

The 18th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum

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Striving for Peace: Sustaining the Planet



The 18th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum will honor the work of Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai, a former biology professor who founded the Green Belt Movement and is now a deputy minister in the Kenyan government. Maathai's selection by the Nobel Committee underscores the indivisible relationship between peace, democracy, and sustainable management of the environment. When these elements are lacking—as Maathai witnessed in Kenya—poverty spreads, human rights are trampled, and conflicts arise.

The 2006 forum will focus on the threat to peace that is posed by scientific, political, and economic aspects of environmental degradation. Conflicts within nation-states are often related to ethnic and religious differences, but ecological factors are also leading to growing tensions around the world as living conditions deteriorate and resources become scarce. In addition, conflicts between nation-states recently have revolved around scientific studies and their relevance to issues like global climate change and genetically engineered crops.

The Nobel Peace Prize Forum will also explore the importance of grass-roots development and the difference individual citizens can make in creating a more just and sustainable planet. Maathai has inspired and mobilized countless Africans—especially women—to look not to outsiders for solutions to their problems, but to trust their own wisdom and skills in addressing social, political, and environmental problems. In what ways can we be empowered to work for change, to realize our potential, overcome inertia and take action?

Maathai says, "In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. The time is now."

We welcome your participation in what promises to be a stimulating and powerful event.

"The Norwegian Nobel Committee has challenged the world to broaden the understanding of peace: there can be no peace without equitable development; and there can be no development without sustainable management of the environment in a democratic and peaceful space."

—Wangari Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Sponsored by Augsburg College, Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.), Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.), Luther College, and St. Olaf College

The 18th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum will begin Friday, March 10, at 1:30 pm and conclude Saturday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m. For a complete schedule of events, see www.peaceprizeforum.org.

The forum will feature:

Challenges

Keynote speeches by:

Wangari Maathai, Kenyan environmentalist and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate—"Sustainable Development in a Fractured World"

Christine Todd Whitman, former governor of New Jersey and EPA chief in the Bush administration—"The Capability of Politics in the United States Today to Address Hard Environmental Problems"

Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy and internationally recognized expert in epidemiology and public policy, bioterrorism and public health preparedness—"The Role of the Scientist in the Making of Policy"



Confluence

Four large breakout sessions that examine the interplay, in Wangari Maathai's words, "of assisting the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own." Each panel has a particular focus: water, climate, food security, and embodiment.

Session leaders include:



Chad Pregracke, president of Living Lands & Waters, a group he founded while still in college after single-handedly beginning to clean trash from the Mississippi River's shorelines.



Frances Seymour, director of the institutions and governance program at the World Resources Institute, where she leads a project examining the impacts of international financial flows on the environment.



Robert Jacobel, physics professor at St. Olaf College and expert on the world's ice masses and climate studies of glaciers and ice sheets.



Frederick Kirschenmann, longtime leader in national and international sustainable agriculture and distinguished fellow at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University.



Andrea Olsen, professor of dance and faculty member in the environmental studies program at Middlebury College. Author of *Body and Earth: An Experiential Guide*.

Celebrations

- **Shall We Gather**, a theatre/dance performance
- **Ethnic Arts Festival**
- **Worship service**
- **Music**
- **Greetings by the Honorable Knut Vollebaek, Ambassador of Norway to the United States, and Dr. Geir Lundestad, Executive Director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute**

Conversations

Thirty-one small-group Saturday seminars. For a full description see, www.peaceprizeforum.org

Addressing Water Quality Problems as a Community
Erin Jordaht-Redlin, Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota

Agriculture: For 10,000 Years we Have Conquered Nature. Now What?
Paul Johnson, former chief, USDA Natural Resource Conversation Services

Aspects of Environmental Legislation Implementation: African and Eastern European Cases
Fatimata Diakite, fellow, and Mirela Miresan, visiting scholar, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota

Building Peace: Dubai as the New Development Model
Kim Powell and Donna Kubesh, faculty members, Luther College, and Jyoti Grewal, faculty member, Zayed University

Caring for Creation: Doing Agriculture as Conquerors or Citizens?
Fred Kirschenmann, Distinguished Fellow, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University

Courageous Resistance to Injustice: Successful Collective Action in the Caribbean, Nazi Germany and Elsewhere
Kris Thalhammer, faculty member, St. Olaf College

Embodiment: The Sacred Relationship of Self and Environment
Shannon Bierly, faculty member, Luther College

Emboldening and Embodying Our Daily Lives: Physical Exploration as a Means of Understanding Our Relationship with Land and Place
Kelsey Boyce, Luther College student

The Emperor's New Energy
Kamyar Enshayan, Center for Energy and Environmental Education, University of Northern Iowa

Environmental Stress and Conflict on Earth Today
Michael Andregg, faculty member, University of St. Thomas

Equitable Ecological Footprints: Can We Build More Sustainably?
Edwin Dehler-Setzer and Joel Schurke, educators, Concordia Language Villages

Feeding the Hungry: Is There an Environmentally Sustainable Solution?
Steve Holland, faculty member, Luther College

From Refuse to Resource: Biodiesel and Energy Independence
Jon Jensen and Amy Morey, faculty member and student, Luther College

Gendered Activism: Women, War, and Peace
Lea Pickard, faculty member, Luther College

Global Climate Change: The Scientific Basis and Policy Discussion
Robert Jacobel and Ian Campbell, faculty member and student, St. Olaf College

Incentives to Create Sustainable Development: Conflicts Between Gold Mining Companies, the Peruvian Government, and the Andean Communities
Jorge Luis Caceres Neyra, fellow, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota

It's a Great Treaty; Now How Can We Get It Implemented?
Erin Perkins, attorney, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, and Travis Haby, chief of science investigations, U.S. Bureau of Land Management

Jihad vs. McWorld
Mohammad Nabeel Ashraf, graduate student in Christian-Muslim relations, Luther Seminary

Norway's Role in International Peacemaking: A People's Perspective
Rannfrid Thelle, faculty member, Luther College

The Opportunity and Challenge of Direct Democracy
Robert Rewoldt, founder of Peace Race International, and student winners of the Rewoldt Student Peace Initiative Award

Pandemic Influenza: A Harbinger of Things to Come
Michael Osterholm, director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

Planting the Seeds of International Environmental Activism: Greening the Nobel Peace Prize Forum Consortium Colleges
Michael Lansing and Joe Underhill-Cady, faculty members, Augsburg College, along with representatives from the other consortium colleges

Preparation for Peace Service: The Environment, Poverty, and Conflict Dimensions
John R. Eriksson, president, Global Peace Services USA

Rhodesia and the "Triumph" of Game over Africans
Richard Mtisi, faculty member, Luther College

Sarvodaya: A Gandhian Vision of Sustainable Development
Ishanaa Rambachan, St. Olaf College student

Saving the Planet: What's Feminism Got to Do With it?
David Reed-Maxfield, philosophy instructor and environmentalist

Those Who Plant Trees May Not Live to Enjoy the Fruit
Emiliano Chagil, director, Hispanic/Latino Student Services, Augsburg College

Where are the Mentors? Balancing Theory and Hands-on Mentoring to Sustain Living Communities
Steve McCargar, co-manager, Oneota Community Food Co-op

The Work that Reconnects: Tools for the Great Turning
Heidi Swets, environmental educator

The World Bank: Ally or Enemy in the Struggle for Sustainability?
Frances Seymour, World Resources Institute

Yes, One Person Can Make a Difference
Chad Pregracke, founder and president, Living Lands & Waters

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The Nobel Peace Prize Forum *We inspire peacemaking*



In cooperation with the Norwegian Nobel Institute, five Midwestern colleges founded by Norwegian immigrants sponsor the annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum. This prestigious event is the Norwegian Nobel Institute's only such program or academic affiliation outside Norway.

The purpose of the forum is to give recognition to Norway's international peace efforts and to offer opportunities for Nobel Peace Prize laureates, diplomats, scholars, and the general public to share in dialogue on the dynamics of peacemaking and the underlying causes of conflict and war.

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