

# PEACE AWARDS, PHOTO EXHIBIT, LIVE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC, & RECEPTION

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# Meaningfulworld Photo Exhibit at the United Nations Transforming Suffering into Resilience

Humanitarian Challenges of the Past Decade: Natural and Human-Made Disasters in Africa, the Caribbean (Haiti), and the Caucasus (Armenia)

ATOP Meaningfulworld is a non-governmental organization affiliated with the United Nations, and is dedicated to fostering a meaningful, peaceful, and just world. Meaningfulworld provides humanitarian outreach to 45 countries worldwide, and 25 states in USA, utilizing the 7-Step Integrative Healing Model, developed by Dr. Ani Kalayjian. The model enables participants to work through conflicts and disasters, leading to healing, empowerment, resilience, resolution, and peace-building. Through emotional intelligence, post-trauma healing, meaning-making, and Soul-Surfing exercises, Meaningfulworld heals, nurtures and transforms distress into forgiveness and lessons learned.



The photographs that will be on display were taken during Meaningfulworld's humanitarian missions to Africa, Haiti, and Armenia. They depict the challenges people in these countries have been confronted within the past decade as the result of natural and human-made disasters. Meaningfulworld feels passionately about sharing these moving photographs with the United Nations diplomates, academia, and the public to both educate as well as nurture a dialogue around humanitarian challenges, and how to transform pain and trauma into peace and meaning-making.

This moving Photo Exhibit will be on display Monday 23 October through Friday 27 October, 2017 at the UN's lower level near the Vienna Cafe and conference rooms. A closing reception and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday evening at 6:15 PM, 26 October, 2017.

#### Through exhibiting these 50 photos, our goals are to:

- Celebrate human resilience in times of disasters (both natural and human-made):
- \* Raise awareness of the impact of our actions on others
- ❖ Share and connect international humanitarian workers
- Transform the multiple challenges facing humanity
- Inspire a dialogue for creating and maintaining peace.

When one helps another BOTH become stronger





**Special Gratitude to our Co-Sponsors:** The Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission to the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations, Armenian General Benevolent Union of America, ACRPC, and ATOP Meaningfulworld.

\*Registration is mandatory. This exhibit is within the UN proper and is not open to the general public. To view the exhibit and attend the reception you must register by 21 October in order to secure a pass to enter the UN. Payment must be made online at the time of registration.

**To register and donate on line:** http://meaningfulworld.com/get-involved/donation \$125 per person, \$60 for students, \$250 for International delegates (for a two-day program).

Additionally on Thursday 3 - 5:00 PM we will have a symposium organized by Health, Transformation and Spirituality (HTS), working group of the CoNGO Committee on Spirituality, Values, and Global Concerns (CSVGC-NY). The symposium will focus on Educating our Youth: Nurturing Conscientious Leaders. More information and flyer will follow. This symposium is free and you are all welcome!

Shared sorrow is half sorrow, while shared joy is double joy!



#### **New York**

New York's widely diversified population presents ample opportunity to learn about new cultures and experience new cuisines.

New York is also home to the world's largest diplomatic community, including the United Nations, 193 permanent missions, 114 consulates, 75 trade commissions, and almost 2,000 foreign companies. New York is also a place that offers many leisure activities to enjoy in the evening and over the



weekend. If your fancy is the arts, there are impeccable Museums, theaters on Broadway and Off-Broadway, Comedy Shows, and Music Concerts. The city is full of attractions including famous tourist destinations (i.e. Statue of Liberty, the Empire Building, Madison Square Garden, the Barclays Center, Coney Island Theme Park, Times Square, etc), Restaurants, Sports Events, Beaches, Parks, Botanical Gardens, Zoos and more.

### ATOP Meaningfulworld

Founded in 1990, the Association for Trauma Outreach & Prevention (ATOP) Meaningfulworld, charitable organization affiliated with the United Nations, has achieved international recognition as a leader in training humanitarian outreach professionals as well as responding to two and a half decades of global and local disasters.

ATOP is committed to health, justice, peace, transformation and global education promoting state-of-the-art scientific theory on peace, forgiveness, internship consciousness research, and the development of technical skills to train mental health professionals, teachers, psychologists, art therapists, nutritionists, alternative medicine practitioners, clergy, nurses, mediators, interfaith ministers, and lay persons committed to service the self and humanity.

Meaningfulworld Humanitarian Outreach Teams have helped rehabilitate survivors from over 45 countries in 7 regions of the world, and 25 states in USA making a daily difference in people's lives helping to transform tragedy and trauma into healing and meaning-making through post trauma growth, resilience, emotional intelligence, mindfulness, mind-body-eco-spirit health, visionary leadership, empowerment, artful collaborations, establishing Peace & Forgiveness Gardens to create a new and Meaningfulworld view.



## **Itinerary**

	10:00am-	12:00pm-	2:00pm-	3:00pm-5:00pm	6:00pm-7:30pm
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Thursday	UN	Lunch &	Tea	UN Symposium: Health,	Awards,
<b>26 Oct</b>	Event	Sightseeing		Transformation &	Reception, Photo
2017	TBA	(On your		Spirituality, a working	Exhibit, Music,
		own)		group of the NGO	food and drinks
				Committee on	
				Spirituality, Values and	
				Global Concerns	
				(CSVGC). Educating our	
				Youth: Nurturing	
				Conscientious Leaders	
		Program, Thurs		Reception Program	2017
	5:30 pm	6:00 pm	6:10 pm	6:20 pm	6:30 pm
	Registration	Welcoming	Peace Award:	Music: Traditional	Peace Award:
		remarks: HE	HE Amb. Joy	Madingo, Drumming by	Ms. Stephany
		Amb. Hamid	Ogwu (invited)	the Mamah T. Band,	Nwammah
		Al-Bayati,	8	Ivory Coast, featuring,	TWGEF, Lagos,
		Iraq		D Janine	Nigeria
		MC: Daren			
		Jaime,			
		BronxNet			
	6:40 pm	6:55 pm		7:00 pm	7:15 pm-closing
	Music:	Youth Peace		Music: African Root	Dr. Ani's <b>Heart</b>
	Areni	Award:		Reggae by Bassamuka	to Heart Circle
	Armenia	Ahmed Badr		Band, Ivory Coast	of Love &
	n Chorus			featuring, Sekouba	Gratitude
	of New			Bolomba	
	York				
Friday 27	10:00am	12:00pm-		1:00pm-3:00pm	3:30pm-5:00pm
Oct. 2017	12:00pm	1:00pm			
	UN	Lunch		UN tour	Sight seeing
	Meetings TBA				(on your own)
	IDA				

