



ICCGC–CoNGO 2025

Global Society and Leadership for Life and Peace: Healing and Liberation in a Divided World and Wounded Earth

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Concept Note

The 2025 ICCGC-CoNGO Global Conference, scheduled for August 15-18, 2025, at Wonkwang University, Iksan, South Korea, will convene global leaders, faith-based organizations, scholars, civil society actors, and policymakers to address urgent global challenges and envision a future rooted in peace, solidarity, and sustainability.

In an era marked by deep divisions—social, political, economic, and environmental—the call for global solidarity has never been more urgent. Conflicts, economic inequalities, ecological crises, and ideological polarization threaten the very fabric of our shared humanity. At the same time, we witness a growing movement for healing, justice, and collective action. This conference will serve as a dynamic platform to explore pathways for unity, ethical leadership, and sustainable solutions that uphold the dignity of all beings and the well-being of our planet.

A Call for Healing and Wholeness

Humanity stands at a crossroads. The choices we make today will shape the future for generations to come. Bridging divides—whether political, cultural, economic, or environmental—demands not only dialogue but also transformative leadership, interfaith collaboration, and shared responsibility. The process of nurturing wholeness involves deepening connections between communities, addressing historical wounds, and restoring harmony in our relationship with nature.

In the face of today's global crisis, Leadership for Life and Peace is essential for meaningful transformation. Rooted in compassion, justice, inclusion, and ecological responsibility, this leadership transcends titles and power. It calls for moral courage, deep listening, and collective action to build a world where all life can flourish. The 2025 ICCGC-CoNGO Global Conference will cultivate this kind of leadership, equipping participants to be agents of healing, liberation, and systemic change in a divided world and wounded Earth.

Key Focus Areas

The conference will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops, centering on the following themes:

- Ethical and Transformative Leadership for Peace – Examining leadership models that prioritize justice, compassion, and sustainability.
- Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue – Strengthening collaboration across faith traditions and cultural perspectives to address shared challenges.
- Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability – Promoting responsible policies and practices to protect the planet and future generations.
- Healing and Liberation – Addressing systemic injustices and fostering resilience in marginalized communities.
- Empowering Youth and Future Generations – Highlighting the role of young leaders in shaping a just and sustainable world.

Bridging Local and Global Efforts

The 2025 ICCGC-CoNGO Conference builds upon the success of previous gatherings in New York (2024) and Seoul (2023), continuing the commitment to fostering interfaith and civil society engagement for a more just and peaceful world. Bringing the conference to Iksan, Korea, highlights the critical role of multilateral partnerships and inclusive governance in shaping a sustainable and harmonious global future.

A Collective Vision for the Future

We invite faith leaders, scholars, activists, policymakers, and global citizens to join this critical conversation. By fostering bridges of understanding and nurturing wholeness, we can work together toward a future where peace, justice, and sustainability are not just aspirations but tangible realities.

Together, we can transform divisions into solidarity, despair into hope, and challenges into opportunities for collective healing and renewal.