

Good Fruits of the 66th UN DPI/NGO Conference

“Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together”

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“What Kind of a World We Want to Live?”

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The 66th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organizations Conference (UN DPI. NGO) dedicated on: **“Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together.”** The Conference took place in the first year of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda to be attained by 2030 in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea on May 30 – June 1, 2016, which has turned out a great opportunity to spark the transformational changes for making the transition from an old culture of force, consumption into a new one of peace, love and creation.

The noble purpose of the conference, t.i. “Global citizenship is no longer an ideal, but rather a requirement for creating a peaceful, just, and environmentally sustainable world of interconnected societies” coincides with our 20 years of collective actions to create and manifest Education for World Citizens – both theory and practice. That is why our intention was to share “DECLARATION « EDUCATION for WORLD CITIZENS» “created in Russia” by participants of the 9th and 10th Education for World Citizens congresses. Taking into consideration that education is not only one of the social spheres of life but a key tool for creating a new future for humanity, we brought the document as a living evidence of a new education for awakening world citizens responsible for life by “Education for Life” theory and practice.

It was exciting to feel people’s good thoughts and actions to create global citizenship as a holistic vision of life and responsibility for creating a new harmonious society.

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon heartfelt greeted the participants and put a question: **“What kind of a world we want to live?”** He expressed the main task **“We have to raise awareness around the world”** paying attention to the dreams of youth. All people felt his warm feelings as he said that NGOs are really the **Network of Global Opportunities**.



Opening session of the conference, 30 May 2016

The feeling of responsibility for life on Earth united all people and awareness of **Education for Global Citizenship** is a key for creating a foundation of a new future society. **Earth is Our Common Home** team presented a joint vision of Education for World Citizens expressed in "Education of World Citizens" Declaration and a vision of a new culture as a path of divine creation of one humanity.

"Visions for a Universal Educational Protocol Towards Global Citizenship"



*Workshop moderated by Ms. **Bircan Ünver**, president, The Light Millennium (and, organized and presented by) provided opportunity for people to share visions and actions for a **Universal Educational Protocol and Global Education. Dr. Hong Tao-Tze**, president, FOWPAL, Vice President, Association of World Citizens, **Mr. Rene Wadlow**, president, Association of World Citizens were presenters expressing their bright and simple truth about the role*

*of Education for creating a world of love and peace. Youth visions presented by **Judy Lee**, volunteer, Association of World Citizens and **Samuel Kuo**, volunteer of FOWPAL, and art performance presented presented by **Soh Young Lee Segredo** and the Energy Girls and Boys Dance Group. Also as a teacher and community activist, Young Lee Segredo made a brief presentation along with author of this summary, which all together presented and created a holistic picture of visions and actions.*

Circle of friendship

A voice from Russia, **Nina Goncharova** spoke about the seeds of such an education planted in Russia and other countries and it would be good to integrate the precious both theory and practice existing in Education for Life movement in Russia, in Auroville community, in Montessori school, in Abode of Dawn community in Siberia and other parts of the world. Education of world citizens is a way to a new culture of a new humane, creative society with people living and cooperating with their true selves, nature, each other and the divine.

2016 World Summit of Love and Peace ***"The Education of World Citizens: Conscience and Culture"*** took place in the framework of the conference. People from all over the world shared their vital positive thoughts, intentions and activity to make the

education real. FOWPAL art performance was a manifestation of love and peace, as all people who were present felt reverence for life and sensed the unity of hearts.

Performances and Participants are dancing together during the 2016 World Summit of Love and Peace 30 May 2016



*FOWPAL
Energy Girls and Boys Dance Group*



*Dancing together as one
love and peace family*



Martial arts – Tai Ji Men



FOWPAL performance



A group of participants of the **“Visions for a Universal Educational Protocol Towards Global Citizenship”** Workshop along with the presenters, organizer-and-cosponsors at the HICO Convention Center, Room# 202 on May 30, 2016.

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During the conference, at the **Youth Hub** there was an opportunity to present “**Fire Bird**” art program by **Nina Goncharova** as a manifestation of a big picture of collective youth actions – interconnected creative events in the nature of Siberia. She invited the youth of the world to take part in the **16th New Earth expedition to Siberia** in August 2016 to experience a new way of life.

There was a wonderful opportunity to feel resonant people from all over the world and including Under-Secretary for Communication and Information, Ms. **Cristina Galach** (UN DPI) and Ms. **Daniela Bas**, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (UN DESA), who supported the idea of creating a Culture of Peace center as a school of planetary thinking for world leaders and governments. Its aim is creating conditions for a global cooperation in a humane way and obtaining a holistic approach to life to take care of Mother Earth as our common home and act as one friendly community without borders. This idea was born during a short meeting with Federico Mayor – president of the foundation of a culture of peace, in Russia at the 5th world congress of UNESCO clubs in 1999. Isn't it time to be realized by now, as global citizenship is possible when governments and countries of the world realize their unity as one human family?



Children and youth art performance during the Conference.

All events of the conference were full of humane warmth, mutual understanding and sympathy. There was a fusion of content and heartfelt art inputs – singing, performances full of meaning, cordial feelings of responsibility and reverence for life.

In Gyeongju Action Plan “**Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together**” there are inspiring statements that could serve as lights at the end of a corridor into a new society of peace, love and creation

- “Education is a human right, essential to well-being and dignity, and is key to achieving Agenda 2030. Further, an ethos of global citizenship is required in order to fulfil this bold, people-centered, universal, and planet-sensitive development framework.
- “Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship ...”

- ...promotes integrated development of the whole person emotionally, ethically, intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually; imbued with an understanding of our roles, rights and responsibilities for the common good in service to humanity and the advancement of a culture of peace, non-violence, freedom, justice, and equality;
- inculcates a sense of care for the earth, reverence for the interdependent kinship of all life, and stewardship of all ecological systems for future generations; ...
- The importance of the inclusion and participation of young people in decisions that affect their learning processes since educational systems have a profound, distinct, and lasting impact on them”....

This document might and should be enriched with Education for World Citizens Declaration to be endorsed on an over national level to bring to all humanity a real key tool for creating their lives as divine opportunities to express who we are and why we are here – to transform the world with love.

On the way to the conference, on the shore of the ocean near Incheon airport, I met Maria, a girl from Netherlands who arrived to Korea with her family. She asked me to walk with her on the sand. She took my hand and I heard a question from within her heart: "What is true love"? ...

On the way back in Seoul a group of young people arrived to the hotel to meet us. It was joy to feel their love for life expressed in actions. We invited them to come to Siberia to experience a new way of life, to meet young people who consciously create a foundation of a new world and manifest their responsibility for life by practical life in the nature with new humane relationships.

What Kind of a World We Want to Live? *It depends on all of us together and everybody. It depends on Education where people learn to live, create together a new never existed reality, and know what true love is.*



Spontaneous meaningful meeting, 28 May Nina, Rene and youth in Seoul, 2 June

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