

CONCEPT NOTE

2018 HWPL World Peace Summit: 4th Anniversary of the WARP Summit

Collaboration for Peace Development: Building a Peace Community through the DPCW

DEFINITION OF SLOGAN

HWPL includes local, national, and global actors in planning, executing, and managing its peace projects. These various actors, including individuals, civil societies, governments, and international organizations, comprise a peace community. “Collaboration for Peace Development” means everyone becoming a messenger of peace and creating a world of peace together.

OVERVIEW

2018 HWPL World Peace Summit: 4th Anniversary of the WARP Summit will be held over three days, from 17 to 19 September 2018, in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Summit has been held annually since 2014, providing a platform for leaders in politics, religion, youth and women’s groups, journalism, and civil society around the world to discuss the ideas and practices required to achieve peace, a common goal of the global community. This year’s Summit will further add to the driving force for the realization of peace through an all-encompassing approach involving different areas of expertise. Such approach is based on the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) and includes promoting international cooperation for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula, submitting the DPCW to the United Nations and drawing support from States, developing a culture of finding a trustworthy religious scripture, advancing peace education, and establishing a youth, women’s, and media peace network.

As solutions for achieving global peace, HWPL focuses on the following: 1) implementation of the DPCW in the form of a UN resolution to fundamentally prevent armed conflicts and establish an order of permanent peace, 2) harmony among religions, which lead the world and deal with spiritual matters, and 3) peace education to build the character expected of global citizens. Based on these solutions, HWPL considers each individual of the global community as the key agent for creating a world of peace and is carrying out initiatives in 170 countries

where everyone can play a leading role in creating and leaving a peaceful, warless world as a legacy for future generations. The initiatives include: 1) “Legislate Peace” Campaign, 2) comparative study of religious scriptures through WARP Offices, and 3) HWPL Peace Academy and education.

EVENT HISTORY

1. On 17-19 September 2014, HWPL hosted the World Alliance of Religions’ Peace (WARP) Summit for world peace and cessation of war. At this event, the world’s political leaders recognized the need for an international legal instrument that ensures peace and promised to cooperate, and religious leaders promised to become one according to the teachings of God and contribute to peace. As a token of their promise, they signed the Agreement to Propose the Enactment of International Law for the Cessation of Wars and World Peace and the World Alliance of Religions Agreement on 18 September 2014 at the 63 Building in Seoul.
2. In 2015, the 1st Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit was held at the World Peace Gate in Seoul Olympic Park. At this event, the HWPL International Law Peace Committee was officially inaugurated, and its members entered the stage of discussing an international legal instrument to settle and prevent armed conflicts. Then on 14 March 2016, the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), comprising of 10 articles and 38 clauses, was proclaimed. The fundamental spirit of the DPCW is the fair governance based on law, not power. Articles 1 to 7 pertain to the role of States while Articles 8 to 10 aim to empower the participation of global citizens in establishing a global order of peace through politics, religion, media, education, and civil society.
3. At the 2nd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit of 2016, discussions were held to turn the DPCW into legally binding form. As a result, “Legislate Peace” Campaign was launched to advocate the DPCW and mobilize support for its implementation globally, and over a million people in 170 countries participated in just one year.
4. In 2017, the 3rd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit was held under the theme, “Establishing Collaborative Governance for Development and Implementation of the DPCW” Building on the momentum from the adoption of the DPCW by the Central American Parliament, the Summit aimed to increase awareness of the DPCW among intergovernmental organizations including the United Nations. Furthermore, the agreed standards for determining a trustworthy religious scripture, which is the key of the comparative study of scriptures, were presented and ideas for a global peace media network were developed.

Overall, the Summit provided an opportunity to seek ways to establish a cooperative network among international organizations, governments, and civil societies.

**OBJECTIVES
AND
BACKGROUND
OF THE
2018 SUMMIT**

After learning a lesson from the biggest war in world history, humanity began to seek a collective effort to achieve peace, hoping for a world without war. However, by the Korean War, the world was plunged again into a whirlpool of war, and conflicts between nations arising from clashes of ideologies and national interests dashed the hope for permanent peace.

Fear is spreading in today's world as conflicts are becoming increasingly common and threatening even people's personal lives. Causes of conflict are not confined to political factors but extend to nonpolitical factors including ideology, ethnicity, religion, and economy. As a result, parties to conflict now include both State and non-State actors. Moreover, the growing interdependence and interconnectivity due to globalization has increased the possibility of a conflict in one country spilling over to other regions and even to the whole world.

Therefore, a new approach is needed to resolve wars and violent forms of conflict that are intensifying globally and threatening the survival of humanity. The international community is seeking ways to resolve conflicts in nonpolitical fields such as culture, religion, ethnicity, economy, and environment. To this end, cooperation among various actors, including governments, IGOs, NGOs, and individuals, is vital. In the same vein, global interdependence and interconnectivity show that the global community's collective effort for peace can increase the possibility of establishing peace both at national and international level.

In 2017 through "Collaborative Governance for Development and Implementation of the DPCW," HWPL urged the participation of international organizations, governments, and civil societies in achieving global peace. Based on this idea of collaborative governance, this year's Summit will be held to devise a more progressive model for applying the DPCW from the community level by engaging all segments of society – heads of state, government officials, religious leaders, representatives of civil society, media, women, and youth – and specifying the role of each.

Under the theme of "Collaboration for Peace Development: Building a Peace Community through the DPCW," participants of this year's Summit will discuss the following: 1) the role of the HWPL Peace Advisory Council in turning the DPCW into legally binding form, 2) national and regional support for the adoption of the DPCW as a UN resolution, 3) the outcomes and future direction of the comparative study of scriptures at WARP Offices for spreading a culture of finding a trustworthy religious scripture through interfaith dialogue,

4) implementation of peace education and the role of educators in spreading a culture of peace, and 5) practical action plans for projects based on the principles of the DPCW, which engage all members – women, youth, journalists, and more – of the global community as messengers of peace.

**HOST AND
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS**

HWPL, the host of this event, is an NGO associated with the Seoul Metropolitan Government and the UN Department of Public Information and in Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC. The organizers are the IPYG, an affiliated organization of HWPL, and the IWPG, a UN ECOSOC-affiliated NGO.

The event has been sponsored by and the Korea Tourism Organization in 2017. The government and civil organizations will continue to cooperate this year.