



‘Our Shared Humanity’ – The Legacy of Kofi Annan

3–4th June 2019, Chatham House, London

Agenda

Monday 3 June 2019

9:30 – 10:30 Registration and coffee

10:30–10:45 Welcome

Lord Mark Malloch Brown, Patron, UNA-UK; UN Deputy Secretary-General (2006)

Robin Niblett, Director, Chatham House

10:45–12:15 Panel One – ‘The Arc of Intervention’

From Bosnia to the Brahimi Report and from Rwanda to R2P, Annan played a significant role in many critical moments that shaped approaches to peacekeeping and to the protection of civilians. What has been the impact? Have UN peace operations evolved sufficiently to reflect the changing nature of conflict? How are mechanisms of prevention, protection and accountability such as the Responsibility to Protect, Human Rights Up Front and the International Criminal Court currently faring and what can be done to strengthen them?

Panel:

Lakhdar Brahimi, The Elders; Chair, Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (2000)

Comfort Ero, Africa Program Director, International Crisis Group

Ian Martin, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in East Timor (1999), Nepal (2007-9) and Libya (2011-2)

Chair: *Michael Keating*, Executive Director, European Institute of Peace

12:15–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 Panel Two – ‘In Larger Freedom’

How did Annan see the UN’s role in promoting and protecting human rights? What impact can UN mechanisms and initiatives have in an increasingly challenging political environment for human rights and rule of law? And with the rise in populist politics, what can we learn from Annan’s work on democratic reform and resilience, including his legacy of the Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age?

Panel:

Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (2006-2012); UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (1994-2003)

Patrick Gaspard, President, Open Society Foundations

Raila Odinga, High Representative for Infrastructure Development, African Union; Prime Minister of Kenya (2008–13)

Stephen Stedman, Deputy Director, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Chair: *Annika Savill*, Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund



15:00–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–16:30 Conversation – ‘Cool and Reasoned Judgement’

This conversation will provide an opportunity to reflect on how Annan’s personality and values influenced his approach to managing crises and on the role of the UN Secretary-General in crisis management generally. The conversation will also discuss Annan as a mentor.

Participants:

Kathy Calvin, President and CEO, United Nations Foundation

Nader Mousavizadeh, Co-founder, Macro Advisory Partners

Chair: *Alec Russell*, Editor, FT Weekend

18:00–20:00 ‘Kofi Annan: His Life and Legacy’, Central Hall Westminster

This public event, hosted by UNA-UK, will commemorate Kofi Annan’s life and legacy. Doors will open at 17:00 for a 18:00 start.

Speakers:

Nane Annan

Lord Mark Malloch Brown, Patron, UNA-UK; UN Deputy Secretary-General (2006)

Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

Mary Robinson, Chair of the Elders; UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002)

Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director, UNA-UK

Shashi Tharoor, MP for the Lok Sabha Party, India; UN Under-Secretary-General (2002-2007)

Sherrie Westin, President of Global Impact and Philanthropy, Sesame Street

Kami, HIV-positive Muppet, Takalani Sesame in South Africa



Tuesday 4 June 2019

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and coffee

09:30–11:00 Panel Three – ‘Global Market, Global Values’

Annan saw development as fundamental to human dignity and freedom. What is the legacy of the Millennium Development Goals? What should be the priorities in ensuring maximum impact from the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in relation to poverty alleviation and food security? How are innovative partnerships between the UN and other actors such as the private sector and local communities helping to drive impact?

Opening Remarks:

Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

Panel:

Strive Masiyiwa, Board Chair, AGRA; CEO, Econet Wireless

Claire Melamed, CEO of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

Mark Suzman, Chief Strategy Officer and President of Global Policy and Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Chair: *Sam Daws*, Director, UN Reform Project, University of Oxford

11:00–12:00 Governance, Youth and Leadership

Rapid demographic and technological changes have reinvigorated youth demands for meaningful participation in addressing local and global challenges. From climate change to economic inequality, democracy-building to women’s rights, young people are seeking a voice in setting the agenda and delivering solutions. Yet they lack significant representation in governance structures. What are the barriers to youth engagement? Which global issues most demand youth participation and where has such participation had impact?

This session will begin with a short video featuring Kofi Annan and young leaders speaking on youth engagement.

Panel:

Alvin Carpio, Global Shaper (London), World Economic Forum; Founder, The Fourth Group

Natasha Kimani, Head of Programmes, Well Told Story; Mo Ibrahim Academy Fellow, Chatham House (2018)

Hajer Sharief, Co-Founder, Together We Build It; Young Leader, Extremely Together (a Kofi Annan Foundation initiative)

Enyseh Teimory, Communications Assistant, UNA-UK

Chair: *Zeinab Badawi*, Presenter, BBC Global Questions and HardTalk



12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–14:30 Panel Four – ‘The Fork in the Road’

As the UN approaches its 75th anniversary at a moment of great geopolitical uncertainty, will Annan’s reforms provide a bedrock for ensuring the organisation’s continued legitimacy and effectiveness? Are current reform proposals sufficiently bold given the rise in global actors, shifting power and calls for the democratization of the UN?

Panel:

Michèle Griffin, Senior Policy Advisor to the UN Secretary-General

David Hannay, Chair, UN All-Party Parliamentary Group; Member, UN Secretary-General’s High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (2003-2004)

Patricia Lewis, Research Director, International Security Department, Chatham House

Danny Sriskandarajah, Chief Executive, Oxfam

Chair: *Richard Gowan*, UN Director, International Crisis Group

14:30–15:15 Conversation – ‘We the Peoples’

This conversation will explore Annan’s efforts to make the UN and global governance more inclusive, including partnerships he forged with business actors and civil society. How should the goal of inclusivity be taken forward?

Participants:

Edward Mortimer, Distinguished Fellow, All Souls College, University of Oxford; Director of Communications, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General (1998-2006)

Kumi Naidoo, Secretary General, Amnesty International

Chair: *Elizabeth Cousens*, Deputy CEO, United Nations Foundation

15:15–15:45 Looking Forward

Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director, UNA-UK

Alan Doss, President, Kofi Annan Foundation

15:45–17:30 Reception