To celebrate the United Nations’ International Day of Peace, you are invited to a special event:

Peace and Sustainable Development: Intergenerational Challenges

Friday, September 16, 2016, 10am - 5pm
Vienna International Centre, C Building — Conference Room C3
Wagramer Straße 5, A-1400 Vienna, Austria

In honor of the UN’s International Day of Peace, an innovative event will look at peace through the lens of intergenerational challenges and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The compelling combination of international speakers ranges from diplomats, academics, and civil society leaders to UN officials, and public-policy experts. In a unique approach, speakers will also include female WWII witnesses from across the world, including an atomic bomb survivor, a woman who lived through the Blitz bombings in England, and an Austrian subjected to deportation and forced labor. Youth will be incorporated into the event both as audience members and as musical performers.

Sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation and the Academic Council on the United Nations System, this event aims to animate the SDGs with historical context, contemporary realities, and forward-looking vision. Insightful and frank discussions will focus on the connection between peace and the implementation of various SDGs, including the topics of disarmament and public engagement.

There is no cost for this event and everyone is welcome. Seating is limited, however, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

A ground pass is required to enter the Vienna International Centre (UN Building). If you do not have a permanent pass (and if seats are still available) please register no later than September 12, 2016.

Registration link (required)

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Wokusch at heather@heatherwokusch.com
Peace and Sustainable Development: The Intergenerational Challenges

Session One: Connecting Peace and the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals

10:00-11:00  Opening speeches
Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, UNODC
Ambassador Bente Angell-Hansen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Vienna
Dr. Walter Kemp, Vice President, International Peace Institute
Brigadier Dr. Walter Feichtinger, Austrian Defense Academy

11:00-11:30  Witnessing history, looking ahead
- Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations
  Rosina Wernig, Austrian WWII witness
- Musical performance: Students from the Slovenian music school in Carinthia

11:30-12:30  Panel discussion
  What is the connection between peace and the implementation of various SDGs?
  Chair: Ambassador Ana Teresa Dengo, University for Peace
  María-Jose Alvear, Regional Academy on the United Nations (CTBTO)
  Dr. Michael Platzer, Liaison, Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)
  Dr. Stefan Stoev, Founder, IDEA Society
  Dr. Ismail Yasin, Austrian Center for Digital Humanities, Austrian Academy of Sciences

12:30-13:30  Lunch break

Session Two: Peace, Sustainable Development, Disarmament and Engaging the Public

14:30-14:45  Clip from Kinders film

14:45-15:15  Speeches
  Arash T Riahi, Film Director, Kinders
  Jack Corley, Chair, Universal Peace Federation in Europe
  Ambassador Franz Josef Kuglitsch, Director Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, BMEIA

15:15-16:00  Witnessing history, looking ahead
- Ambassador Leigh Turner, UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna
  Hazel Richardson, English WWII witness
- Ambassador Mitsuru Kitano, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna
  Reiko Yamada, Japanese WWII witness

16:00-17:00  Panel discussion
  What is the connection between peace, disarmament and the implementation of various SDGs?
  How can the general public become more engaged?
  Chair: Laura Rockwood, Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
  Billy Batware, President, United for Education and Sustainable Futures
  Petra Bayr, Member of Austrian Parliament
  Nadja Schmidt, Director, ICAN Austria
  Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

17:00  Conference closing