



# Pathways to Reconciliation Summit

## Human Security through Community Engagement

*Hyatt Hotel, Amman, Jordan*

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009*

Global Reconciliation is an Australian-initiated network of individuals and organisations around the world seeking to promote reconciliation - that is, communication and dialogue across national, cultural, religious, racial and political differences.

Since it was founded in 2002 Global Reconciliation has conducted international conferences in Melbourne, London, New Delhi, Sarajevo and Amman and initiated collaborative projects in many countries. We have eight major areas of interest: “health care and medicine”, “the arts and culture”, “learning and education”, “livelihoods and money”, “spirituality and celebration”, “sport and recreation”, “place and environment” and “justice and ethics”. The partners include government and non-government organisations, academic institutions, professional associations and community based groups. Our patrons are The Reverend Desmond Tutu, The Hon Sir William Deane, Aung San Suu Kyi (not in current communication), President Jose Ramos-Horta, Professor Bernard Lown, Professor Amartya Sen, and Dr Lowitja O’Donoghue.

The core idea underlying our work is that everyday practices can be used to foster reconciliation. For example, in addition to delivering health care outcomes medicine can also help build relationships of trust, foster shared goals and values and support non-violent approaches to conflict resolution, thereby contributing to the construction of a durable infrastructure for peace. Our focus is community-based and local rather than political or diplomatic, although we in no way discount the importance of these approaches. In fact, we believe that the local and the global approaches to reconciliation are interdependent and complementary and that both have to be pursued simultaneously.

The object of the *Pathways to Reconciliation Summit* is to expand the exploration of alternative pathways to peace, pathways which emphasize informal reconciliation processes operating beneath the radar of conventional regimes. The event will be hosted by His Royal Highness Prince Hassan of Jordan. It is being organized by a group led by Melbourne’s RMIT and Monash Universities and will bring together delegates from around the world, including individuals who have made important personal contributions to reconciliation, representatives of NGOs, activist organizations the United Nations, together with academics and the media.

The Summit will concentrate on the first six of the life-world themes mentioned above, emphasising how they provide points of activity at which people can come together and work across boundaries of tension. The conveners of these themes are: Katarina Pejovic and Boris Bakal (Arts and Culture), Paul Komesaroff (Health-care and Medicine). Fazal Rizvi and Nedal Jayousi (Learning and Education), Gavin Mooney (Livelihoods and Money), Ian Campbell and Robert Costa, (Spirituality and Celebration), Michael Drapac and David Lurie, (Sport and Recreation). The themes will be addressed by separate working groups throughout the Summit which will continue beyond the event.

The summit will produce several major outcomes: it will generate, support and extend selected exemplary reconciliation projects to build on the wide range of activities already supported by Global Reconciliation, and it will launch two longer term projects, the *Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship Scheme* and the *Global Reconciliation Living Archive*. The Fellowship Scheme will provide support for people working in the field of reconciliation to establish and build contacts with like-minded people in other communities, while the Archive will serve both as a memory of and a resource for the world reconciliation experience, in order to build and maintain support for local projects. In addition to the projects, the Fellowship Scheme and the Living Archive the summit will lead to a variety of publications, extending the work already undertaken in our recent collection *Pathways to reconciliation: theory and practice* (Ashgate, 2008).

More detailed information about the *Pathways to Reconciliation Summit* can be found at: <http://www.globalreconciliation.org>.



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### Program Overview

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
	9.00–10.30 Plenary <b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b> Daniel E. Doyle, Jnr (USA) Colin Tatz (Australia) (by video) John Sugden (UK) Daryl Adair (Australia)	9.00–10.30 Plenary <b>Livelihoods &amp; Money</b> Amiya Bagchi (India) Susan Buck-Morss (USA) Meas Nee (Cambodia) Modjtaba Sadria (Iran)	8.30–10.30 Joint Plenary <b>All themes</b> Yossi Harel-Fisch (Israel) Ed Smith (UK) Kushil Gunasekara (Sri Lanka) <b>Panel Discussion</b>
10.30–4.00 Registration	10.30–11.00 Break 11.00–12.30 Workshops* Arts Money Parallel Papers * Note: the Arts group will meet throughout Tuesday and Wednesday	10.30–11.00 Break 11.00–12.30 Workshops* Health Sport Parallel Papers * Note: the Arts group will meet throughout Tuesday and Wednesday	10.30–11.00 Break 11.00–12.30 Workshops Education Spirituality
	12.30–1.30 Lunch	12.30–1.30 Lunch	12.30–1.30 Lunch
1.30–3.00 <b>Conference Opening</b> HRH Prince Hassan bin Tallal (Jordan) Lowitja O'Donoghue (Australia) HE Hasan Abu-Nimah (Jordan) Arts event	1.30–3.00 Plenary <b>Health-Care &amp; Medicine</b> Mohammed Shaheen (Palestine) Nanko van Buuren (Brazil) Habbouba Aoun (Lebanon)	1.30–3.00 Plenary <b>Learning &amp; Education</b> Pam Christie (Sth Africa/ Aust) Michelinos Zambylas (Cyprus) Nedal Jayousi (Palestine) Zabidi Hussin (Malaysia)	1.30–3.00 Plenary <b>Future Directions</b> Pat Anderson (Australia) Alphonso Lingis (USA) Toni Erskine (Wales)
3.00–4.00 Theme gatherings	3.00–4.00 Workshops* Health Spirituality Education * Note: the Arts group will meet throughout Tuesday and Wednesday	3.00–4.00 Workshops* Sport Arts Money * Note: the Arts group will meet throughout Tuesday and Wednesday	3.00–4.00 Finalizing the Communiqué
4.00–4.30 Break	4.00–4.30 Break	4.00–4.30 Break	4.00–5.30 <b>Closing Session</b> Fernanda Borges (East Timor) Panel discussion (participants to be announced)  Patron's Speech Arts Event  Finish before sunset
4.30–6.00 Plenary <b>Overview</b> Paul Komesaroff (Australia) General Mansour Abu Rashid (Jordan) Dame Carol Kidu (PNG) Paul James (Australia)	4.30–6.30 Plenary <b>Arts &amp; Culture</b> Talks & performances by Dragan Klaić (Netherlands), Michael Lessac (South Africa), Cindy Cohen (USA), Katarina Pejovic (Croatia), Boris Bakal (Croatia), Borka Pavicevic (Serbia), Catherine Larkins (Australia), Annet Henneman (Italy/ Netherlands), James Thompson (UK), Jeton Neziraj (Kosovo), Liesbeth Coltof (Netherlands), Rabih Mroueh (Lebanon), Sawsan Abu Khaled (Lebanon), Ong Keng Sen (Singapore) and others	4.30–6.00 Plenary <b>Spirituality &amp; Celebration</b> Elias Chacour (Israel) Tim King (USA) Sari Nusseibeh (Palestine)	
7.30 onwards Possible arts event	7.30 onwards Conference Dinner	7.30 onwards Arts Event	