



Global Alliance for  
**Ministries & Departments of Peace**

The *Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace* is a worldwide community of civil society organizations, committed citizens, and elected and appointed government officials from 36 countries who are:

- working for the establishment of governmental ministries and departments of peace to support the emergence of a global culture of peace and nonviolence
- implementing the “Peace Approach” conflict resolution principles stated below.

The purpose of the Global Alliance is to expand the capacity of its network to provide one another with resources and support for existing and new national campaigns for Ministries and Departments of Peace. It also seeks, through the combined activities of the Global Alliance and its broader networks, to increase governmental and civil society awareness of the need for Ministries and Departments of Peace. Two countries already have such ministries – the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction in Nepal and the Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation, and Peace in the Solomon Islands.

In order to support its international community, a principle activity of the Global Alliance is the sponsorship of the annual Global Alliance Summit for Ministries and Departments of Peace. The aims of the Global Summit include building relationships, conducting trainings to expand the knowledge and skills of the community, and raising awareness among governments, civil society, and the general public. Global Summits have been held in the United Kingdom in 2005, Canada in 2006, and Japan in 2007. The next GA Summit will be held in Costa Rica September 13-21, 2009, hosted by the Costa Rican Government.

Key outcomes of past Summits include the creation of an associated global youth movement, launched at the Canada Summit, and the formation of the African Alliance for Peace, formed at the Japan Summit to extend the movement for ministries of peace throughout Africa.

The Global Alliance cooperates with governments to create national infrastructure for resolving conflicts peacefully and meeting the fundamental needs of all humanity: security, mutual respect, justice, and a sustainable Earth.

## **COUNTRIES TO DATE PARTICIPATING IN THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF PEACE**

Argentina	Ghana*	New Zealand*	Sierra Leone
Australia*	India*	Nigeria*	Solomon Islands*
Brazil	Iraq	Pakistan*	South Africa*
Cameroon*	Israel*	Palestine*	Spain*
Canada*	Italy*	Philippines*	Sri Lanka
Congo, Dem. Rep. of*	Japan*	Romania*	Uganda*
Costa Rica*	Liberia	Rwanda*	United Kingdom*
Denmark*	Nepal*	Senegal*	United States of America*
France*	Netherlands	Serbia	

*\* Countries with movements currently active or in formation for a ministry or department of peace or similar government agency and/or who already have such government organisations.*

### **PRINCIPLES OF A “PEACE APPROACH” TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

The Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace calls for a “Peace Approach” to resolving conflict, internationally and domestically. The Peace Approach can be defined by the following basic principles:

- Bottom-Up.** Peacebuilding from below to develop a new architecture of peace based upon civil society aspirations.
- Partnership.** Civil society working in partnership with governments to reveal possibilities for dialogue and conflict transformation in a given situation – domestic as well as international.
- Inclusion.** Engaging and empowering all stakeholders in a given conflict transformation.
- Listening.** Respectfully and empathetically listening to and recognizing the legitimacy and needs of all parties.
- Root Causes.** Responding to the most fundamental human needs of sustenance, identity, security, and recognition.
- Creativity.** Opening space for the emergence of various possible outcomes to a given conflict and their potential for transformation.
- Healing.** Recognizing mutual healing as a key to conflict transformation.
- Modeling.** In our attitudes, behaviors, life, and work, modeling the peace we seek in the world and taking responsibility for peaceful outcomes.

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