

PEACE THROUGH TRADE

The Oslo Conference on Peace and Trade

To discuss and promote trade as an instrument for peace is important, now more than ever.

The relationship and interdependence between trade and peace is evident, but often overlooked. Numerous examples show that peace initiatives easily can go astray if the business community is not included in the equation.

The World Trade Centers Association is a global association serving 750.000 businesses around the world through the vision of "Peace and Stability through Trade", and several times nominated to the Nobel Peace Prize.

Combining this idealistic basis of the World Trade Centers Association with the merit of Oslo as a "City of Peace", the City of Oslo and the WTCA have joined forces to organize the Oslo Conference on Peace and Trade in the City Hall of Oslo on Friday 20 April. This event will at the same time mark the formal establishment of a World Trade Center in Oslo.

We hope focusing on the relationship between business and peace through this conference will inspire business leaders and other decision makers to give more attention towards the opportunities in promoting peace and reconciliation through trade.

Welcome!



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THE OSLO CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND TRADE

Jointly organized by
The City of Oslo and the World Trade Centers
Association (WTCA)
Oslo City Hall, April 20, 2007

PROGRAM:

0800 – 0845	Registration - Coffee / tea
0900 – 0920	Welcome <i>Commissioner Anette Wiig Bryn, the City of Oslo, Per L Saxegaard, Chairman WTC, Oslo, Svenn Kristiansen, Deputy Mayor of Oslo</i>
0920 – 0930	Musical performance. <i>George Reiss, clarinet/sax, Morten Gunnar Larsen, piano</i>
0930 – 0945	Introduction - setting the agenda <i>Jan Egeland, moderator of the Conference</i>
0945 – 1000	Norway's Contribution to Peace and Fair Trade <i>Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister, President of the Oslo Center</i>
1000 – 1015	The Contribution of WCTA to fair trade and peaceful relations <i>Guy F. Tozzoli, President of the WTCA</i>
1015 – 1045	The World Trade Center in Kabul Afghanistan <i>Aziz Sadat, President of WTC, Kabul</i>
1045 – 1115	The Role of Business in Promoting reconciliation in times of political tension <i>Vijay Kalantri, President of the All India Association of Industries</i>

1115 – 1145	Coffee/tea break
1145 – 1230	IS TRADE BENEFITING PEACE AND SECURITY? <i>World Trade as an Instrument of Peace: Now More than Ever Dan Griswold, The Cato institute Washington DC</i> <i>The Relationship between Peace and Trade – Empirical Evidence Håvard Hegre, International Peace Research Institute of Oslo</i>
1230 – 1315	PANEL DISCUSSION: HOW CAN TRADE PROMOTE RECONCILIATION, PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL?
1315 – 1330	Musical performance. <i>George Reiss, clarinet/sax, Morten Gunnar Larsen, piano, Helga Botn, soprano, Ståle Ytteli, singer and actor</i>
1330 – 1500	Buffet lunch – the Oslo City Hall
1500 – 1540	Visit and guided tour to the Nobel Peace Center

Speakers



Jan Egeland, Under Secretary General and Special Envoy for the United Nations Secretary-General
Mr. Egeland was recently appointed Undersecretary-General and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General for Conflict Resolution. He was Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator in the United Nations (2003–06) directing the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Mr. Egeland was Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross (2001–03), Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General for Colombia 1999–2001), Senior Consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank (1998–99) and State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990–97). He has also been Chairman of Amnesty International in Norway, and Vice-Chairman of the International Executive Committee of Amnesty International. Mr. Egeland has been prominent in several peace processes that includes the Oslo Agreement between Israel and the PLO (1993) and the Ceasefire Agreement for Guatemala signed in Oslo City Hall 1996.



Kjell Magne Bondevik, President of the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights.
Mr. Bondevik is former Prime Minister of Norway from 1997 to 2000 and from 2001 to 2005. Mr. Bondevik has during his long and distinguished political career served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Church and Education and been President of the Christian Democratic Party in Norway. After leaving office, he founded the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights, where he serves as President. Mr. Bondevik is currently serving as UN Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa in response to recurrent drought and food insecurity devastating the region.



Guy F. Tozzoli, President of the World Trade Centers Association
Mr. Tozzoli founded the World Trade Centers Association, (WTCA), in 1970, was elected as President of the Association at that time and he has served in that office ever since. In February 1987 he retired, after 41 years, from The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey to serve as full-time President and Board Member of the WTCA. During his time at the Port Authority he was responsible for the planning, construction, rental and operation of the New York World Trade Center. The construction of the World Trade Center of New York and the creation of the World Trade Centers Association are acknowledged by many experts to have been the reason for the beginning of globalization as a force for peace in the world. The WTCA, includes 289 public and private members, from 85 countries, representing every major trading area and form of government in the world and services more than 750,000 companies in the field of international commerce.



Vijay Kalantri, President of the All India Association of Industries
Mr. Kalantri is currently President of several Trade Councils and Chambers of Commerce in India. As a head of several important trade and industrial associations, he organizes workshops, conferences and is a learned speaker at various international conferences. At present, Mr. Kalantri is deeply involved in making the Mega City of Mumbai, business capital of India, clean and green in cooperation with corporate houses, Municipal Corporation, and State-owned enterprises.



Aziz Sadat, President of the World Trade Center Kabul Afghanistan
Mr. Sadat was trained in Architecture and Political Science at the University of Washington, lecturing there often on Middle East and Central Asian Studies. He continually maintained direct involvement in Afghanistan throughout the Soviet occupation, the civil war, and the Taliban regime. In 2001 Mr. Sadat was an invited delegate to the Bonn conference to form an interim government in Afghanistan. Since then, he has been working on the reconstruction of his home nation including establishing a World Trade Center in Kabul. The World Trade Center Kabul has recently partnered with the Conflict Resolution Institute and the government of Afghanistan to create the National Institute for Peace and Justice.



Dan Griswold, Director, Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington
Mr. Griswold is director of the Cato Institute's Center for Trade Policy Studies. Since joining Cato in 1997, he has authored or coauthored major studies on globalization, the World Trade Organization, the U.S. trade deficit, trade and democracy, immigration and other subjects. Earlier in his career, he served as a congressional press secretary and the editorial page editor of the Colorado Springs Gazette.



Håvard Hegre, Researcher at the Centre for the Study of Civil War at the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO).
Mr. Hegre is also adjunct assistant professor at the Department of Political Science University of Oslo and member of the governing board of the standing group on political geography of the European Consortium for Political Research. Mr. Hegre has authored a number of papers on peace research and is member of the Journal of Peace Research editorial committee. Mr. Hegre is former economist in The World Bank and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science.



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