



Peace by peaceful means

INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

VIENNA, AUSTRIA – JUNE 10TH/11TH 2023

EVENT PROGRAM

Inviting Organizations:

International Peace Bureau, CODEPINK, Assembly of the World Social Forum, Transform Europe, Europe for Peace, International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), Peace in Ukraine, Campaign for Peace Disarmament and Common Security (CPDCS)

Local Organizers and Supporters:

AbFaNG (Action Alliance for Peace, Active Neutrality and Non-Violence), Institute for Intercultural Research and Cooperation (IIRC), Herbert C. Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Transformation, ÖGB – Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund, WILPF Austria, ATTAC Austria, IFOR Austria

Sponsors:

CODEPINK, Transform Europe, Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation (tbc)

**Please note this is the first preliminary program.
Subsequent changes to the program and speaker may occur.**

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The Peace Appeal

The goal of the Peace Summit is to publish an Urgent Global Appeal, called the Vienna Appeal for Peace, calling on political leaders to act in support of a ceasefire and negotiations in Ukraine.

The summit will have different parts:

A conference to discuss the controversial questions related to the Russian-Ukrainian war, to hear the voices of civil society representatives of the various NATO countries, as well as representatives from Russia and Ukraine who support the aims of the Peace Summit. Participants from the Global South will share the dramatic consequences this war has had for the people in their countries and emphasize how they can contribute to peace. The conference will focus not only on critics and analysis, but also on creative solutions and ways to end the war and how to prepare negotiations. This is not only the task of states and diplomats but nowadays more and more also of global civil society.

The conference will include a combination of statements, working groups, panels of experts and dialogues.

After the summit we will contact the various NATO-country embassies, as well as the embassies of Russia and Ukraine and international organizations located in Vienna will take place to meet with embassy representatives and deliver the Vienna Appeal for Peace from people around the world; The summit will also be supported by a send-off for delegations to visit the capitals of various European countries with the purpose of meeting with government officials and international organizations. Also further events for late 2023 will be developed.

A call for peace

We condemn the illegal Russian invasion in Ukraine. We are fully aware of NATO's co-responsibility for this long-term conflict as one of many examples of violations of international law. At the same time, we are affected by the consequences this war and all wars have on societies – from injuries and deaths to the long-term deprivation striking the women who are providing vital care even in times of war, fighting for livelihood and peace despite violations of human rights. It is destroying the country's environment and infrastructure, causing rising food and energy prices around the world, exacerbating poverty and hunger – especially in the global South – and threatening the entire world with a nuclear war.

It is time for the weapons to fall silent and for diplomacy to begin to resolve the conflict. We must counter the logic of war with the logic of peace.

Let us gather to discuss the state and the wider context of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the positions of our various governments, the efforts, obstacles, and opportunities of the various peace movements and most importantly, how we can work more effectively to promote a ceasefire and negotiations, and peaceful solutions as the alternative to war.

Peace is not only the task of states and diplomats but nowadays more and more also of the global civil society. What is urgently needed now is a global movement demanding that all parties stop fighting and start talking. The international support garnered by the International Peace Bureau's Christmas ceasefire appeal, the appeals at the UN General Assembly and by many governments, even comments from some political leaders of Russia and Ukraine show that a window of opportunity may be opening.

Why Vienna?

Austria is a neutral country. It is a "UN City" and the home to the Secretariat of the OSCE (the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), which had been monitoring the situation in the Donbas since the signing of the Minsk II agreement.

Join the Peace Summit!

It is the responsibility of peace movements all around the world and of all peace-loving peoples to strengthen these efforts. The Vienna Summit for Peace in Ukraine can be a powerful sign of hope and a catalyst for more and stronger peace actions globally.

The future of humanity hangs in the balance;
we must seize the moment before it's too late

Friday, June 9th

Peace Concert

Festive concert on the 180th birthday of the Nobel Peace Prize winner Bertha von Suttner as a prelude to the the International Peace Summit on 10 and 11 June 2023 in Vienna.

Program

The 1st Women's Chamber Orchestra of Austria, founded 41 years ago, highlights current issues: Peace, tolerance, human rights, climate protection, abolition of nuclear weapons.

As an appeal for peace, works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Gustav Mahler, Arvo Pärt, Dimitri Shostakovich, Hanns Eisler, Johanna Doderer, Nancy Van de Vate, Flaka Goranci, and others.

Mercedes Echerer recites thoughts by Bertha von Suttner, Marlene Streeruwitz, Lojze Wieser and others.

Performers/Soloists:

First Women's Chamber Orchestra from Austria

Lucia Hall, violin

Flaka Goranci. Mezzo-soprano

Recitation: Mercedes Echerer, moderator, actress, cultural activist

Place:

Borromeo Festival Hall

District Office Landstraße,

Karl Borromäus Platz 3, 1030 Vienna

(5 min from U3 station Rochusplatz)

Date/Time:

June 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Admission: € 20,- / € 15,-

Reduced for pensioners / free for pupils and students

Ticket reservation: konzert@abfang.org

(please pick up reserved tickets at 18:30 at the latest)

Organizer: AbFaNG - Action Alliance for Peace, Active Neutrality and Nonviolence in cooperation with IPB - International Peace Bureau

Saturday, June 10th

10.00 – 11.00 Opening Session

- Opening music
- Greetings & Welcome by the Organizers

Video Greetings

- Noam Chomsky (USA)
- Francia Márquez, (Vice-President of Colombia)
- Edgar Morin (France)
- Cardinal Álvaro Leonel Ramazzini Imeri (Guatemala)

11.00 – 12.30 Plenary: Actions for Negotiations and a Ceasefire

The plenary will focus on the current situation in Ukraine and how to shift the narrative from war and military support to a peaceful resolution and common security. This includes questions on the role of governments and civil society as well as arguments against and for a ceasefire followed by negotiations and a peace plan.

Speakers

- Anuradha Chenoy (Former Professor at Jawaharlal University, New Delhi India)
- David Choquehuanca (Vice-president of Bolivia)
- Dennis Kucinich (Member of the U.S. House of Representatives)
- Jeffrey Sachs (Professor at Columbia University USA, Pontifical Academy)

Moderator: Niamh Aine Ni Bhriain (TNI) (tbc)

12.30 – 12.45 Break

12.45- 14.15

Plenary: Civil Society Movement and Peace voices against the War from Russia and Ukraine

Speakers

- Oleg Bodrov, Russia (Public Council of the South Coast of the Gulf of Finland)
- Asya Gagieva, Russia (Activist)
- Nina Potarska, Ukraine (WILPF Ukraine)
- Karyna Radchenko, Ukraine (Partnership for Advancing Innovative Sustainability) (tbc)
- Yurii Sheliashenko, Ukraine (Ukrainian Pacifist Movement)

Moderators: Leo Gabriel (Prague Spring 2 Network) and Katerina Anastasiou (Transform! Europe)

14.15 – 15:30 Lunch Break

15.30 – 17:30 Working Groups

(More details on the next page)

18.00 – 19:00
Voices for Peace

- Baroness Ako-Adounvo (Ghana)
- Medea Benjamin (USA)
- Kate Hudson (UK)
- Tamara Lorincz (Canada)
- Chloé Meulewaeter (Spain)
- Binalakshmi Nepram (India)
- Alain Rouy (France)
- More names to be confirmed

19.00 – 20:00
Open Space

More details to come

(An evening gathering will be arranged with details to be provided at a later date)

Working Groups

Analysis of the nature and context of this war

- 1** What is this war about? A multi-perspective analysis
 - Convener: Ludo de Brabander, Vrede (Belgium) (tbc)
- 2** Dynamics of war and the nuclear threat
 - Format: Panel 2-3 speakers + moderator
 - Convener: IPPNW

Initiatives to stop the war and working towards peace

- 3** Voices from inside the war
 - Convener: Europe for Peace
- 4** Peace proposals – a critical assessment
 - Convener: IPB (Emily Molinari/Reiner Braun)
- 5** The role of civil society in a peace process
 - Convener: WILPF
- 6** The geostrategic transformations
 - Convener: Cora Fabros and Leo Gabriel
- 7** Post-war lessons: The new peace architecture for Europe
 - Convener: IPB (Alessandra Fontanella/Sean Conner)

Living with war, struggling for peace

- 8** The (violation of the) right of conscientious objection during the Russian-Ukrainian war
 - Convener: Yurii Sheliashenko and Zaira Zafarana

Conveners will provide a short description of each working group in the final version of the program

Sunday, June 11th

09.00 – 11.00 Plenary: Voices for Peace

- Voices for Peace continuation (names tbc)

11.00 – 11:30 Break

11.30 – 12.30 Outcome of the working groups

12.30 – 13:30 Panel Discussion

Dialogue of politicians and social movements for negotiations and a ceasefire –
Acting together for peace!

- Video from Lula Da Silva, President of Brazil

Speakers

- Martin Chungong (Cameroon, IPU General Secretary) (tbc)
- Monica Valente (Sao Paolo Peace Process)
- Michael von der Schulenburg (Germany, former UN diplomat)

Moderation: Medea Benjamin (CODEPINK)

13.30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 16:00 Closing Plenary

- Adoption of the “Vienna Appeal for Peace in Ukraine”
- Presentation: Werner Wintersteiner (Austria) and international team
- Act now: the results of the summit and the next steps (conference & declaration documents)
- Music

Logistics

Speeches, videos, an exhibition and a peace wall will be included in the International Peace Summit.

The International Peace Summit will be held in a hybrid format with the opportunity to join the conference virtually.

More details and updates available at www.peacevienna.org

Contact: International Peace Bureau, Marienstraße 19-20, 10117 Berlin
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The event is open to the public, but there are limited places available.

please, consider registering to guarantee your place.

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Accommodation

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