



September 2026

The UN International Day of Peace featured prominently in UPF activities around the globe, as we marked this important occasion with educational, cultural and celebratory events, together with partners dedicated to the pursuit of peace. Other activities are also highlighted here, and at www.upf.org.

UPF Joins Pro-Family NGO Coalition at United Nations

New York, United States – The Geneva Consensus Declaration Coalition brings together nations and nongovernmental organizations committed to advancing women’s health, protecting the family, affirming the dignity of every human life, and upholding each country’s sovereign right to establish its own family-related laws and policies. On September 23, 2026, the GCDC convened a program in New York during the UN General Assembly. UPF participated as a recently accepted member. The coalition has now grown to include 46 countries and nearly 100 NGOs.



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Leaders in Cameroon Seek to Advance Peace in the Nation

Yaoundé, Cameroon – An event to mark the UN International Day of Peace and promote peace in the nation was held in the legislative chamber of the National Assembly of Cameroon on September 21, 2026, organized by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace of Cameroon. The opening ceremony was conducted by Hon. Meboka Muyali Marie Boya, vice president of the National Assembly, a UPF Ambassador for Peace, who represented the president at the ceremony.

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New Peace Ambassadors Inducted at Philippines Youth Festival

Manila, Philippines – The Fusion Fest 2026 Youth Assembly, hosted by the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace Pilipinas (IAYSP-Pilipinas) brought together more than a thousand participants onsite and online from the Philippines and various parts of the Asia-Pacific region. The event took place at the Philippine Christian University in Manila on September 19, 2026, and was timed to mark the International Day of Peace. A highlight of the event was the awarding of new UPF Ambassadors for Peace.



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Experts Assess Role of Faith in Shaping Middle East Peace

UPF-EUME – UPF-Europe and Middle East, together with the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, convened an international webinar on September 3, 2026. Four distinguished religious leaders and scholars gathered to evaluate how faith

traditions can cultivate moral responsibility, prevent dehumanization, foster forgiveness, and establish solid foundations for sustainable peace.

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Bratislava Celebrates UPF Peace Embassy's 5th Anniversary

Bratislava, Slovakia – This year UPF-Slovakia's commemoration of the International Day of Peace included a celebration to mark five years since the opening of its Peace Embassy in Bratislava in 2021. The hall was packed to capacity on September 21, 2026, with guests who came to mark the day and contragulate UPF on its anniversary.



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Latin Artists Share Tales of Adversity and Triumph

South and Central America – An online convocation for young artists and cultural leaders featured artist professionals as speakers, and attracted over 100 participants on September 17, 2026. The program, “From Barriers to Bridges: Challenges and Contributions of the Arts and Culture from Latin America,” was part of UPF’s outreach to promote channels for peacebuilding by providing opportunities for artists with a positive message to perform and interact with one another.

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