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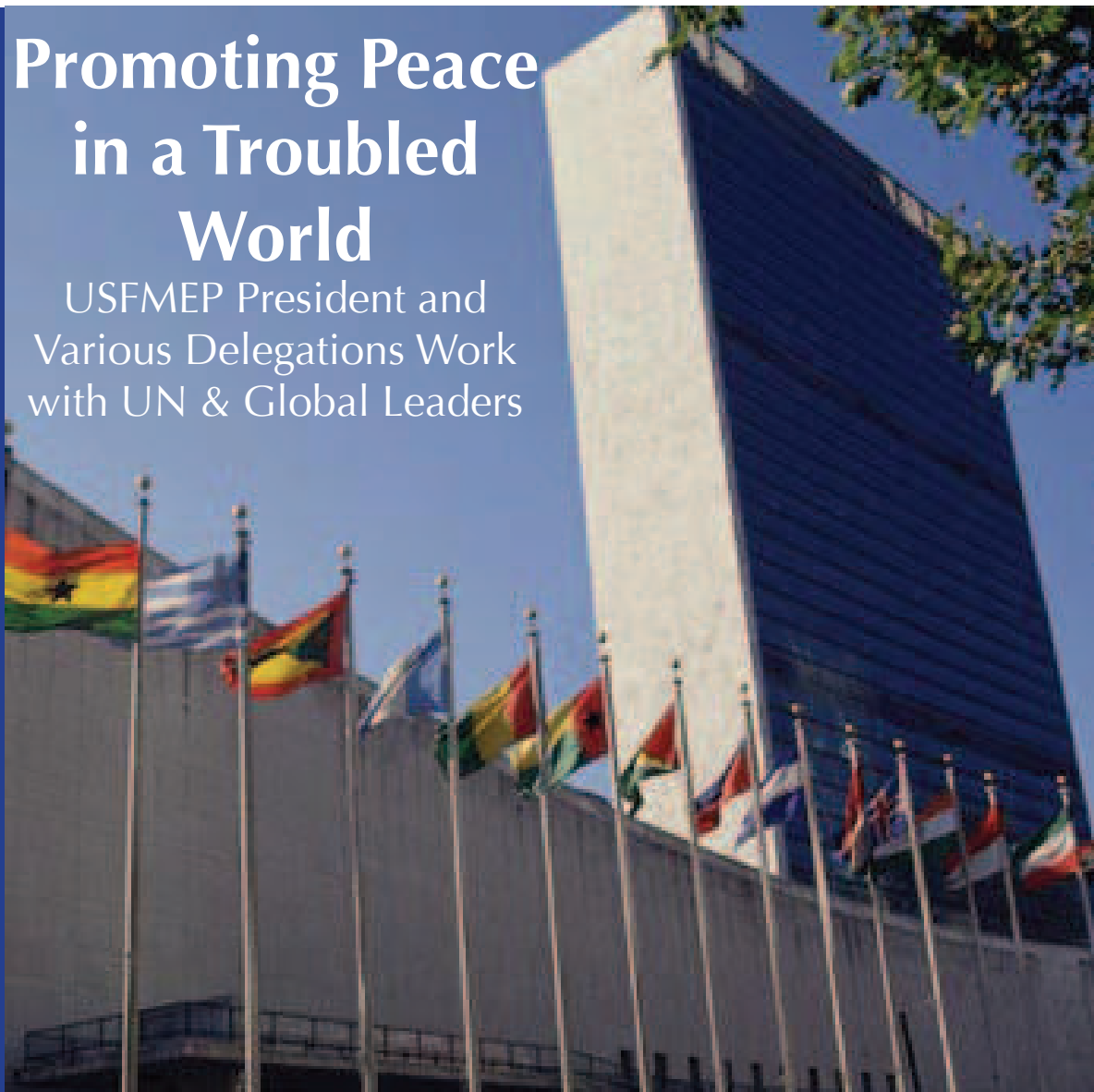
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# Promoting Peace in a Troubled World

USFMEP President and  
Various Delegations Work  
with UN & Global Leaders



## USFMEP Founders interface with global dignitaries at world events...



Ralph and Salwa Kader with US Vice  
President Joseph Biden.



Mrs. Kader with former US Secretary  
of State, Condoleezza Rice.



Mr. and Mrs. Kader with His Excellency,  
UN Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon and  
Mrs. Moon



Mrs. Kader with Her Majesty  
Queen Sylvia of Sweden



Mrs. Kader with Susan E. Rice  
- US Ambassador to the UN.



Mrs. Kader with various international religious and  
political leaders.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## *Dearest Friends in Peace,*

Greetings to all USFMEP supporters and advocates of peace worldwide. Thank you for your continued support of our global efforts. It has been a glorious year for spreading our word and you have all contributed to that effort in countless ways.

If you are newly acquainted with our organization, welcome! If you are a seasoned supporter, please continue to make your contributions, both monetarily by way of your membership dues, and in participation of events crucial to fulfilling our mission.

The USFMEP mobilizes ordinary members of societies in all regions of the world - particularly women and youth - in contributing to the establishment of peace in the Middle East. We believe especially that women and youth are under-utilized members of society whose potential could be harnessed and channeled towards effective and enduring peace efforts.

Due to heightened violence and growing social injustice perpetuated in societies across the planet, we, peaceful people, can no longer afford to be passive bystanders to acts of violence committed against all humanity in the name of any religion or political endeavor.

Without mutual respect and understanding, stereotypes will prevail and conflicts will continually ensue across the globe.

The USFMEP provides venues both in the US and abroad - we have traveled to Egypt, Australia, Morocco and London just this year - for participants to exchange knowledge and ideas about their situations. These participants come from different backgrounds and are not limited to politicians or government officials. In this fashion, we connect continents for peace.

We hope to instill the seeds for peace into the minds of the people who live and experience these conflicts in their daily lives and moreover to bring these issues to the forefront of the minds of those who are so much more fortunate and live in more tolerant and peaceful regions of the world.

We work to disseminate accurate information to attendees of our programs and do so by conducting face-to-face meetings, seminars, conferences and roundtable discussions lead and moderated by noted subject matter experts.

We are a non-political, non-religious, not-for-profit organization with consultative status to the UN ECOSOC and associated with the UN Department of Public Information. We strongly believe that the road to peace begins with the smallest steps and that peaceful solutions can be found for the most difficult of situations.

Since 2001, we have been more recognized and acknowledged for planting seeds, breaking down walls and build-

ing bridges. Our experience and expertise in negotiation, combined with the diplomatic backgrounds of most of our directors, advisors, staff, and panel participants has been an integral part of our success.

Highlights of our accomplishments this year include the coordination of an Interfaith Dialogue at the UN headquarters which had unprecedented attendance. Our message and our mission attracted over thirty Imams and Rabbis from ten countries and provided an amazing forum for the exchange of positive peace-building dialogue and interaction. See highlights of this event on page 3.

Our panel discussions for the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women (pg. 6) highlighted our efforts in bridging gaps between Muslim, Christian and Jewish peoples. We recognized the UN Year of Reconciliation by inviting Swami Maharaj, of the Veda Foundation to the UN (pg. 3).

Our devotion to children's issues was augmented by information received and exchanged with Queen Sylvia of Sweden at the World Childhood Foundation Symposium (pg. 7), and our efforts on behalf of children will intensify in 2010 as a result.

We have attended and hosted numerous events in support of and in conjunction with the 2009 UN Culture of Peace Symposium initiated by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia (pg. 4). Other USFMEP global



Sally Shatila Kader,  
USFMEP President  
& International Spokeswoman

issues events are highlighted on page 5 and throughout this newsletter.

Join us! And continue to follow our progress as we spread our universal message of peace and tolerance. This message must be spread to every nation if our objectives are to be met. People must have a true understanding of the beliefs and culture of the mainstream Arab world - and we must eradicate the message of extremist factions which distort and demean our values.

And, please remember, the world is no longer made up of different cultures living in their own separate spaces. Whatever our faith or culture, we live and work side by side with each other in this world. In order to enhance all of our individual societies, we must join hands connecting continents for peace and we must do it today.

May God be with us all as we attempt to bring peace to the world one step and one day at a time.

Most sincerely,  
*Sally Shatila Kader*  
President, USFMEP





# USFMEP Hosts Unprecedented Interfaith Dialogue "Religions for Understanding"



Religious leaders from ten different countries participated in this Interfaith Dialogue hosted by the USFMEP at the United Nations, July 20, 2009. Mrs. Kader (center) moderated the event.



An enthusiastic crowd of attendees and participants joins Salwa Kader in celebrating the outcomes of this unprecedented interfaith event organized by the USFMEP.

## A Gathering of Thirty Imams & Rabbis from Ten US & European Countries Participate

### United Nations, NY, NY -

The USFMEP hosted an international inter-faith dialogue at the UN headquarters in New York City, on Monday, July 20, 2009. Welcoming comments were provided by Imam Shamsi Ali, Chairman of Masjid Al-Hikmah in Astoria Queens, N.Y.

Key note speakers were Rabbi March Schneider, President and Founder of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding (FEEU), Mr. Russell Simmons, UN Goodwill Ambassador, and Dr. Muzammil Siddiqui, President of the Fiqh Council North America.

Thirty Imams and Rabbis had an opportunity to meet, mingle and share ideas on the state of religious dialogue and understanding in the world historically and today. These noted religious leaders traveled from France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Norway, the Ukraine, and Russia to attend.

Many traveled great distances and all came to participate and engage with their counterparts of differing religions showing their great dedication to increasing religious tolerance and understanding around the globe.

*In providing these successful forums, the USFMEP fulfills an integral part of its mission.*

## USFMEP Hosts Conference with Hindu Leaders

### United Nations, NY, NY

In recognition of the UN 2009 Year of Reconciliation and Promotion of the Culture of Peace, the Veda Foundation and International Society for Krishna Consciousness was invited by the USFMEP for an exploration into the theme of finding commonality through spirituality and consciousness.

This well attended event enhanced attendees awareness of Krishna beliefs and sought to increase a universal desire to obtain inner peace and spirituality.

Indian nationals at the event were most appreciative



His Highness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj, spiritual leader of the Veda Foundation and International Society for Krishna Consciousness, with USFMEP President Salwa Kader.

of a universal prayer offered on behalf of the victims of recent Bombay atrocities.

The USFMEP will continue its engagement with leaders of all faiths, bringing them together at events such as these increasing global tolerance, understanding.



## King Abdullah Broadens Peace Efforts Initiating Two Day Culture of Peace Symposium

**UN - NY** - The two-day Culture of Peace gathering, conducted at UN headquarters in New York City, was held on November 12th and 13th, 2008. Convened on the initiative of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, the conference called for mutual understanding through dialogue, and respect for human rights among proponents of various faiths, cultures, and civilizations. The event was hosted in a section of the UN Headquarters which houses an Islamic Civilization Exhibit.

"King Abdullah's initiative came at a time when the need for dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations has never been greater," said USFMEP President Kader. "It brought together people who might not other-

wise have a chance to interact. Along with other initiatives, it has surely contributed to the building of a more harmonious world."

King Abdullah initiated the meeting and in his opening speech denounced terrorism as the enemy of all religions. The meeting reaffirmed the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and further recalled that all States have pledged themselves under the Charter to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, including freedoms of belief and expression, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. Visit the USFMEP web-site for more pictures of world leaders who attended the "Culture of Peace" conference.



## Newly Inaugurated U.S. President, Obama Hosts 2009 National Day of Prayer

**Washington DC** - On February 5, 2009, USFMEP President, Salwa Kader and CEO, Ralph Kader attended the U.S. President's annual Prayer Breakfast by special senatorial invitation.

The event was held in Washington, DC and hosted by President Obama. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair delivered the keynote address.

Photos at right: Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister, delivers address at '09 Prayer Breakfast. Inset: President Obama on video screen. Bottom: USFMEP President Salwa Kader at breakfast with UN Philippine Ambassador Hilario G. Davide, Jr., his wife and other guests.



The Culture of Peace symposium was attended by world leaders representing 70 countries. Pictured at far left is Mrs. Kader with Saudi Arabian King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz. Center - Kader with the Emir of Kuwait, Sheik Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al Sabah. Inset above: with the Prime Minister of Qatar, Hamad bin Jasim bin Jabir al-Thani.







## USFMEP Hosts and Attends Conferences Regarding Vital Global Issues

**UN - NY** - Since its founding, the USFMEP has hosted or participated in hundreds of events targeted at increasing universal awareness of global issues. These issues range from women's and children's advocacy to intermediation in regional conflict, and the spreading of democracy.

USFMEP President Kader was a guest speaker at the Buddhist Muslim Dialogue convened at the United Nations in New York in September 2008 (*upper right hand photo*).

In December 2008 (*photo second from the top*), the Muslims' and Hindus' Vision of Understanding, Tolerance and Peace Conference was also held at the UN. The USFMEP explored this theme in a discussion of our commonality through spirituality and consciousness with His Highness Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj. Coverage of this event is found on page 3.

Also in 2008, the USFMEP addressed a letter to Secretary-General His Excellency Ban-Ki Moon confirming our support of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption.

The letter stated - "With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence."

Mrs. Kader met again with the UN Secretary General at a reception

supporting the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA (*photo third from the top*).

The USFMEP attended an international dialogue between religious leaders and political figures at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York, NY during the month of Ramadan, September, 2008. The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, was the key note speaker at this event.

Ambassador Richard Murphy, Andrew Whitley - head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Ms. Sarah Whitson, Executive Director of MENA Division, Human Rights Watch, Professor Stephen Shalom, Political Science Department, William Peterson University, and USFMEP President Kader spoke during a UN conference on the Gaza crisis in January 2009. In her introductory remarks, Kader drove home the offense to humanity displayed in Gaza (*lower right hand photo*).

"The unimaginable horror and the tears of the mourners attacked our hearts as we listened to the description of the atrocities," said Kader during proceedings of this event.

Mrs. Kader presented a rarely heard history of the Gaza in order to assist the audience in realizing the richness of the area that the media omits in all portrayals. A full report of this event can be found at our web site [www.usfmep.org](http://www.usfmep.org).

The USFMEP will charge forward in 2010 continuing to carry out its vital mission via continued participation in and organization of conferences and symposiums such as these in the U.S. and abroad.

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# WOMEN'S ISSUES

## 53RD UN CSW



### USFMEP Hosts Panel Forum at 2009 UN CSW

Submitted by Kristy Dressman

UN - NY - As part of the 53rd annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the USFMEP hosted an event in conjunction with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Australia.

Entitled "Equipping for Gender Analysis: A Strategy from Australia," this event took the form of a participatory workshop led by Mrs. Leonie-Ruth Acland, Vice President of UNIFEM Australia, and provided participants with a taste of gender analysis in a highly accessible form.

"The purpose of the format is to engage the audience so that they leave with a holistic, lasting understanding of gender analysis..." said Acland.

With standing room only, the event commenced with a brief introduction from each of the participants of at least a dozen different countries including Australia, Sierra Leone, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ireland and Canada.

The participants then discussed their notions about what gender analysis is and how the term equality differs from the term equity. After pooling the responses, Mrs. Acland confirmed that gender

analysis is a system used to separate genders and distinguish them according to a variety of cultural, social, economic and environmental factors.

"A common misconception is that when we seek to establish gender equality, we are really seeking equal liberties between genders," Acland said. "But, gender analysis requires a paradigm shift: it is not necessarily equal liberties, but equal outcomes."

Indeed, women and men, even on a basic biological level, face different realities. To properly account for their needs and establish fairness - and thus hopefully peace - we must consider certain factors unique to both genders and also factors unique to individual communities and environments.

Participants in this conference unanimously agreed that assemblies such as the CSW can serve as the impetus to mobilize advocates and heighten awareness of the gender issues that pervade even the most ostensibly progressive societies. Culminating sentiments were those of hope and resolve. Participants were given practical tools and tangible solutions to help them to make real strides on the state of gender equality.

*The USFMEP hosts annual events at the UN CSW and is considered a leader in promoting women's issues amongst UN leaders and throughout the world.*



Top photo: Members of the 52nd UN CSW USFMEP panel discussion - an inter-faith dialogue between Muslim, Jewish and Christian women. Center photo: Members of a break out session during another USFMEP CSW dialogue regarding gender analysis. Lower photo: Members of a Moroccan delegation with Mrs. Kader are pictured with Rachel N. Mayanja, Special Advisor to UN Secretary General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women. The USFMEP has engaged with the Moroccan delegation both at the UN and on trips to conduct seminars in Morocco. A dialogue on issues relative to women's success and interface in the work force will be lead by Mrs. Kader and members of this delegation during the 54th CSW in March 2010.



# CHILDREN'S ISSUES

## USFMEP Attends World Childhood Foundation Anniversary Symposium

United Nations, NY, NY -

The theme for the World Childhood Foundation's Anniversary UN World Symposium, held within the UN building on NEED DATE HERE, was Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children 10 Years in the Field.

Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, founder of this celebrated philanthropic foundation, gave an overview of the state of children today and the trajectory of their futures at the event.

Queen Sylvia's opening remarks were followed by enlightening presentations on the organizations model of supporting projects working with children who are identified as being at risk for sexual abuse and exploitation.

The USFMEP has a long standing history of coordinating youth activities in conjunction with its international events and has long been an advocate of children's rights. We have hosted numerous events to highlight especially the tragedy of global human trafficking and child exploitation.

The USFMEP will continue to host, attend and participate in events such as these, always focused on educating our followers as to the realities of these atrocities, and to enlighten and empower them to speak up in defense of our weakest human resource.



Photos - Top: Members of a large audience at the UN hear compelling information regarding the exploitation of children at the World Childhood Foundation Symposium. Middle: Her Royal Highness Princess Madeleine of Sweden, with Salwa Kader, USFMEP President, after the symposium. Bottom: Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, with Mrs. Kader.

Queen Sylvia, a noble champion for the protection of vulnerable children, was accompanied at this event by her daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Madeleine. Both women took time to meet and discuss with USFMEP President Salwa Kader, ways and means of cooperation and collaboration that might be undertaken in the future to protect children and bring peace to their hearts and into their physical existence.

## Report from the Global Action Forum of Arab and American Dialogue



Photo, USFMEP President Salwa Kader with Mrs. Ban-Ki Moon during US Arab Forum at UN.

## Major Topic: TRAFFICKING OF YOUNG GIRLS

The aim of the Global Action Forum of Arab and American Dialogue, held in New York 14-15 March, 2008 was to support the understanding and cooperation between youth leaders from both the US and Arab region to focus on action-oriented approaches addressing misconceptions and misunderstandings that exists.

A delegation from The US Federation for Middle East Peace attended the conference.

"The illegal trafficking of young girls is unfortunately still at unacceptable rates around the world. Nobody should be forced into labor or taken from their families against their will, especially at a young age," said Mrs. Kader, USFMEP President and life-long advocate of women's and children's rights.

"If we can eradicate this horrible practice, we can move even closer to a more peaceful, secure world."





# What is it to Build the Capacity for Peace?

Official Declaration from USFMEP Headquarters - NY

## USFMEP - NY

As a non-political and non-religious not-for-profit organization with consultative status to the United Nations (UN) ECOSOC and associated with the UN Department of Public Information, the USFMEP has been dedicated to establishing peace amongst all peoples through our events world wide.

Based in the United States, with branches and chapter offices around the world, since September, 2001, we have built a road to peace one step at a time.

Working with youth, we have set up marches focused on shifting mind sets in all societies to peaceful objectives. We have organized conferences on interfaith dialogue and hosted international conferences both in the Middle East, the US and in numerous other countries promoting universal peace.

Since our founding, shortly after that tragic and fateful day in 2001, we have been recognized and acknowledged for planting seeds, breaking down walls and building bridges.

Our experience and expertise in negotiation, combined with our diplomatic background has been an integral part of our success.

All of our events supporting peace building, conflict prevention, and the protection of human rights and dignity of all peoples is done in

accordance with the goals established in 1948 by the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The international, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian issues that we experience today due to conflicts that have affected and divided societies in their various internal, national and international levels require the rule of law with the principles of justice.

This is the sure way to initiate and process international cooperation in promoting peace and resolving world disputes.

Every time we come together, we put another brick in the wall and the diverse bricks fit together in this wall to create solidarity ... an overall base of unity to support our different views.

Communication increases tolerance and understanding through information dissemination. Shared dialogue between persons of diverse cultures helps all to seek a common ground, encourages all to accept the views and values of others, and makes the world a better place.

Communication in all its forms increases and builds our capacity for peace. Advocacy and outreach efforts of our organization are dedicated to this end.

*Every effort of the USFMEP is building the capacity for peace.*



Photos top to bottom - 1) Mrs. Kader receiving an award on behalf of the USFMEP from Mohammed Maghoub, the governor of Alexandria, Egypt. 2) USFMEP panel discussion Building the Capacity for Peace in the ECOSOC Chamber at the United Nations, New York. In recognizing the 2009 International Year of Reconciliation and Culture of Peace, the USFMEP hosted an Inter-Faith Dialogue that supports peace building, conflict prevention, and protection of Human Rights and Dignity. 3) Mrs. Kader meeting Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, at a UN event. 4) A 2009 Moroccan delegation gathers for a meeting with Mrs. Kader prior to a UN conference.





## ABOUT US

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### Who We Are ...

The USFMEP is made up of people from diverse backgrounds: government officials, other NGO members, scholars, educators, religious leaders, students, business professionals and journalists. This variety of backgrounds, skills and expertise provide us with valuable knowledge - assuring that our goals of developing competent cross-cultural programs are met.

### What We Do...

We collaborate with senior public officials, media professionals and academics in developing plans for building sustainable peace and understanding between cultures throughout the world.

As a non-political and non-profit NGO accredited with United Nations ECOSOC and associated with the UN Department of Public Information, the USFMEP is based in the United States but is international in its scope. We have chapter offices in many parts of the world.

Our overarching mission is to build bridges, facilitate reconciliation, and inspire mutual respect to increase a desire for peace among all peoples - especially between Arabs and the greater world.

The USFMEP is dedicated to eradicating stereo-typing, ex-

posing human trafficking, supporting the rights of children and empowering women to play a role in the peace process.

The USFMEP supports all nationalities, races, creeds and religions. We strongly believe in non-violence and non-violent solutions to even the most difficult situations and issues.

Following United Nations principles and resolution guidelines, we encourage people of all ethnic backgrounds, cultural heritage and religions to come to our table to find out how much they have in common and how we all struggle for peaceful solutions and very much hope for a peaceful tomorrow.

### Why And How We Do It...

We achieve our aims and objectives by building respect in all regions we visit and participate. The USFMEP is so greatly respected due to the integrity of its leadership. Our CEO, Ralph Kader is an internationally known former UN Diplomat and international businessman. Our President, Salwa Shatila Kader, is a committed, philanthropic humanitarian and a UN diplomat who chose to devote her life to fighting injustice. Her dynamic presence inspires others.

For ten years Sally (Salwa) Kader supported the USFMEP with her own finances and grew it into a world renowned



Numerous awards, medals and commendations received by USFMEP President Salwa Kader, displayed proudly in front of peace banner at USFMEP headquarters.

and greatly respected organization. She grew herself into a great presenter and facilitator who step-by-step introduced the Middle East to the West, and the Western Culture and tradition to the Arab and Muslim world. She has had great success in speaking personally of these issues and in organizing forums and panels of subject matter experts whose messages have resounded throughout the regions and empowered peoples of many nations to aspire to live in a peaceful and tolerant world. Sally's powerful message of dispelling blindness and ignorance and replacing it with mutual respect has been heard and others echo her mantra.

Under dynamic leadership and in constant consult

with our board advisors, our experience in negotiation and our diplomatic background has increased and been an integral part of our success. It is greatly rewarding to see that our work has, indeed, broken many barriers of misunderstanding and mistrust and built friendships between Westerners and Middle-Easterners.

Awards, emails and letters of appreciation pour in to us daily, thanking us for disseminating information of the true nature of our cultures.

We perpetuate the ideology that the character of a person is irrespective of birthright and what we have found is that awareness of our common ideals and similarities breaks down walls. Help us continue our mission. Join us today!

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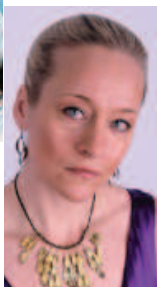
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### Geneva Switzerland Chapter Director

Mrs. Yaga Gonzales, has been appointed as the director of the USFMEP Geneva Switzerland office. As the daughter of a former diplomat, Gonzales has traveled extensively in the Middle East and has an abiding desire to further the mission of our organization.



### United Arab Emirates Chapter Director

Mrs. Christine Richards has been appointed as the USFMEP United Arab Emirates Office. Richards is the former CEO of The Australian Reproductive Health Alliance and currently a consultant to government and private sector agencies and coaches individuals in the UAE in solving problems in the work place.



### USFMEP General Counsel

Dr. A.K. Geddawy, of Ain Shams University, Cairo Egypt, was appointed to serve as general legal counsel to the USFMEP. His appointment took place in NY during a board meeting at the UN.



### Stockholm, Sweden Chapter Director

Madeleine Kristoffersson, a recently appointed Peace Ambassador, has also accepted an appointment as the director of our Sweden Chapter office.



Members of USFMEP staff and interns gather at the UN for a planning meeting. USFMEP interns come from prestigious universities in the NY area. Our dedicated professional staff are philanthropic volunteers lending their subject matter expertise to the success of our endeavors.

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The U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization which promotes the United Nation's commitment to international peace and justice through educational programs, public relations and community outreach efforts. The USFMEP works to heighten international understanding and awareness of the Middle East through open dialogue and education and has established liaison offices in the Middle East, Europe and North Africa. The Federation aims to implement efforts towards healing the current state of affairs and ultimately achieve a lasting peace throughout the region.

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### USFMEP Supporters and Great Peace Keepers Pass in 2009 and 2010

#### **Mariana Thomas**

Ms. Thomas was a long time friend, supporter and board member of the USFMEP. An author, social activist, painter, poet, and speaker recognized among the Who's Who of American Women as well as being named a Who's Who in the World in 2005, Ms. Thomas passed away of natural causes in January 2010. She will greatly missed.



#### **Sam Abdel Kader**

A bright star in the world, avid supporter of the USFMEP and promoter of peace in all walks of life, was lost to tragic circumstances in 2009. Sam Kader, son of Ralph and Salwa Kader and brother to Nino and Rick Kader, died due to complications of the dreaded bacteria MRSA. A memorial tribute was held in Sam's honor and a foundation for contributions established in a ceremony at the UN.



**SAM A. KADER**  
(1979 - 2009)

*Contributions to the USFMEP in honor of either Mariana or  
Sam can be made at our web site - [www.usfmep.org](http://www.usfmep.org).  
Thank you.*