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Leadership and Good Governance

Award Ceremony

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The Leadership and Good Governance Award is presented by the Universal Peace Federation to individuals and organizations manifesting the highest standards of excellence in leadership, integrating professional excellence and practical wisdom with moral and spiritual principles.

Candidates from all fields and realms of governance are nominated for the award, including leaders from religion, government, non-governmental organizations, corporations, and educational institutions. Past recipients have included current and former heads of state and government, parliamentarians, and significant religious leaders throughout the world.

PREVIOUS AWARDEES (PARTIAL LISTING)

Name	Position
Lord Nazir Ahmed	Member, House of Lords, UK
H.E. Henri Konan Bedie	President (1993-1999), Côte d'Ivoire
Hon. Hamilton Green	Prime Minister (1985-1992), Guyana
Prof. Ibrahim Gambari	Special Envoy of the United Nations
H.E. Dr. Abd Elaziz Hegazy	Prime Minister (1974-75), Egypt
H.E. Hamid Karzai	President, Afghanistan
Sir Allan Kemakeza	Prime Minister (2001-6), Solomon Iss.
H.E. Girija Prasad Koirala	Prime Minister (2006-2008), Nepal
H.E. Michal Kovac	President (1993-98), Slovak Republic
H.E. Leonid M. Kravchuk	President (1991-1994), Ukraine
Hon. Yasuhiro Nakasone	Prime Minister (1982-87), Japan
H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza	President, Republic of Burundi
Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga	Prime Minister, Republic of Kenya
H.E. Tommy Remengesau, Jr.	President (2001-2009), Palau
H.E. Sir Lloyd Sandiford	Prime Minister, Barbados (1987-94)
H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich	Chair, S. Council (1991-94), Belarus
Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher	Prime Minister (1979-1990), UK
H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid	President (1999-2001), Indonesia

NASSIR ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER

HIGH REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE 66TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser served as the President of the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly. Recently, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon designated him as High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

A veteran diplomat, Mr. Al-Nasser has the rank of Minister, granted by His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar.

Mr. Al-Nasser represented his country on the United Nations Security Council during the two-year term of Qatar as a non-permanent member (2006-2007). He was Security Council President during December 2006, when the Council took action on a range of complex peace and security issues.

The recipient of numerous decorations and awards, Mr. Al-Nasser was made an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association in New York in 2009 and holds three honorary doctorates: in international affairs from Chongqing University (China) in 2007 and from the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and a doctorate of laws from Fordham University in the United States. A wide range of countries have conferred on him their national awards, including the Medal of Independence of the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (1998); Grand Officer, Order of Merit (Italy 2004), and Commander of the National Order of the Republic (Cote d'Ivoire, 2008).

In his private capacity, Mr. Al-Nasser serves on the boards of a number of institutions, including the Board of Advisors of the New York University Center for Dialogues. Educated in Doha and Beirut, he is fluent in Arabic and English. Mr. Al-Nasser was born on 15 September 1953 in Doha. He is married to Muna Rihani and has one son, Abdulaziz.

HISTORY OF THE AWARD

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace centered on universal spiritual and moral values.

The Award recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership principles, including fairness, honesty, accountability, transparency and inclusiveness, based on the core values of:

- living for the sake of others in service to God and humanity
- promoting harmony and cooperation beyond barriers of race, religion, nationality and culture
- strengthening marriage and the family as the school of love
- affirming universal spiritual values

UPF maintains chapters in over 140 nations, and together with tens of thousands of *Ambassadors for Peace* we are working to resolve conflict and reconcile the divided human family. Our International Leadership Conferences, symposia and peace councils offer opportunities for high level consultations. These programs are complemented by track two diplomacy, interreligious dialogue and many grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.

The UPF Founders Dr. & Mrs. Sun Myung Moon with several past recipients of the Leadership and Good Governance Award

NOTABLE PREVIOUS AWARDEES

Steingrímur Hermannsson
Prime Minister of Iceland (1983–1987)

Hamid Karzai
President of Afghanistan (2004–incumbent)
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Yasuhiro Nakasone
Prime Minister of Japan (1982–1987)

Pierre Nkurunziza
Prime Minister of Burundi (2005–incumbent)

Raila Odinga
Prime Minister of Kenya (2008–incumbent)

Stanislav Shushkevich
Chairman, Supreme Soviet of Belarus (1991–1994)

Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1979–1990)

Johnson Toribiong
President of the Republic of the Palau (2009–incumbent)

Abdurrahman Wahid
President of Indonesia (1999–2001)

STATEMENTS OF PRIOR AWARDEES

The UPF peace principles have played a very important role in helping us to end the violence in Kenya. You are bringing hope for a brighter future to our nation, to Africa and the world.

Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister of Kenya

We look forward to the day when all people feel value in work and labor, and have basic needs for clothing, food, education and health, met. Agony and resentment can be dissolved as people live according to the UN declaration for human security and the eradication of hunger.

Dr. Abd Elaziz Hegazy, Prime Minister of Egypt (1974-75)

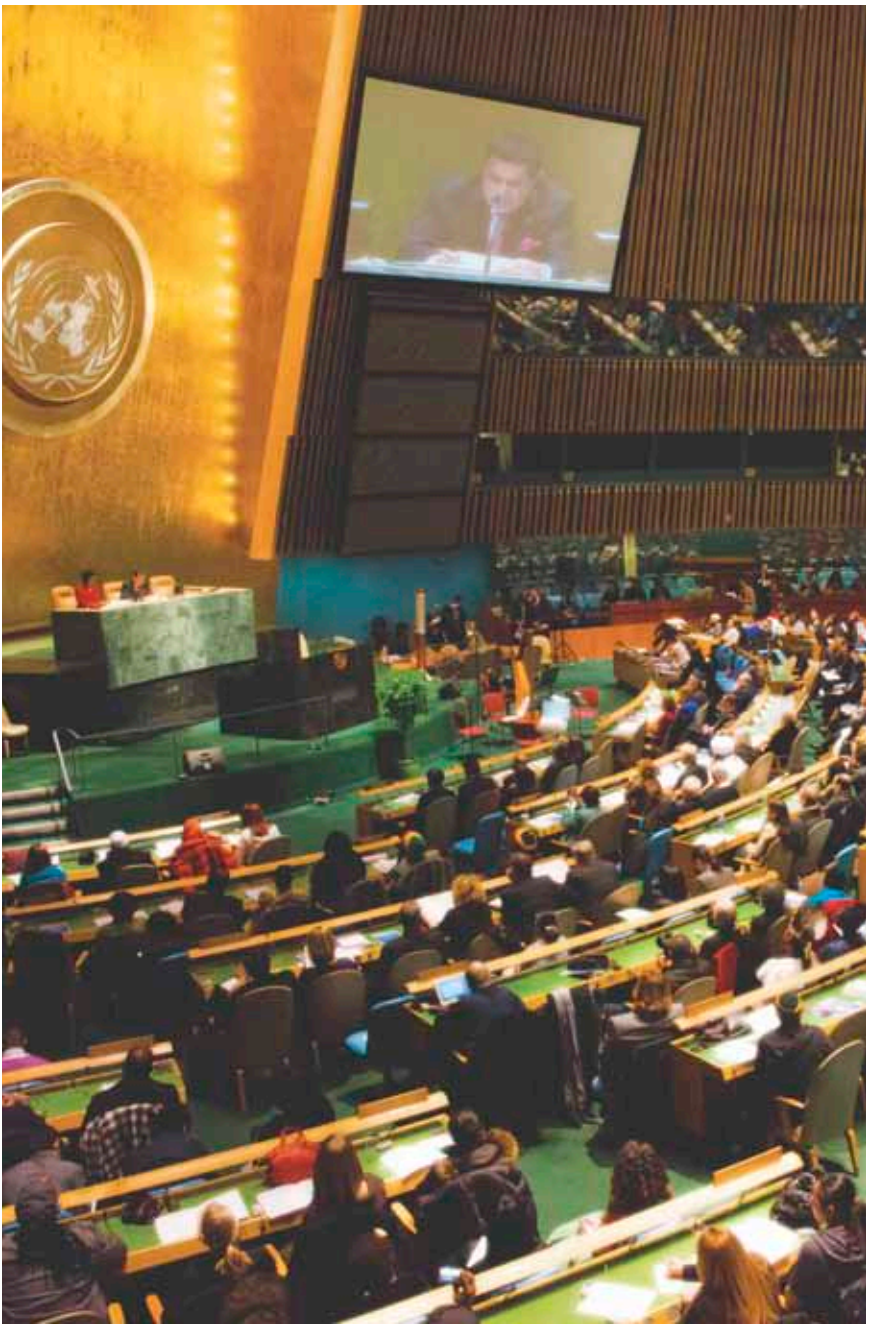
Above all we must recognize that knowledge and understanding of ourselves, and of our Creator God, will inevitably lead us to a love of others, our brothers and sisters of all nations, all continents, faiths, and religions. Living for the sake of others is at the core of UPF's teachings

Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Prime Minister of Barbados (1987-94)

As head of the Ukrainian Peace Council, I am ready to take an active part in this activity. We are ready to cooperate for the sake of creating a global network of peacemaking organizations that will help develop worldwide peacemaking processes.

H.E. Leonid M. Kravchuk, President of Ukraine (1991-94)

UPF World Assembly at the Manhattan Center in New York.



H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser opens the celebration for World Interfaith Harmony Week 2012 at the General Assembly

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