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# INTRODUCTION: GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT



*Global Peace Chain (MAPS) envisions to build resilience, cultivate the culture of tolerance, inclusivity, interfaith harmony, peaceful co-existence, love & social peace building across borders through peace camps in educational institutions, interactive sessions, peace talks with society stakeholders, diplomats, religious scholars and community-based organization/groups across the globe and by engaging Global Peace Ambassadors in this process.*

*This year's Global Peace Summit was held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 15-18 October. 2020. The Summit provided an opportunity for young and enthusiastic peace-builders from 80+ countries to develop their ideas, road maps to achieve sustainable development goals, and advocate peace in their communities to counter extreme violence, hate, and every kind of discrimination. The Summit provided the youth with a dynamic platform to enhance their leadership skills and share innovative solutions for some pressing world issues.*







# TURKEY 2020

## Peace Summits-

*With a severe surge in the depletion of peace and harmony that has overtaken the human mind, today, it becomes imperative for all of us to look into the need and locus for peace. In times such as these, it also becomes essential to dissolve our differences and mingle with those from different backgrounds and nationalities to talk about the future that we aim to construct for ourselves.*

For the past three years, Global Peace Chain has successfully organized 400+ social campaigns including 9 Global & National Peace Summits (South Africa, Ukraine, Kurdistan-Iraq, Nepal, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Malaysia and Turkey). It has also collected 450,000+ signatures on the Peace Petition with the help of their passionate Global Peace Ambassadors and aims to submit the same at the UN HQ.



# PREVIOUS SUMMITS





# SUMMIT THEME

## RESHAPING YOUTH RESPONSE TO UNSDGs

*The U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which many across the globe identify with, offer hope for the future. But too often, the SDGs are used as a mere branding opportunity, without enough practical steps toward their core objective to "leave no one behind" and combat climate change. What the world needs is a concrete action And in this, youth through its hard work and dedication can set an excellent example.*

*Moreover, with participation of 150+ delegates from over 80 countries across the globe, the summit provided much more than just discussions on Peace Education, Global Citizenship, Disabling Inequalities, Socio-economic effects of COVID-19, etc.*

*The summit also provided the participants with an opportunity to expand their knowledge of UN SDGs, International relations, the concept of peace and war, etc.*

DAY 1

# ORIENTATION SESSION



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Innaugural Talk  
Kamran Zafar | Executive Director



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0110G483544  
Signing of Peace Petition

*The event commenced with opening speeches by the Executive Director- Mr. Kamran Zafar and Director Programmes- Mr. Muhammad Ahmad. They greeted delegates and introduced The Global Peace Chain's mission and vision. The Director, in his welcome address, expressed his admiration for the global peace ambassadors and the change they have brought in their societies. He then described the functioning and vision of Global Peace Chain. The opening speech was followed by a speech from Director Programs, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad. He explained how the Global Peace Chain aspires to escalate its Peace burgeoning Campaigns to make this earth a better place to live in. He also emphasised that our shared duty (duty of we-youth) is to "unite our strength" and to serve "we the peoples".*





# Meditation

## FOR PEACE SESSIONS

**Trainer: Ms. Helena**

*Ms Helena started the session by highlighting the importance of meditation for attainment of deep inner peace. The instructor also addressed mental well-being as one of the key concern areas in today's world especially during Covid-19 which led to a surge in the suicide cases. The symptoms of alienation, depression, anxiety, and all other kinds of substance abuse have become common. She emphasised that meditation is a deep cleansing and healing activity as it unveils the light of our souls.*

*Mr Muhammad Ahmad discussed that meditation is often overlooked, yet a compelling way to find serenity in the storm and hence is an invaluable tool for conscious living. The session left an indelible impact on the participants, and they felt more relaxed and were pumped with energy.*





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## SIGNING OF PEACE PETITION & CLOSING SESSION

*After the conclusion of sessions on Day 1, Executive Director Mr Kamran used the platform to acknowledge the contribution of all the delegates and peace ambassadors of Global Peace Chain. He appreciated the efforts of the team and participants who trusted and supported Global Peace Chain even in the times of pandemic.*

*Mr Kamran explained that the way to achieve peace is through dialogue. This is also a reason why the Global Peace Chain is crusading to get 1,000,000 signatures from people from all walks of life and present it at the United Nations Headquarters. Petitions are a great way to show support for your efforts, attract the attention of the community and policy-makers, and bring most importantly to bring a change. Petitions demonstrate group strength. Representatives from over 80 countries signed this petition.*

*He also encouraged peacebuilders to come up with innovative measures for the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He believes that Extremism, Military Adventurism, and clashing geostrategic visions undermine our security and sense of well-being, causing us to worry about the future of coming generations more than the world did 30 years ago when the Cold War ended. According to him wars are no longer economically viable and youth should come forward to promote the real essence of the UN SDGs. The session ended with a melodious rendition by the Turkish delegates, of their country's national anthem. Their harmonious voices in sync created a vibrant atmosphere. An array of musician and media people also attended the summit. Global Peace Summit Turkey was covered by International Media wonderfully.*



DAY 2

# RESHAPING YOUTH RESPONSE

DISCUSS, DELIBERATE AND TAKE ACTION

*Day 2 of the Global Peace Summit commenced with a standing ovation for the directors of Global Peace Chain. This was a beautiful gesture by the delegates to show gratitude for their work on world peace and the implementation of the UN SDGs.*

*Boosting youth participation to shape a better world for all, UN SDGs were a recurrent theme during the session. Beginning from the diplomats panel talk, role of youth in Peace making process, policy and development was discussed thoroughly. The panel of 'New World Order' enlightened the participants with ongoing issues like Intra-Afghan Talks, Migration, Displacement in Africa, climate change, crisis in middle east, Covid-19 and change of social and economic dynamics, etc.*



**SUMMIT- DAY 2**



# GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT 2020 ISTANBUL, TURKEY



## OPENING SPEECHES BY C.E.O. MR. KAMRAN ZAFAR AND DIRECTOR PROGRAMMES MR MUHAMMAD AHMAD

*Opening Speeches were given by Mr. Kamran, CEO of Global Peace Chain and Mr. Muhammad Ahmad, Director Programmes of Global Peace Chain. Mr. Kamran Zafar reminded delegates of the significance of the United Nations, and how countries are collaborating, how they are supposed to cooperate with the United Nations to help countries that are much affected by human rights challenges. While addressing the audience he said Covid-19 has changed our way of doing things. Engagement of the Youth in policymaking, diplomacy, politics, and stabilization of the Country, etc. have become more important than ever before. He also promoted the concept of Social-Entrepreneurship as it has a potential to reduce the number of 150 million people who are expected to go into the "extreme poverty" level. The figures are from the World Bank report published on 8th October 2020. He then opened the floor for discussion on these topics.*



## SUMMIT- DAY 2





# DIPLOMATS PANEL TALK

*The Diplomats Panel Talk focused on Peace talks in Afghanistan. The first high-level panel of the Global Peace Summit focused on diplomatic peace talks in Afghanistan, Migration, and how it is a threat to the health in the time of Covid-19. The panelists highlighted the role of Youth in diplomacy, the policymaking process, and their contribution in International Pressure. The panel featured the head of Consular General, Journalist, and Youth Member of parliament.*

*Moderator: Ms. Desli*

*Panelists:*

*H.E. Mr. Zekri Barakzai, Consular General of Afghanistan,*

*H.E. Ms. Nadya, undersecretary of Youth and Sports for Women's Affair Yemen,*

*Ms. Alex Whioute, International Blogger and the Journalist United Kingdom,*

*H.E. Ms. Abigail S. Johnson Member of International Youth parliament of Barbados.*

*In the end, the need for proper channels and mediums for youth participation were felt. H.E. Mr. Zekri Barakzai, Consular General of Afghanistan praised the efforts of Global Peace Chain team in Afghanistan.*





## YOUNG LEADERS TALK



*The session's overarching objective was to foster a broad and meaningful discussion regarding the role of Young Leaders as Global Citizens. The panel included political analysts, members of civil society, and delegates. Some of the topics discussed by the panel included teaching methods for the upcoming generation, containment of Covid-19, participation, and stopping extremism. The moderator opened the session by reflecting on the challenges that have been posed by Covid-19.*

*They showed how young people could be instrumental in devising means and ways to empower women, educate girls, advocate for climate action, improve health facilities and ensure access to safety and security.*

*Ms. Silia Taider from France, Mr. Samwel Jane from Kenya, Ms. Mariana Duque from Colombia and Mr. Patricio from Mexico enlightened the delegates on the above mentioned pressing issues and the session was moderated by Ms Desli.*



## PANEL TALK



## COVID-19 AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER PANEL TALK

*Continuing in the importance of youth role with the previous sessions' objective, the afternoon session aimed at young people in entrepreneurship. The session focused on how young people can get into entrepreneurship and how to sustain the good work.*

*Panelists for this session were Mr. James Jasper from the United States, Ms. Alina Shymanska from Ukraine, Mr. Phlijon Nura from Kosovo and Ms. Aderonke Esther from Nigeria. The session was moderated by Ms. Desli.*

*Panelists discussed their thoughts on the questions that were posed to them. Mr. James Jasper and Ms. Aderonke Esther agreed to have a vision, self-belief, and passion for what they are doing is what has made them successful in their business. They encouraged the participant not to be discouraged when they fail, but should see loss as an opportunity to learn. The delegates were also reminded that they are not small in themselves, but with their potential, they are the change the world needs, and thus they should rise and stand to that capacity.*

*Conclusion: Covid 19 can help us to discover our true potential, Just be consistent!*





# YOUNG LEADERS DAY

## WITH A TRAINING SESSIONS ON LIFE SKILLS AND SELF DEVELOPMENT

*Global Peace Chain always devote a full fledged day for youth interaction with an aim to provide them an opportunity to represent their selves and projects/initiatives which they are pursuing in their communities. Collaborations, technical support and partnerships for further expansion of their projects are offered by Global Peace Chain.*

*The welcome meeting and the ice-breaking was conducted by Mr Kaisar Riyadh, Country Director of Global Peace Chain Bangladesh. The topic of the session was Life skills and self development. The speaker encouraged the delegates to understand self-transcending and self-enhancing aspects. The Ventral Striatum makes one have Eudaimonic (how others see life) and Hedonic (How one sees life). The Eudaimonic has a decrease in depressive symptoms after one year. While the Hedonic increase and here is the likelihood of: Resilience, DNA Repair antibody protection, longevity, sleep improvement, Diet improvement and much more!*

*His session was appreciated both by the leadership of the Global Peace Chain and the delegates!*



# SOCIAL PROJECTS EXHIBITION

## 1. RISE UP BEIRUT! – Lebanon



*Alissar Azzam from  
Lebanon*

*Rise up Beirut campaign is a program that was started by Ms. Alissar Azzam, a youth from Beirut, after the explosion that occurred on 4th August 2020. The Rise up Beirut helped people to recover from the devastation by providing them relief material and assisting them with shelter facilities. The Programme's work plan included visiting areas that were majorly affected and a database of the victims was created after that. The mapping of the victims' home was done, and the rehabilitation was done. Today the program has managed to complete 75 homesteads, 31 are under construction, and 30 are under assessment stage. The plan was meant to show solidarity, hope, and demonstrate the Youth's role in the time of crisis.*

## 2. WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT – South Africa



*Langutelani Mabunda  
from South-Africa*

*Ms. Langutelani Mabunda a youth leader from South Africa discussed her project that focused on UN SDG 5 (Gender Equality). Ms. Langutelani came up with an initiative that tackles problems like violence against women, domination of men in government decisions, etc. Recently, she joined an NGO called 'Women in Parliament,' which aims at developing a parliament for women by women where the issues of women are addressed and tackled by prioritizing women's voices in politics.*

*This initiative is aimed to tackle the issues from the grassroots level by encouraging and empowering young to occupy spaces in politics and diplomacy.*



# SOCIAL PROJECTS EXHIBITION

## 3. CHALLENGES FACED BY TRANSGENDER- Pakistan



*Saro Imran from  
Pakistan*

*The Project was presented by one the Director of the Pink Rupee, Saro Imran. Saro has also attended the International Conference in Population Development (ICPD 25) Nairobi Summit 2019. Saro noted that one of the main challenges transgender people face is a financial dependency, which has contributed to their economic platforms' exclusivity. Saro told the Delegates that the root cause of major social issues linked with the transgender Community is harassment, Violence, HIV, and threats. Such discriminations have denied them an opportunity to enjoy Peace. She then discussed various solutions for the same problem.*

## 4. HIDDEN GEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT -Indonesia

*Hidden Gem Development Project is a program run by Rina Kharismawati, a Researcher Assistant – World Craft Council Asia Pacific Region, Thailand. The program focuses on Tourism as a force for Peace. The Hidden Gem use education to foster understanding between people and cultures. The program has increasing chances for people to develop mutual sympathy and reduce prejudices to create empathy, leading to decreased tension globally.*

## 5. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WITH SCOUTCYMRU (SCOUTS IN WALES) -United Kingdom

*Leah Sier is a Trustee Scouts Cymru and helps in developing an organization, ensuring it provides young people with skills for life and that their volunteers are supported. She is passionate about helping young people becoming the best versions of themselves and giving them opportunities to do the things they want. The Scouts is an international movement of young people to give them skills for life and develop them to be the best versions of themselves. Scouts are half a million people worldwide, in nearly every Country, for any young person.*





# AWARD CEREMONY

*Each participant was awarded a medal, and the director acknowledged the efforts of the organising committee and panelists. Prestigious medal of PEACE was also presented to the diplomats and panelists of diplomatic, young leaders and new world order experts.*

*Organisers used numerous soundtracks to keep the environment light and fun-loving. The background music, along with their unique performances, conveyed sentiments and feelings that words could not capture. Delegates also performed on their traditional songs and dances.*

*Each song delivered a beautiful message of togetherness and love; whereas, each performance displayed a vibrant array of colour and talent. All the delegates were mesmerised by the performances.*

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# CRUISE DINNER

*After the certification ceremony, farewell party was held and cruise dinner was arranged for the delegates. Delegates enjoyed the beauty of Turkish culture and food in the cruise and Global Peace Summit Istanbul concluded with this on a happy and cheerful note.*

*All the social distancing norms and precautions were followed at the summit. In the farewell speech, Mr. Kamran Zafar and Mr. Muhammad Ahmad urged the participants to stay connected and continue doing the good work in order to uphold the UN SDGs!*



## ISTANBUL 2020



CELEBRATING PARTICIPATION



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FAREWELL PARTY

*Global Peace Summit Istanbul 2020 was a grand success. Both the organisers and the delegates rejoiced this achievement during the celebration/ farewell party, which included a cake cutting ceremony as well.*

*The summit officially came to an end after the closing remarks from the Executive Director, Global Peace Chain- Mr Kamran Zafar, who thanked all the delegates for their active participation and motivated them to spread the aim and vision of Global Peace Chain in their respective countries.*

CELEBRATION PARTY



# MEDIA COVERAGE

*Global Peace Chain is a community of more than 3000 global peace ambassadors. We are connected to more than 50,000 people through our social media platforms as well because of which people from different corners of the world were following our event.*

*Various International Media houses and media houses from Turkey, Yemen, Pakistan, Syria, The United Kingdom, etc. covered the Global Peace Summit Istanbul, 2020.*







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# Fully Funded DELEGATES



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TURKEY



AFGHANISTAN



ALBANIA



BRAZIL



CAMEROON



CANADA



ENGLAND



GERMANY



IRELAND



INDIA



KOSOVO



MEXICO



MONACO



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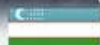
NIGERIA



PAKISTAN



PALESTINE



UZBEKISTAN



VIETNAM



YEMEN



ZAMBIA



# CLOSING NOTE (DECLARATION)

## ACHIEVEMENTS FROM GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT TURKEY

- *Global Peace Chain strives to identify the most impactful young leaders from every country in the world. Many Global Peace Ambassadors are top-performing professionals sent to attend the Summit by forward-thinking Leadership who see the need for talent development. Scholarships provide the opportunity for exceptional young people to attend on the merit of their proven Leadership and ability to create change in their home country.*
- *The delegates are made Global Peace Ambassadors who get Access to exclusive programmes, High-level speaking engagements and Mentorship.*
- *Global Peace Summit Turkey sparked regional collaborations. We created local communities of Global Peace Ambassadors in every corner of the world to promote Impact and action. With our communication team and country Leadership's support, we ensure our young leaders' Community is always connected.*
- *The Summit facilitated connections and opportunities for Global Peace Ambassadors. Summit provides a chance to build a golden network of friends across the Globe and effectuate everlasting partnerships.*
- *We document progress on our Community's work and Impact created by our Summit year-round. Our Initiatives have impacted 450,000+ people since 2018.*
- *We identify programmes that accelerate the growth of our Ambassadors and enhance their Leadership. Even after the Summit, we keep them posted with some fantastic opportunities.*
- *We curate events hosted at prestigious venues, in partnership with respected organisations, and virtually to encourage global participation. Ambassadors need to meet up in casual environments, so we also host informal meetups and socials.*
- *We promote & secure Ambassadors for globally-recognised awards, opportunities to address prestigious forums, and media engagements on behalf of the Global Peace Chain. We also provide logistical and Technical supports to our Ambassadors and their organisations by forming strong collaborations.*
- *We connect Ambassadors with senior leaders and peer mentors to scale-up their work.*
- *Lastly, We work endlessly to motivate everyone in our Community towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Peace by Dialogue. We have a presence in 135+ countries, and we work on areas ranging from UN SDGs, climate change, etc., to social entrepreneurship, social work and much more.*