Luncheon Event
on
Early Childhood Development and Peacebuilding

9 September 2014, 1.15 to 2.45 pm
UN Delegates Private Dining Room # 7

Programme

Event Chair: Dr. Rima Salah (Adjunct Faculty, Yale University, Former Deputy Executive Director UNICEF)

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Lunch Event on Early Childhood Development & Peacebuilding on the occasion of the UN High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace

Convened by the President of the UN General Assembly

UN Delegates Dining Room, 9 September 2014

Background

On 13 September 1999, the United Nations General Assembly adopted, by consensus and without reservation, its landmark, pioneering and norm-setting resolution 53/243 on the “Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace”. It provided the driving force for the implementation of the UN-declared “International Decade for Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)”. Asserting and reaffirming the commitment of the totality of the member-states for building the culture of peace, the UNGA has adopted every year since that time on the subject highlighting the priority it attaches to the full and effective implementation of these visionary decisions which are universally applicable and is sought after by the vast majority of all peoples in every nation.

Recognizing the need for continual support to the further strengthening of the global movement to promote the Culture of Peace, as envisaged by the United Nations, the day-long, General Assembly High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace on 9 September 2014 is intended to be an open public opportunity for the UN member states, UN system entities, civil society including NGO’s, media, private sector, and all others interested, to have an exchange of ideas and suggestions on the ways to build and promote the Culture of Peace and to highlight emerging trends that impact on the implementation process.

ECD and Peace

A predominant theme in our lives is the daily occurrence of violence and conflict around the world. Urgently needed are both interventions to help those effected and affected by conflict and greater efforts to bring winds of change to promote peace. Recent advances in science are suggesting that a transformative solution to promoting peace is through supporting the positive early development of young children. Drawing on this evidence, a consortium of multiple stakeholders have joined forces to advance a global and national agenda in support of promoting peace through early childhood development.

On September 20, 2013, the Early Childhood Peace Consortium was launched at UNICEF with the aim of promoting sustained peace drawing on the transformative power of early childhood development. The founding partners of the Early Childhood Peace Consortium are UNICEF, Yale University, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, The Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV), Sesame Workshop, Early Years, Fetzer Institute and Foundation Child.

The Consortium will advocate at national and global levels to recognize the role of families and children in creating a just and peaceful world building on the culture of peace for all. The Consortium is supported, in part, through the Peacebuilding Education and Advocacy Programme, which is exploring innovative approaches to building peace through reshaping education policies and practices. As part of this programme, in countries such as Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire Ethiopia and Liberia, UNICEF is taking a life-cycle approach and examining how the early childhood period can be an entry point for peacebuilding.
Objective of the lunch event

On the occasion of the 2014 High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace on 9 September, the Early Childhood Peace Consortium, hosted by UNICEF and the Yale University Child Study Center, joined by the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace are organizing a luncheon discussion on formative childhoods and paths to peace that day at 1.15 to 2.45 pm at the UN Delegates Private Dining Room.

The objective of the lunch event is to advocate with Member States on the important role of Early Childhood Development in promoting peace, on world peace day.

Run of show

The event will be held on Tuesday 9 September 2014, from 1.15 to 2.45 pm at the UN Delegates Private Dining Room #7.

Chair: Dr. Rima Salah

- The first speaker will focus on the problem statement of growing violence in the world and the need for a strong transformative solution (proposed speaker: Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury).
- The second speaker will present the proposed solution, which is early childhood development as a pathway to promote peace.
- The third speaker will outline the actions required to apply this solution: call to action.
- Open discussion: Q&A session will follow

Attendees

The event will be attended by multiple sectors including UN Missions, Government Ministries, UN agencies, international & non-governmental organisations, development institutions, academia, networks, media, and other relevant stakeholders.

Attendance to this event will be by invitation only.

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1 For further information on the Early Childhood Peace Consortium visit the website: [http://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/international/peace/ecpc/index.aspx](http://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/international/peace/ecpc/index.aspx)