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## SUMMARY

The Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association held the inaugural Global Cyber Peace Conference on 27 June 2020. The Covid19 global lockdowns were the impetus to design a conference that was truly global and yet accessible to those in geographically isolated regions. The events of 2019 and 2020 – Australian bushfires, the pandemic, economic recessions and the Black Lives Matter marches – inspired the need to reconsider the parameters of a world grounded in peace.

Drawing on a Rotary Peace Fellow community of **over 1,400 peace and social justice practitioners in 115 countries**, this entirely volunteer-led initiative brought together more than **1,500 participants** globally in a 24-hour effort to ‘envision the world after the great pause’. The generosity of contributors, partners and sponsors enabled the Conference to be offered as a free event; and conference organizers worked for an estimated **294 days pro bono**. This provided a genuine opportunity for collaboration, knowledge sharing, professional development and networking in the peace community.

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Prahba Sankaranarayan, President & CEO,  
Mediators Beyond Borders International

The virtual conference consisted of over **50 panel sessions** and workshops, providing **75 hours of content** on issues such as youth in peace building, food security, gender and justice, technology, environment, dance and drama in peace building. The full conference agenda is [available here](#). Notable speakers included:



- Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 2020-21;
- Senator Penny Wong, Leader of the Opposition in the Australian Senate and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- John Charles Bryan Barnes MBE, Legendary Jamaican-born English international former professional footballer, manager, pundit, and the Show Racism the Red Card Activist;
- Yasmin Sooka, Chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan to the Human Rights Council;
- Sim'oogit Hleek/Dr. Joseph Arthur Gosnell, former President, Nisga'a Nation;
- Irene Santiago, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Executive Director of the historical NGO Forum on Women in China in 1995;
- John Paul Lederach, Internationally renowned peacebuilder and author of The Moral Imagination; and
- Uzra Zeya, CEO and President of Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Over **400 experts** from regions across the world explored how positive peace could inform efforts to re-imagine and reconstruct governmental, educational, business and family systems disrupted by the global pandemic and the events of 2020. Breakout sessions facilitated by over **140 volunteer facilitators** provided conference participants with opportunities to discuss issues in small groups.

In one example of the impact, for a group of 30 participants in Papua New Guinea, the conference provided “new tools in their backpacks” to promote peacebuilding within their communities. They also demonstrated how peacebuilding is done in practice, by working together as a group to come to a consensus before sharing their ideas with the rest of the conference session.

A post-conference survey demonstrates that the RPFSA Global Cyber Peace Conference was successful in bringing new audiences to the Rotary Peace community. Opinions on the content were overwhelmingly positive. While there were some technical challenges, the respondents generally rated the logistics, including registration experience, technical support and RPFSA website favorably. In terms of next steps, 84% of the survey respondents expressed a strong interest in attending future webinars and networking events, indicating a demand for future programming by the RPFSA. The Conference also grossed a total of **USD \$10,532.81 in revenue**, primarily through donations. Expenses totalled \$5,641.12 with a net balance of \$4,891.69. The RPFSA donated \$1,000 of that revenue to The Rotary Foundation.

Given the overwhelmingly positive feedback to the conference, the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association plans to work with local Rotarians to develop further peace projects and webinars that include and benefit local communities, as well as a 2021 RPFSA Conference.



Find the full conference report and view recordings of the conference at <https://rpfaa.org>



The Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/rpfaa.org>



# ZONE 1

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## ASIA & OCEANIA

## OVERVIEW OF ZONE 1 CONFERENCE

The Asia-Oceania Zone 1 conference met the regional team's indicators for success: fun, collaboration, connection and practicality. Through the passion and commitment of a team of volunteers, we planned a conference in six weeks. The event exceeded all expectations in terms of attendance, engagement with the audience, diversity of voices heard and the breadth of topics covered during our panel presentations.

Highlights included a Maori Powhiri by Jerry Norman, and keynotes from Irene Santiago, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Executive Director of the historical NGO Forum on Women in China in 1995, and John Paul Lederach, internationally renowned peacebuilder and author of *The Moral Imagination*. Australian Senator Penny Wong and Rotaractor Zahra Bayani engaged in a dialogue on peace in politics between music from jazz vocalist Jackie Bornstein, a reading from Kashmiri poet Mohammad Muneem Nazir, remarks from Japanese Past District Governor Isao Mizuno and dancing by Erica Rose Jeffreys, added to the liveliness of the day.



Several themes emerged during the discussions throughout the conference. The most significant theme was the need for inclusion - of young people, indigenous groups, women, local communities and political elites. Co-creating policies and programmes that meet the needs of all stakeholders, therefore increasing stakeholder engagement. Sometimes inclusion is not just a matter of representation but structural transformation so that barriers to full participation are minimised.

While education is commonly accepted as a requisite for sustainable social, economic and human development, positive stories, play and the power of imagination are also essential to building positive peace. The arts enable us to sit in complexity, accept divergence and practice possibility. These are crucial aspects to co-creating a diverse and multicultural world.

## AGENDA

9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00		
<b>Z1</b>	<b>Opening Plenary #1</b>	Break: Jazz vocalist	<b>Structural Racism &amp; Violence</b>	Break: Senator Penny Wong	<b>Tech and Peace</b>		World Lunch: Let's Talk About Race	<b>Dance &amp; Drama in Peacebuilding</b>	Break: Dance!	<b>Gender Justice in South Asia</b>		Break: Lederach Video	<b>Global Learning &amp; Closing</b>
			<b>Environment &amp; Peacebuilding</b>		<b>Indigenous Insight in Peacebuilding</b>			<b>Women in Peacebuilding</b>		<b>Role of Youth in Peacebuilding</b>			
			<b>Intercultural Comm. Workshop</b>		<b>Resilience Practice Workshop</b>			<b>Communication Across Differences Workshop</b>					
			<small>IEP Peace Index &amp; Positive Peace Workshop, Part 1: IEP's Positive Peace Research</small>		<small>IEP Peace Index &amp; Positive Peace Workshop, Part 2: Practical Application</small>								

### Opening Plenary

Elaine Pratley, Irene Santiago, Jerry Norman, Isao Mizuno

<https://youtu.be/ODL-aJsfCbQ>  
<https://youtu.be/alqC90djDa8>

### Global Learning and Closing

Elsa D'Silva, Supreet K Singh, Rukmini Iyer, Mohammad Muneem Nazir

<https://youtu.be/9bFUZQmeKSE>

### Structural Racism and Violence

Rukmini Iyer, Chintan Modi, Joyanto Mukherjee

[https://youtu.be/x5yB2\\_JuhZM](https://youtu.be/x5yB2_JuhZM)  
<https://youtu.be/d9ape21HlGw>

### Technology and Peace

Elsa D'Silva, Peggy Liu, Narayan Adhikari, Ritu David, Rajan Navani

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=364039097892566>

### Dance and Drama in Peacebuilding

Erica Rose Jeffreys, Hayley Linthwaite, Jackie Kauli

<https://youtu.be/6weFMAR8dB4>  
<https://youtu.be/sj66CNb01IM>

### Gender Justice in South Asia

Elsa D'Silva, NS Nappinai, Rema Rajeshwari, Hira Amjad, Pragyawatee Rai

<https://youtu.be/mwgtPmvNLW4>  
<https://youtu.be/BZLn901SyQc>

### Role of Youth in Peacebuilding

Saloni Lakhia, Prime Ragandang, Mithela Haque, Dishani Senaratne

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=578207276401681>

### Communication across Difference Workshop with CoJoy

<https://youtu.be/jdjTMLbVbDk>

### Australia Senator Penny Wong and Zahra Bayani on Politics and Peace

<https://youtu.be/hkf4Rm0jyvc>

### Jazz and Peace with Jackie Bornstein

<https://youtu.be/xDiboMZsfgl>

### Empathy and Compassion talk with John Paul Lederach

[https://youtu.be/Syw\\_Efd24Dw](https://youtu.be/Syw_Efd24Dw)

### Indigenous Insights into Peacebuilding

Peter Lindsay, Helen Bishop, Riha Ekka, Kyasingmong Marma

<https://youtu.be/NORT9DQvtLw>

### Women in Peacebuilding

Yung Nietschke, Anouk Ride, Suhani Jalota, Ufra Mir

[https://youtu.be/1iYS\\_U-8jCA](https://youtu.be/1iYS_U-8jCA)

### Environment and Peacebuilding

Andrew Stone, Ramanathan Thurairajoo, Wora Suk, Nang Shining, Nguyen Quang

<https://youtu.be/Ku8xYTpJVjE>

### Dance and Movement

Erica Rose Jeffreys

### Reflective Structured Dialogue on Race

Perla Padilla, Katsa Brenneman

### Resilience Practice by Space Bangkok

### Positive Peace by the Institute for Economics and Peace.



## HIGHLIGHTS

One of the highlights of the Asia-Oceania track was spotlighting young peacebuilders like Zahra Bayani, a former refugee who moved to Australia in 2017 and received multiple awards for her role as a young peace builder in her school and community. During the conference, Zahra interviewed Australian Senator Penny Wong, one of her role models, but was also able to share her dreams for a peaceful world.

A further highlight was having 30 participants in Papua New Guinea attend virtually. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG provided the participants funding to travel from the rural provinces to Lae to virtually connect to our conference. As Rachelle Quiggin of the Australian Lutheran World Service noted, the conference provided participants with “new tools in their backpacks” and was a reminder that “we don’t need to be any more than we are to build peace” within their communities. The Papua New Guinea participants demonstrated how peacebuilding is done in practice, by working together as a group and coming to a consensus before sharing their ideas with the rest of the breakout group.

## THANK YOU

Some members of our regional team



Many volunteers were involved in making the Asia-Oceania track of the conference a success. Approximately 70 people served as facilitators; 30 people as presenters; 10 people as technical support; and 8 as moderators during the course of the day. The volunteer time contributed by the core planning team exceeded 650 hours. Our regional organising team included: Elaine Pratley, ElsaMarie D’Silva, Spencer Leung, Yung Nietschke, Rukmini Iyer, Florence Maher, Saloni Lakhia, Goranka Trifkovic and Andrew Stone. In addition to this team, Peter Lindsay, Ramanathan Thurairajoo, Erica Rose Jeffreys assisted as moderators and Elizabeth Gamarra, Amishi Agrawai, Daiki Inoue, Giovanni Catino, Gillian DSouza Nazareth, Jyoti Goyal, Kajal Antil, and Mona More served as technical support. Mahana Culture, Space Bangkok, Chanchai Chaisukkosol, Perla Padilla, Katsa Brenneeman and the Institute for Economics and Peace presented workshops. Red Dot Foundation provided technical and digital assistance for an entire track of the conference.







# ZONE 2

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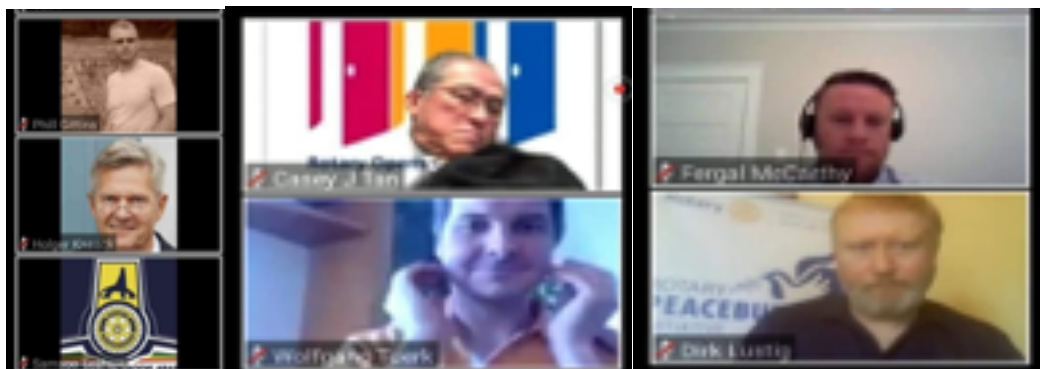
**EUROPE**

**MIDDLE EAST**

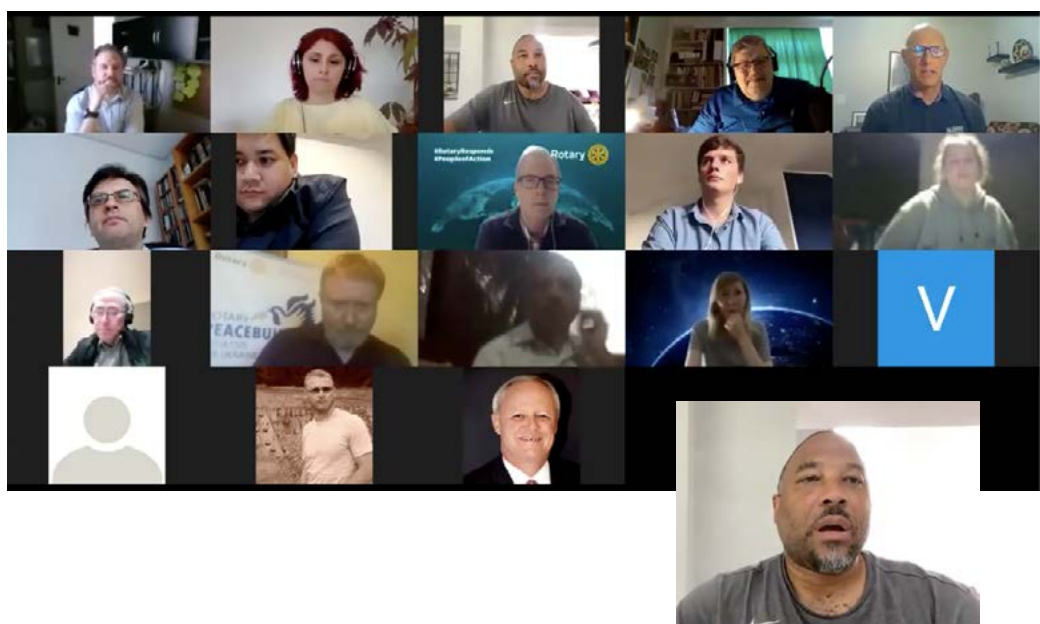
## OVERVIEW OF ZONE 2 CONFERENCE

This report provides an overview of the Zone 2 conference representing Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, including key themes, highlights, and outcomes derived from the event.

Highlights of the Zone 2 programming included keynotes by Holger Knaack, Rotary International President, 2020-21 and Yasmin Sooka, Executive Director of the Foundation for Human Rights in South Sudan, who served on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 1996-2001 and chaired the committee responsible for the final report from 2001-2003. A dialogue on racism and antiracism in sport and beyond with the legendary John Barnes, a Jamaican-born English international former professional footballer, manager, pundit, and the Show Racism the Red Card activist was particularly engaging. Music was offered from Karim Wasfi, Iraqi composer, the founder and president of Peace Through Arts Foundation.



The Opening Session: Holger Knaack, Fergal McCarthy, Phill Gittins, Dirk Lustig



World Lunch: A Conversation with John Barnes, moderated by Dean Ravizza and Rafal Pankowski

## **Inclusivity, Diversity, and Partnerships emerged as key themes.**

While the conference covered the gamut of peace and justice issues, and while those engaged in the conference do their work in very different contexts, there were a number of common themes that emerged throughout the conference. The first was a shared commitment to the essential nature of inclusivity in peace work. From including marginalised groups (i.e. young people, women, refugees) in peacebuilding decision-making and action, to innovative tools being used to broaden participation in creative ways (via technology, education, and cultural resources etc), each session in different ways addressed the issue of inclusion/exclusion. Another common theme, related to the first, had to do with diversity. Many spoke about the importance of building and strengthening a more pluralistic approach by bringing together people together across age, race and class. This concern was reflected not only in the topics covered but also in the diversity of people working on and attending the conference. A final theme had to do with partnerships. Many spoke about the need to strengthen partnership work between the local and the international, between Rotary and civil society and between those that study peace and those that work on its practice. Taken as a whole, many thought that peace work needs to be more inclusive, diverse and collaborative. It requires a deeper commitment to and a broadened understanding of participation and partnership.

**“Rotary needs to see more action in the areas of peace and conflict resolution work. To maximise the impact of this work, we must focus on collaboration and cooperation. And the basis for collaboration and cooperation is mutual respect – a key ingredient for building peace and resolving conflict.”**

Holger Knaack, Rotary International President, 2020-2021

**“Football can highlight the problem, bring debates to the table, but it can not eliminate racism. We need to explain it to people and to change their perceptions. We have to deconstruct all stereotypes, about Black people, about Muslims, about gays, and about blue eyes. Education is the key to change perceptions and eliminate racism.”**

John Barnes, legendary Jamaican-born English international former professional footballer, manager, pundit, and the Show Racism the Red Card activist

## AGENDA

9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00
Opening Plenary #2	Break	Environment & Peace	Break	Gender & Peace	World Lunch: Talk About Racism	Youth & Peace	Technology & Peace		Break	Global Learning & Closing
		Well-being & Peace		Identity Violence: Multinational Perspectives		UN SDG WORKSHOP				
	RAGFP Peace Incubator: Education & Peace, Part 1: International Perspectives on Peace Education		RAGFP Peace Incubator: Education & Peace, Part 2:			RAGFP Peace Incubator: Part 1: Project Oriented Workshop	RAGFP Peace Incubator: Part 2 How Do Museums and Memorial Sites Deal with Contemporary Atrocities and War?			
	IEP Peace Index & Positive Peace Workshop		Makerere Video	Organizational Conflict Prevention						

**World Lunch: A Conversation with John Barnes**  
Dean Ravizza, Rafal Pankowski

[https://www.facebook.com/rpfaa.org/videos/736862593734400/?modal=suggested-action&notif\\_id=1595751734337304&notif\\_t=page\\_user\\_activity](https://www.facebook.com/rpfaa.org/videos/736862593734400/?modal=suggested-action&notif_id=1595751734337304&notif_t=page_user_activity)

**Well-being and Peace**  
Karin Augustat, Helen Tanner, Lablu Barua, Jan Kizilhan

<https://youtu.be/xWWvct5kCsc>

**Preventing Identity-Based Violence**  
Dilia Zwart, Andy Fearn, Rafal Pankowski, Marc Gwamaka

<https://youtu.be/vjgoochcD08>

**Rotary Peace Project Incubator: Education and Peace**  
Phill Gittins, Basma Hajir, Amr Abdalla, Walter B. Gyger, Jean Best

<https://youtu.be/3XOGgso2uv4>

**Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University**  
Dr. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala

[https://youtu.be/Ng\\_Q5aVEeGI](https://youtu.be/Ng_Q5aVEeGI)

**Part 1. How Do Museums Deal with Contemporary Atrocities and War**  
Natalia Sineaeva-Pankowska, Walter B. Gyger, Shahriar Kabir, Tali Nates, Mofidul Hoque, Naomi Kikoler, Haider Elias, Kornelis Spaans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL6vXi0mgX0&fbclid=IwAR2nqFxbEXGR9L6Yea8MiwS4eBYQSYDFmKUCBg1s8g0G9iV1Cim0v7Yz-E>

**Part 2: Rotarian Peace Project Incubator, Cultural Resources for Peace:**  
Workshop with Karim Wasfi, Natalia Sineaeva-Pankowska, Walter G. Gyger

**UN Sustainable Development Goals Workshop**

Winnie Hepkemoi, Joe Colombano, Lynnette Mwende, Steve MacFeely, Josephine Ojiambo, Natalia Polishchouk

**Institute for Economics and Peace by Charlie Allen**

**Dialoga Organizational Online Conflict Prevention by Mediators Beyond Borders International, Ramon Tena**

**Opening Plenary:** Phill Gittins, Holger Knaack, Yasmin Sooka, Fergal McCarthy, Magdalena Zurita

**Global Learning and Closing:** Natalia Sineaeva-Pankowska, Nino Lotishvilli, Walter B. Gyger, Achaleke Christian, Karim Wasfi

**Technology and Peace:** Muiy Yang, Chris Simmonds, Alejandra Ramirez, Branka Panic, Radu Raileanu

**Environment and Peace:** Sallie Lacy, Elisa Hernández de Pablo, Josephine Ojiambo, Bo Libert, Jean Willimen, Dalit Golan

**Youth and Peace:** Phill Gittins, Mohanned Alarabiat, Christina Odera

**Gender and Peace:** Jane Murutu, Muiy Yang, Louise Olsson, Sellah King'oro, Eleanor Nwadinobi, Sevinc Demirci

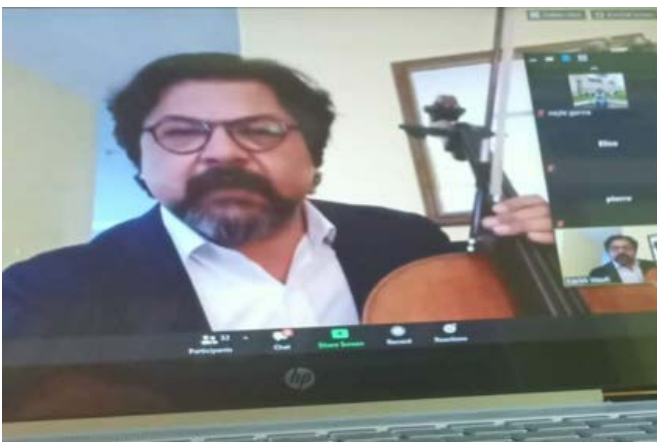
**Career Development Workshop:** Josephine Ojiambo, Delanyo Adadevoh, Kennedy Chesoli



Rotarian Peace Project Incubator, Cultural Resources for Peace: Workshop with Karim Wasfi



Dr. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, the center director for the new Makerere University Rotary Peace Center in Kampala, Uganda



Closing Ceremony: Maestro Karim Wasfi



Preventing Identity-Based Violence: Marc Gwamaka

## HIGHLIGHTS

One of the highlights of the Africa/Europe/Middle East conference track was the diversity of its organisers, speakers, moderators and facilitators representing more than twenty-five countries in Africa, Europe and beyond, having diverse perspectives and ideas, but sharing the same values of peace.

The conference covered a wide variety of the most topical issues in the field of peace. It gave voice to people affected by the conflict and war. One session focused on the plight of the Yazidi minority in Syria and Iraq, whose situation is very difficult, but seemingly forgotten among local power struggles and political maneuvering. All the issues the conference aimed to address can be found in the current situation of the Yazidi, including genocide, mass rapes, slavery, and racism. Haider Elias, a co-founder and President for Yazda Organization spoke about his organisation. It was established in 2014 after the Yazidi community went through the genocide committed by ISIS, and aims to empower the Yazidi community, to seek justice for them and support their needs and future projects.



**“The focus for the future peace and human rights work [...] should include the humanisation of peoples’ experience through training and other creative ways, especially online, to bring peoples’ individual stories and bridge the physical distance we may have.”**

Naomi Kikoler, the Director of the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum during a session on museums and contemporary atrocities

A video presentation of the newly-established Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University (Uganda) was one of the highlights of the conference. The presentation included a virtual tour of the center and a quick view of the courses that will be offered. The second part highlighted the experiential learning approach and field visits, premised on three thematic areas Displacement, adaptability and resilience and focuses on the lives of both urban and settlement refugees.

Another highlight was the Education and Peace session which featured yet-to-be-released research on peace education. Basma Hajir’s presentation discussed her research project – which drew on the findings from a previous study with more than 100,000 people in 15 countries. The research “revealed an almost universal support for ‘teaching peace, tolerance and conflict resolution in schools” and – presented preliminary findings, practical implications and policy-relevant recommendations.

## THANK YOU

Many volunteers contributed to the success of the conference in our Africa/ Europe/Middle East track. Amongst them approximately thirty people served as facilitators; forty five people as presenters; and fifteen as moderators during the course of the day. The regional conference organisers were Phill Gittins and Natalia Sineaeva. Two other members of a coordination team were: Muyl Yang and Winnie Chepkemoi. This core team contributed volunteer hours in excess of 600. The team was supported by other peace fellows, Rotarians and IEP Ambassadors; these include Walter B. Gyger, Nino Lotishvilli, Eva Czermak, Dirk Lustig, Jane Murutu, Guilin ‘Eva’ Gelogullari, Faith Manthi, Dean Ravizza, Camellia Freeland-Taylor, Lablu Barua, Matthew Johnsen, Rafal Pankowski and others.



Many thanks to Lucy Amos-Roscoe for designing conference posters, and Vitalie Boico for technical support during the conference.

Much gratitude to Show Racism the Red Card (UK) and the 'Never Again' Association (Poland) for helping to invite John Barnes as a conference speaker.

## **OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS**

Abstracts of conference presentations, bios of all speakers and moderators as well as the main takeaways/recommendations for each session will be published in a comprehensive conference report for Zone 2 and made available online.

After the Global Cyber Conference, the European chapter of RPF Alumni Association has received much positive feedback. Drawing on the conference's momentum, the plan is to continue the engaging dialogue and empowering practice of peace promotion around the world. The European chapter of RPF is collaborating with the Swiss/Liechtenstein chapter of the Rotarian Action Group for Peace to launch its first Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI). The RPPI aims to provide a space to foster meaningful connections between Rotary Peace Fellows, Rotarians, Rotaractors, peace practitioners and other international experts to work together and design at least twenty community-needed peace projects that will be implemented by Rotary clubs around the world. The RPPI has adapted its themes and projects to the (post-)pandemic context. It has also drawn on the content of the Global Cyber Peace Conference; e.g. introduction of new thematic areas such as New Technology and Peace and Intergenerational Cooperation and Peace.

Before the final, in-person RPPI presentations take place in Geneva in November of this year, a series of online information sessions and workshops will be organized between August and October. During these online sessions and workshops each team will present the progressing drafts of their project proposals to a wide variety of audience, including Rotarians, subject experts, and potential stakeholders. The final project proposals will be presented from 1-2 November in Geneva.

The team plans to develop further cooperation:

- with the African chapter (and others) of the alumni association (it was inspiring and enriching to work together as a broader team)
- with the Geneva Peacebuilding platform and Geneva International
- with the seven Rotary Peace Centers
- with peace fellows from various parts of Europe, such as Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and the Balkans



# ZONE 3

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# AMERICAS & THE CARIBBEAN

“May you walk the path of justice and beauty and take seriously the inexhaustible well of compassion as you hone the necessary presence to stay with the long arc that bends towards justice in the midst of this urgent now.”

John Paul Lederach, Internationally renowned peacebuilder and author of *The Moral Imagination*

## OVERVIEW OF ZONE 3 CONFERENCE

This summary focuses on Zone 3: Americas & Caribbean of the virtual peace conference **Envisioning the World After The Great Pause**. The conference was organized by members of the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association (RPFAA), together with staff and friends at Rotary International, Rotarians, leaders and professors from the Rotary Peace Centers, and a group of amazing social justice organizations that lent their talents and expertise to the initiative.

At the outset of this conference, success was defined by the Zone 3 Planning Committee as celebrating the diversity of the work and art of Rotary Peace Fellows throughout the Americas & Caribbean. We sought to organize a conference that envisioned the Rotary community we seek to be a part of - **inclusive, innovative and action-oriented**. Figure 1 includes additional details around the vision for success .

The conference achieved more than anyone ever imagined! Over 1,500 conference participants engaged with the 100 speakers, various musical and spoken word performances, cooking lessons, and 19 panel sessions in four languages! While there were certainly technical challenges, moments of panic and comedic mishaps, magical moments of sharing in community were created.

“It brings tears to my eyes to know that all of you are out there doing this work. When this opportunity for this partnership and this sponsorship came up [to] support what the peace fellows are doing, I had no hesitation in my mind. Each one of you is playing a role in this transformation that is possible. You all pulled off something nobody else has!. So, kudos to all of you who stayed up for many, many, many hours to make this happen.”

Prahba Sankaranarayan, President & CEO,  
Mediators Beyond Borders International



Figure 1: Our Vision of Success for the 2020 Global Cyber Peace Conference

## AGENDA

Rotary Peace Fellows led sessions on topics ranging from “Food Systems for Peace” to “Environment and Peace in Education,” to “Corrupción y las fronteras difusas del crimen organizado en América Latina” (Corruption and the blurred borders of organized crime in Latin America).

8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00
<b>Opening Plenary #3</b>	<b>Break</b>	Peace, Justice & the Environment: Medio Ambiente, Justicia y Paz (Español)	<b>Break</b>	Food Systems & Peace: Sistemas Alimentarios para la Paz + Lección de cocina (Español)	<b>World Lunch: Let Freedom Sing</b>	Corrupción y las Fronteras Difusas del Crimen Organizado en América Latina: Corruption and the Blurred Borders of Organized Crime in Latin America (Español)	<b>Break</b>	La Frágil Paz de Colombia (The Fragile Colombian Peace) (Español)	<b>Break</b>	<b>Global Learning &amp; Closing</b>
		Youth, Peace, and Security: Achieving Meaningful Participation of Young People in Global Peacebuilding		<b>From Image to Action</b>		<b>Beyond the Protest</b>		<b>Comunicacao Nao-Violenta Aula Pratica</b>		
		Global Grant Workshop: Part 1: Community Peacebuilding through Rotary Global Grants		NewGen Peacebuilder Workshop: Virtual Peace Circles		NewGen Peacebuilder Workshop: Environment and Peace in Education		NewGen Peacebuilder Workshop: Creating Connections		
		IEP Peace Index & Positive Peace Workshop, Part 1: Índice de Paz Global 2020: el desafío de construir Paz Pratica		Global Grant Workshop: Part 2: The Workshop		<b>International Storytelling Center Workshop</b>				
						MBBI: Bringing Peacebuilders into Social Change and Political Spaces		MBBI: Harnessing Polarities to Co-Create a Generative Future		

### Opening Plenary

Lorelei Higgins, Sim’oogit Hleek Dr. Joseph Gosnell, Dr. Michael Lickers, Meera Dasgupta, Jennifer Jones, Susan Carroll, Indrani Goradia, Uzra Zeya, Francisco Diez, John Paul Lederach

<https://www.facebook.com/103875814433226/videos/722061438544137>

### Spoken word performances by Girl Be Heard

Performer Meera Dasgupta - Uncle Sam’s Alphabet Soup

[https://youtu.be/kb\\_GEkh9Gg](https://youtu.be/kb_GEkh9Gg)

### Spoken word performances by Girl Be Heard

Performer Camryn Bruno - Girl Be Heard

[https://youtu.be/2g-Pm\\_WOnZl](https://youtu.be/2g-Pm_WOnZl)

### Centering with Outward Bound Peacebuilding

Flavio Bollag, Héctor Tello Mabarab, Cadeau Assoumani

### Youth, Peace and Security

Patricia Shafer, Claudia Maffettone, Megan Schleicher, Deisy Aparicio, Gatwal Yul, Matt Grady, Saif Al- Haddi

### Global Grant Workshop Part 1- Community Peacebuilding through Rotary Global Grants

Rebecca Crall, Summer Lewis, Simona Pinton

<https://youtu.be/gYq9vjspMFc>

<b>Mindful Movement</b> , Dean Ravizza	
<b>Food Systems and Peace: Sistemas Alimentarios para la Paz + Leccion de Cocina, (Español)</b> Ana Prada, Cesar Pachón, Antonio Gonzalez, John Herrera, Paola Pollmeier	
<b>Image to Action</b> Staci Martin, Marcus Tan de Bibiana, Mariana Abdalla, Alden Jacobs	
<b>NewGen Workshop: Virtual Peace Circles</b> Geoffrey Diesel, Nzubechi Uwaleme, Wesley Hedden	
<b>Global Grant Workshop Part 2 – Funding Options</b> Shab Elawar, Antonio Carlos Cardoso	
<b>IEP Workshop Part 2 - Global Peace Index 2020</b> , Laurie Smolenski	
<b>Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington, D.C.</b> Jay Gilliam, Thea Kano, Mario Sengo, Keygan Miller	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTGkjZmtLT4&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTGkjZmtLT4&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
<b>Medio Ambiente, Justicia y Paz, (Peace, Justice and the Environment), (Español)</b> Fernando Moretti, Martin Packmann, Stella Maris Isabel Margetic, Pablo Lumerman, Claudia Martinez Zuleta	<a href="https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:7392c22c-ad1a-4172-a939-c57d4be5a2f6">https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:7392c22c-ad1a-4172-a939-c57d4be5a2f6</a>
<b>Corrupción y las fronteras difusas del crimen organizado en América Latina, (Corruption &amp; the Blurred Borders of Organized Crime in Latin America), (Español)</b> Carlos Juárez, Elohim Monard, Gabriela Rivera, Ignacio Asis	<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/cqfc2qrlvobzh61/sesion.png?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/cqfc2qrlvobzh61/sesion.png?dl=0</a>
<b>Índice de Paz 2020, IEP Workshop Part 1, (Español)</b> , Carlos Juárez	<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/ozjtr9jl4mxke3q/sesion2.png?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/ozjtr9jl4mxke3q/sesion2.png?dl=0</a>
<b>Beyond the Protest</b> , Uprise Collective	
<b>International Storytelling Workshop</b> , Kiran Sirah	
<b>NewGen Workshop: Environment and Peace</b> Dakota Stormer, Jessica Rodríguez, Michael Collins, Kate Roney	
<b>La Fagil Paz de Colombia, The Fragile Colombian Peace, (Español)</b> María Cristina Cifuentes, Giovanni Rincón	
<b>Comunicacao Nao-Violenta Aula Practica, (NonViolent Communication), (Español)</b> Diana Bonar Currie, Thais Rosa	-
<b>NewGen Workshop: Creating Connections</b> Suzi Norbeck, Mary Hellwig	



**MBBI: Peacebuilders into Social Change and Political Spaces**  
Ken Cloke, Wendy Wood, Duncan Autrey

Part 1 <https://vimeo.com/434012425>  
password: dpace627-1

**MBBI – Harnessing Polarities to Co-Create a Generative Future**  
Duncan Autrey

Part 2 <https://vimeo.com/434010368>  
password: dpace627-2

Part 3 <https://vimeo.com/434010889>  
password: dpace627-3

**Cooking Lesson with Luisa Acosta of SLOW FOOD Bogotá, (Español)**

<https://www.facebook.com/103875814433226/videos/1609885729179163>

**Four Frames of Peacebuilding, Outward Bound**  
Hector Tello

**A Special Message from John Paul Lederach**

**Global Learning and Closing Session**  
Staci Martin, Lorelei Higgins, J.K.D.C.  
(JunkKillsDeepConsciousness) band members: Jane M. Kellum and Andres Pityla Casalaspro, Reem Ghunaim, Mike Caruso, Magdalena Zurita, Carolyn Jones, Prahba Sankaranarayan, Camryn Bruna, Scott Martin, Bill Rintz

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## HIGHLIGHTS

The conference provided a journey through varying lenses and landscapes, providing an experiential foray into the rich diversity of perspectives, experiences and languages that exist within the peacebuilding community. It was the intent of the Zone 3 Team to be deliberate in appealing to a broad audience by providing the workshops in multiple languages - Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Highlighted throughout the conference was the racial and gender equity work of Rotary Peace Fellows around the world who recognize that without equity there will be no lasting positive peace. The disparities laid bare by COVID-19 and the murder of George Floyd led us to seek out RPF's to share their social justice initiatives giving participants an opportunity for self-reflection, to hear new ideas, build skills, and take action to address inequities in their own neighborhoods, organizations, and countries. Some of these included RPF Jay Gilliam of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., who led a discussion on diversity, equity, and inclusion culminating in the choir's performance of "Let Freedom Ring." RPF Diana Bonar of Brazil taught participants how to create change through nonviolent communication. Another highlight was the workshop "Beyond the Protest" by The Uprise Collective that was targeted at uplifting the liberation tactics and movements of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) throughout the world, and who joined the conference through RPF and board member, Staci Martin.

**“La soberanía alimentaria es la ruta, tenemos que sembrar nuestro alimento, tenemos que respetuosos con nuestro alimento y tenemos también que entender que la única manera de acceder a los alimentos es que nosotros tengamos tierra.”**

Luisa Acosta, Historian, chef, curator of traditional foods.  
Member of Slow Food Colombia and CESAC

**“In this global pandemic, we have been given a really unique opportunity to take a conscious pause, to take a vision quest, to uniquely reflect as individuals what it is that we need to have happen in our world and in our lives. How do we want to see things in the future -whether that’s our educational institutions, our families, our way of doing things as human beings? We have to sit on the land, separate from technology.”**

Dr. Michael Lickers, Senior Advisor of Indigenous Relations for Suncor Energy

As familiar and new friends joined in throughout the conference, excited greetings, warm welcomes and smiling faces filled the screens. A strong sense of community permeated the conference from the outset and continued to multiply as the hours flew by.

**“The pandemic offers an opportunity to see the best in humanity, to find how we can be deeper in relationship with each other.”**

Jennifer Jones, Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees  
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**“Take off your shoes first before you can be in another’s.”**

Francisco Diez, Member, Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisors, United Nations

The calls to action made throughout the conference were met with invigorating and inspirational responses of what people are currently doing and what they will do. Everyone agreed that words are not enough. Participants were asked what additional actions they would commit to following the conference. Figure 3 contains a sampling of participant responses.

“After the Great Rupture, claim this space. It is not enough to ask what works, ask what’s right. Redefine power.”

Irene Santiago, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Executive Director of the historical NGO Forum on Women in China in 1995

“The time for major change has arrived. The will of the people around the world is extremely loud, extremely clear. What is it that the people want? They want to be treated equally, to be treated with respect, to be treated with dignity, to make the world a better place in which to live.”

Sim’oogit Hleek Dr. Joseph Gosnell, former President, Nisga’a Nation

## What is one thing you will commit to doing following the conference?



Figure 3: Commitments to Action

## THANK YOU

Hurray for the Rotary Peace Fellows of the Americas & Caribbean - panel session leaders, speakers, moderators, techs, and interactive audience members! These peacebuilders living and working for human rights and social justice throughout this region, generously gave their time, ideas, and access to their social networks in order to make this event a success. The core team volunteered more than 600 hours to plan and implement the conference.

The Cyber Peace Conference Planning Committee included: Scott Martin, Bill Rintz, Ana Patel, Staci Martin, Lorelei Higgins, Elaine Pratley, Phill Gittins, ElsaMarie DSilva, Kathy Doherty, Claudia Maffettone, Kim Weichel, Natalia Sineaeva, Spencer Leung.

Zone 3 Team Leaders included: Ana Patel, Staci Martin, Lorelei Higgins; with team members: Diana Bona, Ana Prada, Dean Ravizza, Ignacio Asis, Stella Maris Margetic, Roberta Rodrigues, Marcus Tan de Bibiana, María Cristina Cifuentes, Kathy Doherty, Claudia Maffettone, Thaís Rosa Pinheiro, María Antonia Perez, and Carlos Juárez. María Antonia Pérez volunteered her graphic design expertise to create the amazing logo and marketing materials for the conference in multiple languages.

An effort such as this is only possible with the infrastructure, investment, and leadership of Rotary peace leaders such as Jennifer Jones, Al Jubitz, Carolyn Jones, Rebecca Crall, Rudy Westervelt, Susan Carrol, Mike Caruso, and Reem Ghunaim, among many others. We are grateful for their vision and for the Rotary peace ecosystem that is emerging from their efforts.

We appreciate the leadership and contributions of organizations such as the Uprise Collective, Girl Be Heard, NewGen Peacebuilders, the Alliance for Peacebuilding, Mediators Beyond Borders International, Outward Bound Peacebuilding, and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.

Thank you for the expertise, passion, and patience this entire community contributed to the conference.

Some of the Planning Committee - hard at work!



(L-R) Lorelei Higgins, Elaine Pratley, Kim Weichel, Kathy Doherty, Scott Martin, Staci Martin, Claudia Maffettone, Bill Rintz, Jelena Jevtic

## OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS

- Continue to work through the Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni Association (RPFAA) to support peace fellows in presenting at regional events together, based on their interests, location, or areas of expertise.
- Increase more workshops and co-create inclusive spaces that support representation (diversity in race, gender, LGBTQ+, socio-economic status, language, abilities, and Global South ), similar to the workshop planned by the UPRISE Collective, so that they can share their knowledge and perspective of the issues that impact them the most.
- Increase more workshops that share knowledge around the world, as well as planning workshops in other languages to increase accessibility for non-English-speaking audiences.
- Continue to co-create spaces that allows for fellows to network, learn from each other, and collaborate on projects like the Cyber Conference .



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## BUDGET SUMMARY

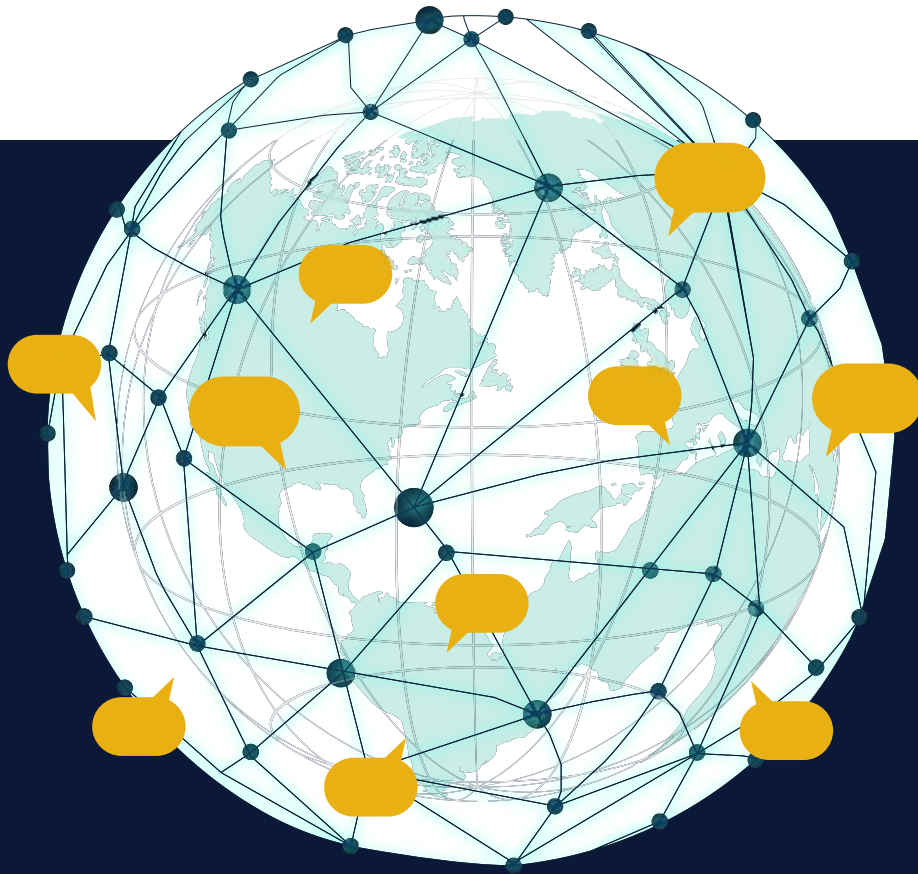


The conference grossed a total of USD \$10,532.81 in revenue over expenses of \$5,641.12 with a net balance of \$4,891.69. Revenue was earned primarily from registration fees totaling \$10,034.81 and a donation of \$498 from the Chulalongkorn University Peace Center. Conference expenses included: technology/subscription - \$1824.48, workshop honorariums - \$3261.23, payment processing fees - \$462.41, and bank fees - \$103.

## PRO BONO HOURS SUMMARY



The conference committee, organizers and facilitators worked long hours over six weeks completely pro bono. In order to understand the labor value of the conference, each member of the central planning committee was asked to estimate the number of hours worked. Only donated hours of 15 hours and above were included. While some of these individuals may in practice have higher daily rates than USD 700, we used a low daily rate across the board for consistency. From this estimate, 19 organizers worked for 2,207 hours, the equivalent of 294.27 days for a pro bono equivalent of USD \$205,986.67.



# FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION

## KEY FINDINGS OF POST-CONFERENCE SURVEY



The post-conference survey was distributed to all conference registrants, which was answered by 191 respondents. The survey focused on three areas: content, logistics and next steps, with the purpose of obtaining feedback to improve upon the conference experience in the future.

Based on the survey, there was a diverse range of attendees by age, language and affiliation. While 39% of respondents indicated that they were Rotary Club members, the conference also attracted Rotary Peace Fellows, prospective applicants to the Rotary Peace Fellowship, individuals from other peace organizations and members of the general public. The survey demonstrates that the RPF AA Global Cyber Peace Conference was successful in bringing new audiences to the Rotary Peace community.

Opinions on the content were overwhelmingly positive citing the diversity of speakers, breadth of content and action-oriented sessions. The speakers and the plenary sessions were rated the highest among aspects of the conference programming. A minority of respondents felt the programming was too broad and the objectives were not clear enough. Among the program aspects, the breakout sessions received the lowest ratings, indicating room for improvement in the timing and facilitation of these sessions.

The respondents generally rated the logistics including registration experience, technical support and RPF AA website favorably. However, many respondents expressed difficulty in navigating the technical aspects of the conference and finding the right sessions. Some specifically cited the Whova platform and app as the cause of their confusion.

In terms of next steps, a large percentage (84%) of respondents expressed an interest in attending future webinars and networking events, indicating a strong demand for future programming by the RPF AA.

## CONFERENCE TEAM REFLECTIONS



By all estimates, the inaugural RPF AA Global Cyber Peace Conference 2020 that came together in just six short weeks was a significant success! With a longer lead time, the team recognizes that this year’s benchmarks will be surpassed as planning is already underway for 2021. As the team moves forward, here are some highlights for overall improvements and ideas for next year.

The conference format was unique and created a sense of “oneness” as participants engaged in peacebuilding workshops during the same 24-hour period from every region of the world. Other formats being contemplated are those that would still allow for a global connectedness but with a schedule that provides more time between the regions and recognizes the challenges of attending workshops across different time zones. In addition, it may be beneficial to create more regions within each zone to develop more content specific to each region. Other early considerations are establishing streamlined systems for communication, role delineation, branding, marketing and promotion, call for presenters, partnership/donor opportunities and interface with the RPF AA Board. It will also be important to review other conference platforms that may be more user-friendly and that allow for an easier registration process.

Other recommendations were also made related to the structure of workshops, accessibility and conference fees. It is important that the conference be marketed as a free conference with options to donate in order to be inclusive especially for youth and those participants in the Asia/Oceania region. Although workshops were held in multiple languages, the conference must also look at offering ASL, closed captioning and more translation and interpretation services. Finally, most workshops utilized breakout sessions in order to be as interactive as possible however, some participants expressed reservations about this structure when they didn’t know much about the topic. Speakers may want to explore other ways of encouraging more engagement and interaction.

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