

# **Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: The Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians**

The Founding of IAPD in Europe

Vienna, Parkhotel Schönbrunn

While UPF Europe and WFWP held a powerful interreligious conference in Vienna/Austria, including religious leaders and parliamentarians from many different backgrounds, featuring several sessions spanning over two days and culminating in the launch of the 'Interreligious Association for Peace & Development'. As part of this conference, WFWP Europe also conducted our own session. This conference brought together a huge number of truly inspirational speakers and was part of the 'Peace starts with Me'-Festival. For more details, please see below and the entire schedule among the images. Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: The Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians Parkhotel Schönbrunn April 28 – 29, 2018 Vienna, Austria

WFWP Session:

Session IV: Beyond Coexistence: Dealing with the Challenges of Interdependence - (Four Concurrent Sessions) A. Values Education and Healthy Families – Fostering an Environment for Prosperity, Citizenship and Interreligious Harmony Building a peaceful world of co-prosperity and shared values has long been the goal of religion, politics and educational institutions. In a stable, loving family, individuals may naturally develop capacities for love, respect, communication, cooperation, service, conflict resolution, forgiveness and other social skills that are relevant to life in the wider society. How can this universal principle be applied and extended to encourage harmonious social relations and partnerships for peace in our communities and in the family of nations?

Moderator: Ms. Carolyn Handschin, UN Office director, Women's Federation for World Peace International Ms. Yeon Ah Choi Moon, Chairwoman, WFWP International Hon. Dr. Vasilika Hysi, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Albania Hon. Nina Nováková, Member of Parliament (2013-2017), Czech Republic Rev. Ivo Sasek, President, Organische Christus Generation (OCG), Switzerland, Ms. Tahirih Danesh, Senior Programme Consultant, Ward and Brown Foundation, United Kingdom