



THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CONSCIENCE

5 April

UNITED NATIONS

Building A, Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva/Switzerland

5 April, 2024, 10:00 – 17:00 CEST

Conscience, Love and Peace WALK THE TALK

10:00 to 10:30 Welcome & Keynote Messages

- **Lidiya Grigoreva**, Cheffe de Cabinet, Office of the Director-General of the United Nations in Geneva (UNOG)
- **Hasan Moosa Shafaei**, Chargé d’Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the UN & other International Organisations in Geneva/Vienna
- **Alfonso Gomez**, Mayor of Geneva
- **Gerald Pillay**, President Initiatives of Change International

followed by:

The Caux Palace – a centre for dialogue and peacebuilding to practice the Inner Development Goals by **Ignacio Packer**, Executive Director of Caux Initiatives of Change

The speakers will address the 3 themes of the International Day of Conscience:
CONSCIENCE, LOVE, PEACE

PART 1: CONSCIENCE, A NEW PARADIGM TO TAKE CARE OF ONESELF, OTHERS AND THE PLANET

Moderator: Celina Rocquet, Molecular biologist, prof. University Paris 1, France

10:30 - 10:40: Nassim Hamein, Physicist, creative leader, USA

10:40 - 10:50: Eric Julien, Spokesperson of the Indian Kogi community, anthropologist & business consultant, France

10:50-11:00: Renaud Ruhlmann, Founder of Naturasounds, musician, independant researcher on plants consciousness, author, France

11:00-11:07: Concluding Remarks: Celina Rocquet (France)

11:07-11:10 Music: The Song of the Sequoia, score by Renaud Ruhlmann, performed by **Francisco J Fernandez Benitez**, First Violin of the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

PART 2: LOVE, A FORCE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, PEACE & HUMAN EVOLUTION

Moderator: René Longet, Mayor of Onex 1999-2011, expert in Sustainable Development, author

11:10-11:20: Sofia Stril-Rever, Author and spiritual activist, founder of BE THE LOVE, France

11:20-11:30: Naresh Singh, Professor and Executive Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

11:30-11:40: Hajar Bichri, [Creative Leadership Youth Programme](#) of Caux Initiatives of Change, Morocco

11:40-11:50: Jonathan Belolo, CEO Village People Company, founder of THE PEOPLE, France

11:50 - 12:00: WALK THE TALK

11:50-12:00: "Be the Love" medit-action guided by **Sofia Stril-Rever**

11:57-12:00: Music: The Song of the Blue Pine of the Himalaya, score by Renaud Ruhlmann, performed by **Francisco J Fernandez Benitez**, First Violin of the Malaga Philharmonic Orchestra

PART 3: CONSCIENCE & LOVE FOR PEACE

Moderator: Sarah Noble, Peace Activist, Head of Global Engagement, Caux Initiatives of Change, Canada/Switzerland

12:00-12:10: TAHA, a poem of Palestinian author **Taha Muhammad Ali**, interpreted by actor **Sylvain Machac (France)**

12:10-12:30: In conversation: Sidi Nabil Baraka (Morocco), Sufi spiritual leader & **Moses Garelik (Belgium)**, spiritual conscious leader, UniOne, founder

12:30-12:40: Women Wage Peace (video clip) and **The Sarah & Hajar Accords** presented by **Guila Clara Kessous (France)**, Ambassador and Artist of Peace for UNESCO, and **Yael Deckelbaum**, singer and peace activist

12:40-12:50: Lisa Yasko (Ukraine), MP, Parliament of Ukraine, Foreign Affairs Committee

12:50-13:00: The Prayer of the Mothers, World Premiere (lyrics: Guila Clara Kessous, music: Yael Deckelbaum), presented by **Yael Deckelbaum** and **Guila Clara Kessous**

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK AT UN CAFETERIA



14:00 – 15:00 WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS

I. The Outer and Inner Meaning: How the IDGs accelerate the SDGs

Moderator: Louise Le Gat, President of A Purpose-led World

With:

- **Ignacio Packer**, Executive Director Caux Initiatives of Change
- **René Longet**, Expert in sustainability
- **Pascale Fresso**, President AIODD
- **Corentin Biteau**, Independent researcher Effective Altruism
- **Naresh Singh**, Professor and Executive Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

II. Talking Plants and Trees Workshop

Moderator: Yael Guillon, CEO Imfusio

With:

- **Renaud Ruhlmann**, Founder of Naturasounds, musician, researcher on plants consciousness, author, France
- **Sylvie Rouen**, Ph.D. in Microbiology and Aromatology, Agronomist

- **Celina Rocquet**, Cellular biologist, Prof. University Paris 1, France
- **Bert Barten**, Founder of Talking Trees, multi-disciplinary artist, theater director, entrepreneur, The Netherlands
- **Aloe Vera**, Vegetal speaker
- **Jean Fabre**, UN Interagency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE)

CONVERSATIONS

I. Conscious Science

Moderator: Thibault Verbiest, International Lawyer

With:

- **Nassim Hamein**, Physicist
- **Eric Julien**, Anthropologist

II. Women for Peace: UN Resolution 1325

Moderator: Sarah Noble, Peace Activist, Head of Global Engagement, Caux Initiatives of Change

With:

- **Guila Clara Kessous (France)**, UNESCO Ambassador and Artist for Peace,
- **Lisa Yasko (Ukraine)**, MP, Parliament of Ukraine
- **Yael Deckelbaum**, Singer & peace activist
- **Léopoldine Huyghues Despointes**, Global expert and advocate of people with disabilities

III. We Are One

Moderator: Jean-Michel Amor, Founder of PACI

With:

- **Sidi Nabil Baraka**, Sufi spiritual leader
- **Moses Garelik**, Founder of UniOne

15:00 – 17:00 WALK THE TALK

Moderator: Jean Fabre, UN Interagency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE)

15:00-15:10: Keynote Message by **Leopoldine Huyghues Despointes**, award-winning actress and producer, global expert and advocate for people with disabilities

15:10-15:40: Public restitution of the workshops / Presentation of the **Manifesto Peace and Sustainability** by **Pascale Fresso**, Founder of AIODD

15:40-15:50: Q&A with the public

15:50-16:00: Presentation of UniONE by its founder **Moshe Garelik**

16:00-16:10: Conscious Entrepreneurship: Jörg Schäfer, Founder of TREECYCLE & **Fahed Qaswami**, Founder of GOLDEFI

16:10-16:20: Conscious Art by **Marc-André de Figueres (MA2F)**, Visual artist, PhD Art and Sciences of Art, UNESCO Prix Lumière, 2016 & 2023

16:20-16:30: The LoveForce Awards, by **Khoa Nguyen**, author, founder of BETTER WE BETTER WORLD

16:30-16:40: Humanity at a Crossroads: Concluding Remarks by **René Longet**, expert in sustainability & **Jean Fabre**, UNTFSSSE

16:40-16:50: Thank You by global covenors, **Ignacio Packer**, **Sarah Noble** & **Sofia Stril-Rever**

16:50-17:00: Gospel "**LOVE SHALL OVERCOME**", an invitation to sing together in conclusion of the day.

