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: “Peace must grow from within” – but how?

Public Evening Event

Frauenkirche Dresden

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“Sustaining Peace”

Current challenges for democracy

Conference languages

German/English (simultaneous translation)

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BACKGROUND

Peace within and among states and societies can never be taken for granted, so it is entirely logical that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the international community in 2015, identifies the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies worldwide as one of its key goals. But how can peaceful social relations be achieved and sustained?

“Sustaining peace” is the United Nations’ key phrase in its current discussion of this question. It is clear that peace must grow from within. But what does this mean in view of the global rise of nationalist and populist movements that not only demand a more isolationist approach externally but also target anyone they regard as “other” at home? What does “sustaining peace” mean at a time when discrimination against certain groups is increasing in almost every society? And what options do policy-makers and societal actors from the global to the local level have to counter social discord, up to and including separatist movements that threaten to spill over into violence? What should be their response to negative external influences?

PROGRAMME

CHAIR

Bernd Schekausti

MDR Kultur, Halle

19.00 HRS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

6 Preludes and Fugues for piano op. 35

Prelude and Fugue No. 1, e-Moll

(Processing for the organ: Christoph Bossert)

19.10 HRS

WELCOME

Frank Richter

Managing Director, Foundation Frauenkirche Dresden

Dr Jens Kreuter

Executive Director, Engagement Global gGmbH, Bonn

19.20 HRS

OPENING ADDRESS

Michael Kretschmer

Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony, Dresden
Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:)

19.30 HRS

KEYNOTE

H.E. Ramzy Ezzeldin Ramzy

Deputy Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General
for Syria, Geneva/Syria

20.00 HRS

PANEL DISCUSSION

Vera Baboun

Former Mayor of Bethlehem

Tanja Gönner

Chair of the Management Board
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
(GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn/Bonn

Hajer Sharief

Extremely Together Young Leader,
Co-founder of Maan Nabniha (Together We Build It), Tripolis

20.45 HRS

MUSICAL FAREWELL

Samuel Kummer (1968)*

Improvisation

*Organist: **Samuel Kummer***

BIO NOTES



Michael Kretschmer

Michael Kretschmer was elected Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony in December 2017. He was first elected to Germany's Bundestag as a direct candidate in the Görlitz electorate in 2002, and remained a member until 2017. Michael Kretschmer was deputy party leader, with portfolios in education and research, art, culture and media, from 2009 to 2017. From the German federal election in 2013 to September 2017, Michael Kretschmer was also the leader of the Saxon regional group within the CDU/CSU party in the German Bundestag.



H.E. Ramzy Ezzeldin Ramzy

Ramzy E. Ramzy's diplomatic career spans over 41 years with a primary focus on international security, non-proliferation and disarmament. Prior to assuming his present position as UN Deputy Special Envoy for Syria in September 2014, Amb. Ramzy served in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 38 years which culminated in the position of Senior Under-Secretary. He also served as Assistant Minister for International Economic Affairs; Deputy Assistant Minister for Disarmament and International Security; and Director for United Nations Affairs. He was ambassador to Germany, Austria and Brazil as well as the Egyptian Permanent Representative to UN and other international organisations in Vienna.



Vera Baboun

Vera George Ghattas Baboun was elected as the 1st Woman Mayor of the City of Bethlehem (November 14, 2012 - May 27, 2017). Between 1990-2010, Baboun was a lecturer of English Literature and Gender Development at Bethlehem University/Palestine. Between 2007-2013, Baboun was the president of the Board of Directors to the Guidance and Training Centre for Family and Children, and is currently active as a board member. Baboun is a member of the Higher Presidential Committee for Churches' Affairs/Palestine, a member of the Yasser Arafat Foundation/Palestine, and a member of the International Impact Committee for Women Mayors Network, NDI, Washington, D.C.



Tanja Gönner

She studied law, joined a law firm as a partner in 1999. From 2002-2004 she was a member of the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag). In 2004, Tanja Gönner became Minister of Social Affairs of the state of Baden-Württemberg; she took over at the helm of the Ministry of Environment in 2005, remained until the beginning of 2010 when she was appointed as Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Transport. From 2011 onwards, she was a member of the state parliament of Baden-Württemberg. Since 2012, she is Chair of the Management Board of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).



Hajer Sharief

Hajer Sharief was appointed by UN Secretary General as a member of the advisory group for the progress study on youth peace and security, mandated by the Security Council resolution 2250. She is also an advocate for the Extremely Together Initiative on Countering Violent Extremism of the Kofi Annan Foundation. Most recently she has been chosen for the UN women's group of 'champions for women, peace & security and human rights'. In February 2017, she was awarded the Isfit Peace prize in Norway. Hajer is the project manager for the 'Together We Build it' organisation which she co-founded during the war in Libya in 2011. She has been since working on supporting the democratic process in Libya by emphasising the relevant role of women and youth in peacebuilding, conflict resolution and preventing violent extremism.