



Track: Women's Leadership Culture



Track Overview

GLOBAL PEACE WOMEN (GPW), A DIVISION OF THE GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION (GPF), promotes a values-based approach to peacebuilding through women-led initiatives around the world. Working alongside many partners in over 12 countries, GPW implements programs and activities that advocate for women's rights, strengthen families, prevent gender-based violence, and promote women as leaders for positive social transformation. The track sessions examine how women play a critical leadership role in both building sustainable peace and strengthening families in their communities around the world.

The track has six sessions, including a panel of influential women leaders who promote the theme of peacebuilding in diverse professional fields; a discussion on women engagement; a workshop on best leadership practices and strategies; a networking opportunity to build long-lasting international partnerships; a film-screening that exemplifies a woman-initiated cultural peacebuilding movement; and a special training program to develop healthy relationships as a fundamental peacebuilding and leadership skill. Participants will gain insights into a more holistic understanding of women's leadership and explore practices to implement in their families and communities.



FEBRUARY 28 SESSION 1:

Women’s New Leadership Culture for Peace and Development: From the Home to the World Special Discussion: Transformative Leadership towards a Better Future

Representatives from diverse professional fields will facilitate a special discussion on the importance of sustained and broad-based efforts to engage and support women leaders to advance models of transformative leadership for a better future.

MARCH 1 SESSION 2:

Influential Women in Leadership Panel

The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target increased opportunities for women in education, the economy, politics, and public life. However, there is still a gap between these goals and the realization of women’s full leadership potential. Moreover, public discourse does not adequately acknowledge women’s leadership, interpersonal and decision-making skills as resources for development and peace. Five prominent panelists will discuss how women’s leadership can contribute in diverse sectors of society.



MARCH 1 SESSION 3:

Best Practices and Models

Which action steps can aspiring women leaders take to transform their families and communities? Women leaders of diverse organizations engaged in gender based violence prevention, cultural transformation, leadership development, and conflict resolution on the Korean peninsula will share best practices and compelling models to apply in diverse professional fields. Based on these examples, participants will strategize how to practice women’s leadership in their personal and professional lives through small group discussions.



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MARCH 1 SESSION 4:

Women Leaders' Summit: Building a Network for Peace and Development

Ambitious targets such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and world peace cannot be achieved by individuals alone. Like-minded leaders and organizations need to develop private-public partnerships and relationships to support, mentor, and cooperate with each other for greater impact. This session will recognize Global Peace Women (GPW) leaders and contributors as well as provide an opportunity for participants to share partnership success stories. In addition to setting out GPW's international plan for 2017, the session will allow participants to expand the breadth and scope of their work through networking and collaboration on joint peacebuilding initiatives.



MARCH 1 SESSION 5:

Cultural Peacebuilding: JUN AI World Peace Foundation Movie Screening and Remarks by Lead Actress

Music, the arts, and media are powerful agents for communicating values and inspiring social change. Understanding the potential of cultural media to move people's hearts, GPW is hosting the first ever screening of JUN AI in the Philippines. The film is a compelling story of one woman's unconditional love in overcoming conflict between China and Japan after World War II. Following the screening, lead actress, script writer, executive producer and founder of the JUN AI World Peace Foundation, Keiko Kobayashi, will make remarks on how women-led initiatives in culture and the arts can promote peace.



**MARCH 2 SESSION 6:
Healthy Relationships
Special Training**

To create a new women's leadership culture for peace and development, women need to learn the relationship skills that will enable them to become agents of change, both in their home and in the community. In this special training conducted by Patty Howell, President of Healthy Relationships California, with more than 30 years' experience in 14 countries, participants will learn the skills for transforming the quality of relationships within the family and beyond. Healthy Relationships California is a preeminent relationship education organization that has served more than 200,000 teens and adults.

PEACE EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 3

Women's initiatives for peace significantly include work in the arts, including film, decorative and fine arts, fiction and children's literature that provides guidance and values within the home. Works by women that promote peaceful messages from across the world will be featured in this exhibition. JUN AI lead actress Keiko Kobayashi will be available for signing sessions during the exhibition.

SPECIAL HOME HOSPITALITY PROGRAM FEBRUARY 28

GPW Philippines leaders will host visiting women leaders from abroad in their homes for dinner and entertainment. This exchange will allow for networking and sharing of each other's culture, and promote understanding.

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