

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

Working together to achieve peace, gender equality, mental health and wellbeing, and environmental preservation

CONCEPT NOTE

OBJECTIVE

In 2010, the UN General Assembly passed a Resolution proposed by King Abdullah of Jordan (A/Res.65/5)

and Buddhist faith traditions for an interfaith

The WIHW mantra, “Love of Good, Love of Neighbor”, is not only a slogan but a plea and an existential imperative to ensure our survival as a species. Faith leaders play a

true spirit and objective of the World Interfaith Harmony Week. Our UN Mission sponsors in various years have

The teachings of various faiths and a collective belief in the essential goodness in all of us, exhort us to be our brother’s/sister’s keepers and to be good custodians of our planet. As the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu eloquently said, “We are each made for goodness, love, and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths.”

We have been participating every year with an interfaith program under our overarching project name, Building

BACKGROUND

The United African Congress (UAC) and Give Them a

society organizations to respond to the General Assembly Resolution’s call on governments and civil society to

Harmony Week by holding an interfaith dialogue at the UN in 2012. The theme that year was *The Diaspora - A Force for Positive Change*, citing immigrant communities from

in peace and harmony. Our UN sponsor that year was the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

In subsequent years, our long-time partners joined us as co-sponsors. They are the Nusantara Foundation, Buddha Light International Association (BLIA), International