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World Council of Religious Leaders meets in Lindau for global Conference to connect generations

- World Council of Religious Leaders of Religions for Peace gathers in Lindau, Germany, 4-7 October 2021
- Key themes are Peace and Security, Environment and Humanitarianism
- The program is developed by the UN-accredited NGO **Religions for Peace** – the conference is organized by the Foundation Peace Dialogue of World Religions and Civil Society and is supported by the **German Federal Foreign Office**

LINDAU Exchange and cooperation between young and old generations in religious communities and international relations will be the theme of a conference to be held 4-7 October in Lindau, at the shores of Lake Constance: The "**Conference of the World Council of Religious Leaders on Faith and Diplomacy: Generations in Dialogue**". The gathering will be a hybrid format: Around 150 people will be present in Lindau and virtually additional 700 participants from around the world are expected.

For four days, discussion panels and interactive workshops will focus on the three main themes of **Peace and Security, Environment and Humanitarianism** – always with a view to the extent to which young people can and must be involved as multipliers in global peace processes. In view of globally active youth movements, the questions arise: How do activists become the next leaders, and where are they already today?

The conference will kick off with the formal business session of the World Council of Religious Leaders, which

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was newly elected in 2019 during the 10th World Assembly in Lindau. The Council consists of 61 principal members and is the **main decision-making body of Religions for Peace**. The associated religious leaders represent millions of believers around the world, and their voices carry influence and weight in their faith communities and beyond.

The World Council includes, for example, Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter **Hon. Ela Gandhi** (Hinduism), who lives in South Africa, and **Dr. Vinu Aram** from India (Hinduism), **Rev. Kosho Niwano** from Japan (Buddhism), **Rabbi David Rosen** from Israel (Judaism) and **Rabbi Joseph Potasnik** from New York, **Cardinal Charles Bo** (Christianity) of Myanmar, the two Germans **Bishop Margot Käßmann** and **Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmacher** (Christianity), and Muslims **Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah** of the United Arab Emirates and **Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III of Nigeria** - ranked by The Muslim 500 in 2020 as two of the world's 20 most influential Muslims.

The program – similar as for the 10th World Assembly 2019 and the mainly virtually held 1st Assembly on Women, Faith & Diplomacy 2020 – is prepared by the NGO **Religions for Peace**, which is accredited to the United Nations. The organizer is the German **Foundation Peace Dialogue of World Religions and Civil Society** (in short: Ring for Peace). The meeting is supported by the Religion and Foreign Policy Department of the **German Federal Foreign Office**. Much of the event will be broadcasted live for those interested from around the world. Registered participants can also take part in selected workshops virtually.

This year there will again be a spiritual ceremony at the **sculpture Ring for Peace**: the wooden Möbius ring in Lindau's Luitpold Park. This Ring for Peace is the

trademark of the foundation and can be found in the logo. In addition to the participants, citizens of Lindau will also be invited to this "Ring for Peace Ceremony", which is planned for the evening of 5 October.

The full program and high-level speakers and participants will be presented at an **international press conference on 15 September 2021**. A monthly newsletter will also be published from 1 July, providing advance information on the thematic focus of the conference.

Journalists wishing to attend the press conference and meeting are invited to apply for accreditation in advance at

<https://ringforpeace.org/press/accreditation>