



GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE WORLD SUMMIT OF NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES

The World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates (WSNPL) is one of the most important annual events in the field of peacemaking. It is internationally recognized as an important opportunity to talk about peace, identify critical issues, and put the most urgent activities to promote worldwide peace into action. It is one of the foremost meetings on the global agenda for heads of states and governments, international organizations, academic institutions, businesses, and civil society. Most importantly, the Summit takes direction and vision from the examples set by Nobel Peace Laureates.

The Summit is the event with which the organization aims to make an impact locally, thanks to initiatives proposed by Nobel Peace Laureates and by engaging top experts, thinkers and academics in debates that cover the main topics presented.

The World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates was founded in 1999 as an initiative of former USSR President and Nobel Peace Laureate, Mikhail Gorbachev.

From its foundation in 1999 till 2007 the Summits were held in Rome, Italy. From 2008 the events are hosted in different cities around the world.

Over the last 20 years, the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates have been honored with the participation of numerous Laureates and Nobel Peace Prize awarded Organizations, including: President Mikhail Gorbachev, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, President Shimon Peres, President Lech Walesa, President Jimmy Carter, President José Ramos-Horta, Dr. Shirin Ebadi, Lord David Trimble, Professor John Hume, President Kim Dae Yung, and other globally recognized leaders.

The Summit is held annually in different cities throughout the world. Previous host landmark cities included Rome, Paris, Berlin, Hiroshima, Warsaw, Chicago, Bogotá, Barcelona and Mérida.

ABOUT THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



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The Permanent Secretariat of the World Summit of Nobel Peace is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization established in Rome in 2006 by Vadim V. Zagladin, close advisor to Mikhail S. Gorbachev regarding perestroika and glasnost.

It operates to promote messages of peace and translate them into concrete international proposals and initiatives addressing the most pressing issues of our planet.

The Permanent Secretariat acts as a PEACE HUB, an ecosystem that promotes the path to peace among all Countries and all populations. It also promotes international dialogues on global and local issues as well as educational programs.

Its activity aims at strengthening the humanitarian and non-violent thought by promoting the knowledge and the heritage of the Nobel Peace Laureates and of all the personalities that dedicated their lives to these issues.

The main event to reach its mission is the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates (WSNPL) which was founded in 1999 as an initiative of former USSR President and Nobel Peace Laureate, Mikhail Gorbachev

The Secretariat engages citizens, youths, students, and civil society in the development of practical thought for world peace and educates them by giving them practical tools for an active participation in the field of human rights.

As a non-profit organization, the Secretariat is supported by a volunteer-based staff, linked with our own representatives in Italy, France, Germany, Russia, United States, Asia and Africa, working together to explore new opportunities in the pursuit of our association's goals.

The Permanent Secretariat of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates is based in Piacenza and operates on a permanent basis.

ABOUT THE YOUTH PROGRAM

“Leading by Example” is the official youth education program for university students and young professionals worldwide. By attracting students and young professionals from diverse academic and professional backgrounds it aims at inspiring and educating the future peace makers.

At the core of the program there is the idea that peace can be accomplished through education, culture and exchange of experiences. Since its foundation in 2012, the program has attracted bright students pursuing studies in the fields of politics, social



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business, ecology, arts and sciences, education, medicine, and law, among other academic areas.

All year-round students participate to educational activities and workshops focused on human rights, non-violence, peacebuilding, sustainability, and social activism. The workshops are led by Nobel Peace Laureates, academics, non-profit leaders, and in some cases, other youth delegates. Central to the mission of the workshop initiative is providing opportunities for youth to engage in dialogue.

During the Summits, following the morning plenary sessions, students participate in educational activities, such as workshops and discussions, that serve as an opportunity for youths to engage in dialogue with Nobel Peace Laureates, academics, business leaders, and fellow students.

This year, the “Leading by Example” program will put a special emphasis on peace culture and bridge-building role of youth. More than 220 students from Korea and the globe are expected to participate.

CITIES THAT HOSTED THE SUMMITS

The Summits have been hosted in cities throughout the world in partnership with local governments, state agencies, businesses, and civil society. Almost all living Nobel Peace Laureates have participated at the Summits.

Mérida (2019)

Bogotá (2017)

Barcelona (2015)

Warsaw (2013)

Chicago (2012)

Hiroshima (2010)

Berlin (2009)

Paris (2008)

Rome (1999-2007, 2014)

NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES THAT PARTICIPATED TO PAST SUMMITS

President Frederik Willem De Klerk

President Juan Manuel Santos

President Lech Walesa

Dr Shirin Ebadi

Mrs Tawakkol Karman

Lord David Trimble



Prof Jody Williams
Leymah Gbowee
Kailash Satyarthi
Rigoberta Menchú Tum
Leymah Gbowee
José Ramos-Horta
Oscar Arias Sanchez
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Lech Walesa
Jody Williams
Mrs. Mairead Corrigan Maguire
Mrs. Betty Williams
Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo
Adolfo Perez Esquivel
Joseph Rotblat
Mikhail Gorbachev
Kim Dae-Jung
His Holiness the Dalai Lama

NOBEL PEACE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTICIPATED TO PAST SUMMITS

President José Manuel Barroso, 11th President, European Commission
International Committee of the Red Cross
The American Friends Service Committee
Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet
Martin Luther King Centre
Albert Schweitzer Institute
Desmond Tutu Peace Centre
Grameen Creative Lab
Nelson Mandela Foundation
Institute of international Law
ICAN
Amnesty International
European Commission
International Campaign to Ban Landmines
International Labour Organisation
International Peace Bureau
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs
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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees