International Online Leadership Conference (ILC) 2021, under the theme: "Toward Peace On The Korean Peninsula: Peace and Security." IAFLP is a project of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

Below is a brief description and recording of the four IAFLP webinars.

**THE INFLUENCE OF THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREAS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, DIPLOMACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**THE ROLE OF NGOs IN BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE**

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Charles S. Yang**, UPF President for Central America and the Caribbean; President of The Washington Time Newspaper Foundation.
- Rev. Sang Suck Kim**, Regional President of FFWPU of Central America and the Caribbean.
- H.E. Hilda Patricia Marroquin de Morales**, First Lady of the Republic of Guatemala. (2016-2020)
- Hon. Pilar Eva Medina**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the National Assembly of Paraguay. Social activist, she has been working as a volunteer for 25 years.
- Hon. Pushton Vijay Paray**, Member of National Assembly; President of IAPP of the Trinidad and Tobago Chapter.
- Prof. Joveny Cândido de Oliveira**, Degree in political science; Doctorate in State Law and Rector of the UNIAhanguera University - Brazil.
- Lic. Alvis González Garita**, Lawyer - Advisor and member of multiple social aid NGOs; current Municipal Councilor; Professor and University Dean. Costa Rica.

**Moderator:** **Rabino Akiva Simja Fishman**, Representative of the Gal Einal Institute of Israel in Nicaragua.

**Moderator:** **Victor Castillo**, Secretary General of UPF, Mexico.

**ILC 2021**

**Tuesday / July 27th, 2021**

- 07:00 PM São Paulo, Argentina
- 06:00 PM Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Paraguay
- 05:00 PM México, Panamá, Jamaica, Colombia
- 04:00 PM Costa Rica, Guatemala

**UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION**

27 - 28 July, 2021      INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE      ILC.Latin America & Caribbean

### Latin America and Caribbean Region July 27, 2021

IAFLP Latin America and the Caribbean was part of the second regional series of the ILC, on the different prospects for peace and the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula. The theme of this event was "The Influence Of The Peaceful Reunification of Koreas On World Peace And Security, Diplomacy And Economic Development: The Role of NGOs In Building A Culture Of Peace." Special thanks to Honorable Madame Hilda Patricia Marroquín de Morales, First Lady of the Republic of Guatemala 2016-2020 and Honorable Del Pilar Eva Medina, National Deputy of Paraguay.

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**INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
7TH-8TH JULY 2021  
**TOWARD PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA**  
UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

**SESSION IV**  
July 28th, 2021, 10:00 - 11:30 CET  
Registration: [www.upf.org/registration](#)

**"The Emerging Power of Women's Diplomacy toward Sustainable Peace"**

**MODERATOR:** **H.E. ANNELE JÄÄTTENMÄKI**, Prime Minister (2003), Finland

**INTRODUCTION:** **MRS. CAROLYN HANDSCHIN**, Coordinator for Europe & Middle East, International Association of First Ladies for Peace

**Q&A MODERATOR:** **MRS. MARGA DE ARRIU**, ICJ, UNWFP, Former, Spain

**SPEAKERS:**

- DR. SUN JIN MOON**, Senior Vice President, Women's Institute for World Peace International
- H.E. NAYLA MOHAWAD**, Former First Lady, Ministry of Social Affairs (1992-2004), Lebanon
- H.E. NZIHA LARBI**, Minister for Women, Family, Children and Senior Citizens, (2016-2020), Tunisia
- MRS. RHELDIUD WATTAR KÄSEM**, Founder & President, Lebanese Women Towards Decorous Modeling NGOs, Lebanon

**BACKGROUNDER**

The state of international affairs should reflect the society it represents. Therefore, women's inclusion in leadership is vital to serve the best interests of human development, peace, and prosperity. They contribute to innovation and effective ways by bringing a people-to-people diplomacy and local knowledge to the global agenda. Women leaders, including First Ladies, have been able to open doors for the sharing of cultures, building bridges between people and generations, and providing realistic solutions. This session will celebrate women in diplomacy, highlight their successes and challenges as they serve their nations, and provide models for women's engagement in advancing the peaceful settlement of the two Koreas.

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### Europe and Middle East Region July 28, 2021

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UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION - ASIA PACIFIC  
**ILC2021**  
 WEBINAR SERIES  
 INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**THINK TANK 2022**

**International Association of First Ladies for Peace**  
 (Session Two: First Ladies and Women Leaders' Contribution in Peace: building)  
 Sharing Global Experiences in Support of Inter-Korean Peace Talks

**Toward Peace on the Korean Peninsula:  
 Peace and Security**

**MADAM SURANITI WICKREMESINGHE RAJAPAKSA**  
 Spouse of the Prime Minister  
 First Lady (2007-15)  
 The Democratic Socialist  
 Republic of Sri Lanka

**MADAM DEON MENDOLA T. TORRES**  
 First Lady  
 Commonwealth of Northern  
 Mariana Islands

**MADAM HILDA YARI**  
 First Lady (2011-2013)  
 The Federal Democratic  
 Republic of Nepal

**DR. JULIA MOON**  
 President  
 WFP International

**MRS. BLESSIE UMAGAL**  
 Member of  
 Parliament (2001-05)  
 Kingdom of Thailand

**DR. YOUNSUK KIM**  
 Policy Advisory Member  
 of the Ministry of Unification  
 Republic of Korea

**MRS. BLESSIE UMAGAL**  
 International Coordinator  
 IATLP

**MRS. NERLY SARLAAN**  
 Deputy Director  
 (Office for UN Relations)  
 WFP International

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<https://ilc-asia.live/>

Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
 12:00 PM, Bangkok Time  
 10:45 AM, Nepal Time

## Asia-Pacific Region July 28, 2021

The Asia-Pacific region focused on the theme "First Ladies and Women Leaders Contribution in Peace-Building: Sharing Global Experiences In Support Of Inter-Korean Peace Talks." Five distinguished guests, including three current and former First Ladies as well as two government leaders, embraced the stage with their deep wisdom and heartfelt knowledge in peace-building. The event left the audience with a hopeful, forward-looking perspective on the potential unification of the Korean peninsula.

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ILC2021 INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ILC2021)  
 THINK TANK 2022  
 TOWARD PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRST LADIES FOR PEACE**

**LIVE WEBINAR: AFRICA REGION**  
 "First Ladies and Women Leaders Contribution in  
 Peace-Building: Sharing Global Experiences to support  
 Inter-Korean Peace Talks."

**H.E. Dame Patience Jonathan**  
 First Lady (2009-2012)  
 Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Mrs. Maureen Mwanawasa**  
 First Lady (2001-2008)  
 Republic of Zambia

**Dr. Julia Moon**  
 President  
 WFP International

**Mrs. Kathy Egey**  
 1st Chairman  
 Africa

**Dr. Karandhi Kingwe**  
 Ambassador and Permanent  
 Representative to UN/WHO

**Dr. Khoulifa Helen Manku**  
 Ambassador, Permanent  
 Representative to UN/WHO

**Mrs. Susan Kibwe**  
 WFP Regional Director  
 Africa

**Mrs. May Girey**  
 President  
 Women's Federation for Peace  
 Africa

**Mrs. Flory Lelesha**  
 Regional Director  
 WFP Africa

DATE: Saturday, 31 July 2021 at 9:00 - 10:30 AM GMT (5:00 AM - 6:30 AM EDT)  
 REGISTER: <https://www.upfafricaevent.com>

## Africa Region July 31, 2021

The Africa region's focus was on the theme: "First Ladies and Women Leaders Contribution in Peace-Building: Sharing Global Experiences In Support Of Inter-Korean Peace Talks." Two former First Ladies, Her Excellency Dame Patience Jonathan from the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Madame Maureen Mwanawasa from the Republic of Zambia, were invited to speak on their experiences of peace-building in their own countries. The event created an ideal platform for First Ladies and women leaders to share with the world their thoughts and inspirations on how to bring about sustainable peace in the world.

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