



## UPF Portugal celebrates the International Day of Peace

Saturday, 16 October, 2021

Event Recording - International Peace Day\_16.10.2021

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UPF Portugal held on Saturday, 16 October, a remembrance event for the Ephemeris of 21 September 2021, the International Day of Peace, inviting to attend, Ambassadors for Peace, some Institutional Partners and some close friends and supporters of UPF Portugal.

As something that touches UPF, the “Peace” (because it touches all humanity), our organization has been very much in line with the United Nations in these annual celebrations.

After the opening by our Board Secretary, the 1h30mins program, was attended online by about 40 people and had the participation of two of UPF's main partners in the field of Peace. To deliver a welcoming message by **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU Portugal)** was Dr. Sérgio Neto, the National President, and by **Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP Portugal)** was Dr. Marta Rodrigues, the National President.

After a mini UN introductory video to the International Day of Peace 2021, the guest speakers followed:

- **Prof. Dr. Carlos Poiares (PhD)** - Full Teacher and Vice-Rector of the Lusophone University of Humanities and Technologies (ULHT, Lisbon).
- **Prof. Helena Marujo (PhD)** - Professor at the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences (ISCSP, Lisbon); Executive Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair (Education for Sustainable Global Peace), University of Lisbon (UL)
- **Prof. Paulo Oliveira** - Professor at Lusophone University (ULHT, Lisbon); CEO of “OLAE” - Lusophone Observatory of Economic Activities; Economic and Financial Advisor to the Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau.

- **Prof. Nuno André** - Professor and Researcher, New University of Lisbon (UNL); Coordinator of the Project "Education for Peace", Lusophone University (ULHT, Lisbon)

Next was shown the Video Summary of the 7th Rally of Hope and Think Tank 2022, which was complemented in its main information by the speech and presentation of UPF National President.

The nomination of 7 new Ambassadors for Peace, mostly academics (including the 4 speakers), was another very important and significant moment of the program, with each of them weaving in a few but heartfelt words their thanks and commitment to collaboration.

- **Prof. Fernanda Silva** - Coordinator of the "Qualify Center" (Vocational Training for Young People)
- **Dr. Hiral Shah** - Member and Representative of the Hindu Community of Portugal
- **Rev. Pastor Simão Vemba** - National Representative of the Tocoist Church (Angolan foundation)

The meeting ended with some announcements, namely with the publicity alluding to the acquisition of the Portuguese edition of the book "Mother of Peace".

With this initiative UPF Portugal thinks to connect in other meetings of this kind, more contacts, especially in the Academic area, as potential Ambassadors of Peace and Partners in Peace, gradually creating a **Peace Council of IAAP (International Association of Academics for Peace)** at the National level. "We are Together!"