



Mediators Beyond Borders

2nd Annual Congress

March 6-8, 2009

French Quarter - New Orleans





Venue

- Chateau LeMoyne
301 Rue Dauphine
New Orleans
LA 70112

Date

- March 6-8, 2009

Registration

- \$195

To-Do List

- Register for 2nd Annual Congress on MBB website
- Volunteer with the Hurricane Katrina Project before the Congress
- Pay registration fee to MBB
- Reserve a room at Chateau LeMoyne in the French Quarter
- Plan transportation

About Mediators Beyond Borders

Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB) - Partnering for Peace & Reconciliation is a non-profit, humanitarian organization established to partner with communities worldwide to build their conflict resolution capacity for preventing, resolving and healing from conflict. This partnership involves the design and implementation of sustainable peace building initiatives responsive to the needs and culture of the communities, and to the history of each conflict.

About the Congress

MBB members, supporters and friends will be gathering in New Orleans on March 6-8, 2009, for the 2nd Annual Congress to plan future projects and activities and discuss global conflicts.

MBB will be forming concrete plans to travel and work in Ghana and Liberia, Louisiana and Mississippi, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Colombia, Kosovo, Ecuador, and with Indigenous Youth in Canada and the US. This is a great opportunity to get onto a project team on the ground floor.

In addition, we will be discussing a number of issues that are critical for MBB's growth and development in the next year.

The Congress will also feature keynote speakers Jamil Mahuad, ex-President of Ecuador and a professor at Harvard; Ambassador John W. McDonald, the chairman and co-founder of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy; Trevor Maisiri, founder of African Reform Institute based in Zimbabwe; and MBB Founding Member Woody Mosten, mediator and certified family law specialist.

Registration

To register for the Congress, please fill out the online Congress Registration Form at www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/what/congress_registration.shtml.

Registration Fees

Regular registration fee is \$195.

Send a check to 1807 Jancey St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206-1065 made out to Mediators Beyond Borders. You can also pay via PayPal once you submit the Congress Registration Form.

Venue

Holiday Inn Hotel Chateau LeMoyne
301 Rue Dauphine, New Orleans, LA 70112



If you are planning on staying at the Chateau LeMoyne Hotel, please reserve a room at www.hi-chateau.com or call +15045811303.

We can no longer guarantee the MBB Special Rate; however once you reserve a room, contact Melissa Okins at melissambb@gmail.com or call 412-441-1151 to see if there are rooms available under the MBB Special Rate of \$125 for a single or double.

Airport Shuttle

Shuttle service is available to and from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and French Quarter for \$15 one-way, per person.

To purchase tickets, go to the Airport Shuttle ticket desks, located directly across from or near the airline's baggage claim area on the ground level. The luggage policy is 3 average size pieces per person. Shuttle tickets are non-refundable. Handicap vehicles require a 2-week advance reservation. For more information or reservations, please call (866) 596-2699 or visit online at www.airportshuttle-neworleans.com.

Featured Keynote Speakers

Jamil Mahuad



Mr. Mahuad served as President of Ecuador from 1998 until 2000, capping a career of nearly 20 years in Ecuadorian politics, which included two terms as Mayor of Quito and member of the National Congress.

He is the co-founder and Senior Adviser of the International Negotiation Initiative, at Harvard Law School.

Mr. Mahuad is a recipient of the World Wild Fund Gift to the Earth Award (1999) for his policies on environmental protection and is a Nobel Peace Prize Nominee (1999) for the signing of a definitive Peace Treaty with neighbor country Peru.

Mr. Mahuad holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, as well as a J.D. degree from the Catholic University of Ecuador.

Reflecting on his experiences, Mr. Mahuad currently researches and teaches negotiation, leadership, and the challenges facing struggling democracies in the age of globalization.

Mr. Mahuad's long-term collaboration with Professors Roger Fisher and Daniel Shapiro in the theory and practice of successful negotiations is reflected in his contributed chapter to the book "Beyond Reason: Using Emotions As You Negotiate" that illustrates the practical application of the core concerns approach to a challenging international negotiation.

Trevor Maisiri



Trevor Maisiri is a researcher, writer and founder and Executive Director of the African Reform Institute (ARI), an organization focusing on training, advocacy, research, publications and policy frameworking in the field of peacebuilding and democracy in Zimbabwe. Mr. Maisiri also works as a part-time teaching assistant at the Africa Leadership and Management Academy (ALMA) in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Until 2008 he served as the Executive Director of the Africa Christian Research and Policy Trust. Prior to that he worked as the national coordinator and pastor at the Church of Worship International for two years.

Mr. Maisiri holds a Bachelors degree in Applied Chemistry from the National University of Science and Technology and a Masters degree in Leadership & Management from the Africa Leadership & Management Academy (ALMA). He is a certified Level 5 Reintegration and Logical Framework Approach practitioner.

Mr. Maisiri has been actively involved in the search for community peacebuilding initiatives in the wake of the Zimbabwean crisis that arose in 2008. In that regard he has carried out research titled "Causes of the Conflict and Building Strategic Interventions," which he presented to over 15 local and international NGO's working in the field of peacebuilding and democracy.

Ambassador John W. McDonald



Ambassador John W. McDonald is a lawyer, diplomat, former international civil servant, development expert and peacebuilder, concerned about world social, economic and ethnic problems. He spent twenty years of his career in Western Europe and the Middle East and worked for sixteen years on United Nations economic and social affairs.

He is currently Chairman and co-founder of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, in Washington D.C., which focuses on national and inter-national ethnic conflicts.

McDonald retired from the Foreign Service in 1987, after 40 years as a diplomat. He holds both a B.A. and a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois, and graduated from the National War College in 1967.

He was appointed Ambassador twice by President Carter and twice by President Reagan to represent the United States at various UN World Conferences.

In 1983, Ambassador McDonald joined the State Department's newly formed Center for the Study of Foreign Affairs as its Coordinator for Multilateral Affairs, and lectured and organized symposia on the art of negotiation, multilateral diplomacy and international organizations. He has written or edited eight books on negotiation and conflict resolution.

Featured Keynote Speakers

Forrest S. Mosten



Forrest S. Mosten is an Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution who has mediated since 1979 and is the author of *The Complete Guide to Mediation* (1997), *Unbundling Legal Services* (2000), and *Mediation Career Guide* (2001). He specializes in high conflict mediations involving divorcing families, partnerships, employment disputes, probate, real estate, commercial disputes and other complex civil lawsuits.

Mr. Mosten has been given two major awards by the American Bar Association: A Lifetime Achievement Award for Innovations in Legal Access by the ABA Section of Delivery of Legal Services; and the Lawyer as Problem Solver Award by the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution.

Mr. Mosten trains mediators worldwide and teaches mediation as a member of the faculty of the UCLA School of Law. He also teaches in the Dispute Resolution Program at Pepperdine School of Law. He has taught at USC Law Center, Hamline School of Law, Whittier School of Law, SMU, and University of San Diego School of Law, and was Director of Clinical Education and law professor at the Mercer School of Law.

His pioneering work in mediation and unbundling has been covered by the LA Daily Journal, LA Times, NY Times, USA Today, ABA Journal, LA Daily News, Chicago Tribune, the Wall Street Journal, and other publications all over the world.

Julia Roig



Julia Roig is an attorney, skilled mediator, facilitator and trainer with ten years of diverse international management experience. Currently she is the Executive Director at the Partners for Democratic Change, an international organization committed to building sustainable local capacity to advance civil society and a culture of change and conflict management worldwide.

From 2006 to 2008, she served as Serbia Country Director for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. Ms. Roig is also past Chair of the International Section of Association for Conflict Resolution and a member of the Editorial Board of *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*.

She has significant experience in systems design, program management, community outreach and training and has expertise in facilitating professional briefings and educational courses for community members, attorneys, judges, administrators, federal executives, and foreign ministers.

She has authored multiple case studies, project reports, articles, industry newsletters, and grant proposals and specializes in the evaluation of international assistance programs and impact assessments.

She holds a J.D. from The George Washington University School of Law. She is fluent in Spanish and proficient in French.

Other Speakers

Michael Aloj

Manchin & Aloj, PLLC

Barbora Batokova

MBB Communications Director

Nan Waller Burnett

MBB Board Director

Ken Cloke

MBB President

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Monique McKay

Master Mediator Institute

Ginny Morrison

MBB Board Director

Rhonda Neuhaus

MBB Colombia Project

Doug Noll

MBB Board Director

Susan Norwood

Hurricane Katrina Project

Eleni Opffer

MBB Gender Conflicts & Empowering Women Committee

Charlie Pillsbury

MBB Colombia Project

Rick Rogow

Mediation Council of Western PA

Prabha Sankaranarayan

MBB Board Director

Louise Phipps Senft

MBB Education, Training, Research & Events Committee Chair

Anna Spain

MBB Board Director

Tom Valenti

MBB Hurricane Katrina Project Leader

Rachel Wohl

MBB Board Director

2nd Annual MBB Congress Agenda

Wednesday, March 4

6 - 9 pm

MBB Board Working Dinner: Arnaud's

Thursday, March 5

9 - 11:45 am

MBB Board Meeting

12 - 1:15 pm

MBB Board Lunch: Felix's Oyster Bar

1:30 - 6:45

MBB Board Meeting

7 - 9 pm

MBB Board Dinner: Ralph and Kacoo's

Friday, March 6

12 - 2 pm

MBB Board Lunch: The Gumbo Shop

2 - 3 pm

Registration

3 - 3:30 pm

Welcome & Overview of Congress: Ken Cloke & Nan Waller Burnett

3:30 - 4 pm

Group Introductions: Rachel Wohl

4 - 5:30 pm

Keynote: Ecuadorian President Jamil Mahuad, Ken Cloke Q&A

5:30 - 5:45 pm

Inner Reflection: Erica Ariel Fox

5:45 - 7:15 pm

Cocktails and Canapes in the Courtyard with The Blues Band

7:15 - 8:45 pm

Film: "Trouble the Waters" - Dorit Cypis

8:45 pm

Closing Circle: Michael Aloï & Nan Waller Burnett

Saturday, March 7

7 - 7:30 am

Yoga and Meditation: Rick Rogow & C.J. Larkin

7:30 - 8:30 am

Breakfast (Courtyard)

8:30 - 8:35 am

Overview & Group Exercise: Nan Waller Burnett

8:35 - 10:20 am

Keynote: Plenary: Trevor Maisiri, Anna Spain Q&A

10:20 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 - 10:55 am

The Liberian Initiative Report: Ginny Morrison, Alan Gross, Prabha Sankaranarayan & Robert A. Creo

10:55 - 11:05 am

Hurricane Katrina Project Report: Tom Valenti, Susan Norwood & Nan Waller Burnett

11:05 - 11:20 am

Israel and Palestinian Territories Report: Rachel Wohl & Dorit Cypis

11:20 am - 1 pm

Project Table Discussions: Doug Noll

1. The Liberian Initiative: Ginny Morrison
2. Hurricane Katrina: Mississippi & New Orleans: Tom Valenti
3. Zimbabwe: Anna Spain & Sharon Maier
4. Nepal: C. J. Larkin
5. Israeli/Palestinian: Rachel Wohl & Dorit Cypis
6. Native American/First Nation: Monique McKay
7. Kosovo & Slovenia: Lynn Cole
8. Colombia: Rhonda Neuhaus & Charlie Pillsbury
9. Ecuador: Tom Fiutak

1 - 3 pm

Keynote Address: Ambassador John W. McDonald, Rachel Wohl Q&A

3 - 3:15 pm

Break and Reflection: Erica Ariel Fox

3:15 - 3:30 pm

President's Report: Ken Cloke

3:30 - 3:45 pm

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - Administration & Finances: Robert A. Creo

3:45 - 4 pm

MBB Training and Orientation: Burnett, Senft & Fiutak

4 - 4:15 pm

Chapter Reports: Lynn Cole

4:15 - 5:15 pm

Strategic Planning: Doug Noll

5:15 - 6 pm

Technology, Communication & MBB Forum: Barbora Batokova

6 - 7 pm

The Ninth Ward Jazz Band

7 pm

French Quarter Dinner on your own

Sunday, March 8

7 - 7:30 am

Yoga and Meditation: Rick Rogow & C.J. Larkin

7:30 - 8:30 am

Breakfast (Courtyard)

8:30 - 8:35 am

Overview of the Day: Nan Waller Burnett

8:35 - 9:35 am

Plenary: Julia Roig - Partners for Democratic Change, Lynn Cole Q&A

9:35 - 9:45 am

Break and Reflection: Erica Ariel Fox

9:45 am - 12:15 pm

Growing MBB: Prabha Sankaranarayan

1. Identifying Questions to Address
2. Key Issues in the Development of MBB Board
 - Projects, Protocols, and Team Processes
 - Grants, Fundraising, & Sustainability
 - Branding, Public Relations, and Marketing
 - Education, Training, Research & Events
 - Membership & Chapter Development
 - Gender and Cross-Cultural Issues
 - International Collaboration & Coordination

12:15 - 1:45 pm

Forrest S. Mosten: Peacebuilders Museum, Robert A. Creo Q&A

1:45 - 3:15 pm

Developing Skills to Meet Global Challenges: Ginny Morrison

1. Spirituality and Global Change: Erica Ariel Fox, Nan Waller Burnett, Woody Mosten
2. Lessons from Truth and Reconciliation Commissions: Doug Noll
3. Resolving Conflicts Involving Race and Identity: Anna Spain
4. Resolving Gender Conflicts & Empowering Women: Eleni Opffer
5. Expanding ACR through New Sciences: D. Noll, M. McKay & R. A. Creo
6. Conflict Resolution Systems Design and Capacity Building: Ken Cloke
7. Training Across the Globe: Louise Phipps Senft & Tom Fiutak

3:15 - 3:30 pm

Break and Reflection: Erica Ariel Fox

3:30 - 5 pm

Reports - Small Groups, Questions and Discussion: Ken Cloke.

5 pm

Closing Ceremony: Nan Waller Burnett & Dorit Cypis

“ *Where after all, do universal human rights begin?
In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot
be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of
the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college
he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works ... unless these
rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere.* ”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt



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