



Religions for Peace

**An International Roundtable on Reconciliation and Peacebuilding:
The Role of Buddhism and Other Religious Traditions
*Truth, Justice, and Healing in Post-Conflict Asian Societies***

Organized by
**World Conference of Religions for Peace (*Religions for Peace*)
&
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)**

15-16 March 2011 | Singapore

DRAFT AGENDA

Day I

15 March 2011

**International Multi-religious Roundtable on
“The Role of Religions in Advancing Reconciliation and Peacebuilding
in Post-Conflict Societies”**

10:00-11:30: **OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Tan Thiam Lye, President, Inter-Religious Organisation in Singapore

Introduction by the Organizer

Rev. Kyoichi Sugino, Assistant Secretary General, World Conference of Religions for Peace

Opening Remarks:

Ven. Prof. Bellanwila Wimalaratana Anunayaka Thero, President, Sri Lanka Council of Religions for Peace

Keynote Address:

H.E. Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Special Representative of the Government of Japan for Reconstruction of Sri Lanka and Former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations

Closing Remarks:

A Council Member, **Inter-Religious Organisation in Singapore**

11:30-13:00: *Lunch*

Press Conference & Briefings



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13:00-15:00: **The Role of Religious Communities and Effective Inter-religious Mechanisms for Reconciliation and Peacebuilding in Post-conflict Societies**

Presenters:

Most Venerable Tep Vong, Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia

Bishop Vianney Fernando, President, Catholic Bishops' Conference in Sri Lanka

A representative of **Inter-religious Organisation of Singapore**

A representative of **Sri Lanka Council of Religions for Peace**

A representative of **Inter-religious Council of Thailand**

A representative of **Asian Inter-religious Youth Network**

A representative of **Asian Women of Faith Network**

Moderated Discussion

15:00-15:30: *Coffee Break*

15:30-16:30: **Dialogue Session with H.E. George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore**

Closing Remarks:

A Council Member, **Inter-Religious Organisation in Singapore**

Day II

16 March 2011

(Day II will be a series of closed meetings for Buddhist delegates only)

USIP and Religions for Peace Roundtable Discussion on Buddhism and Reconciliation: *Truth, Justice, and Healing in Post-Conflict Asian Societies*

8:45 – 10:00: **Session I - Buddhist response to challenges in post-conflict societies.**

10:15 – 11:30: **Session II - Buddhist notion of forgiveness and reconciliation.**

11:30-12:45: *Lunch*

13:00 – 14:15: **Session III – Buddhism, Truth, and Justice.**

14:30 – 15:45: **Session IV - Buddhist approaches to reconciliation and peacebuilding.**

16:00 – 17:00: **Session V - Summary and concluding remarks.**