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### REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

**DEADLINE 31 MAY 2013**

*Instructions for completing the request form are available at:*

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>

#### 1. Name of the organization

##### 1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace

##### 1.b. Name in English and/or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English and/or French.

U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace ("USFMEP")

##### 2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace

Address: 777 United Nations Plaza, Suite 7-H, New York, NY 10017, USA

Telephone number: (973) 568-8384

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Website: <http://www.usfmep.org>

Other relevant  
information:

## 2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, the information should include a fax number.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): Mrs.

Family name: Shatila Kader

Given name: Sally (Salwa)

Institution/position: U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace/President

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## 3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities.

national

international (please specify: )

worldwide

Africa

Arab States

Asia & the Pacific

Europe & North America

Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

USA, Egypt, Lebanon, Hungary, Morocco, Sweden, Jordan, Malaysia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, Switzerland, Austria, Australia, Pakistan

## 4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence.

October 11, 2001

## 5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

USFMEP works to provide the international community with intangible Middle Eastern cultural heritage in order to ensure social cohesion and appreciation of diverse cultural identities and sustainable development. As a *non-governmental organization in consultative status* with the United Nations bodies, USFMEP organizes, laughs and sponsors educational seminars, workshops and roundtable discussion to promote understanding and respect for cultural diversity in the Middle East as well as in the United States and vice versa. In addition, USFMEP is actively promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially in areas of women empowerment and the elimination of gender inequality in primary and secondary education.

USFMEP objectives for which it was established are in conformity with the spirit of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Article 2.3. USFMEP's strategic objectives include various informal educational programs and informative cultural discussions that promote inter-religious cooperation and undersatnding; promotion of shared learning and experiences with other countries and communities in relation to safeguarding and transmitting Middle Eastern culture and traditions; ensuring and raising awareness at the local, national and international levels of the importance of the knowledge, social practices, and traditions of Middle Eastern nation-states in order to open inter-cultural dialogue, and ensure mutual respect acceptance; enhance critical thinking through promotion of cultural diversity in order to find creative solutions to problems.

Cultural and religious intolerance is a major threat to intangible cultural heritage. As a result, USFMEP aims to increase participation amongst various diverse communities, groups and individuals in order to strengthen international cooperation, and assistance in safeguarding such heritage. Cultural preservation is key for sustainable development, social inclusion, gender empowerment and global partnership. Therefore, USFMEP implements its goals by educating the general public by linking cultural heritage to larger issues of political and social transformation.

USFMEP attempts to strenghten respect for international law and the principles and specific programs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies: to eliminate all forms of discrimination and exploitation; promote respect for fundamental human rights and the right to development in a sustainable environment; tackle issues concerning refugees and displaced persons in the Middle East and worldwide; promote full societal, politcal and economic inclusion of women, youth and disabled persons; and promote peaceful conflict resolutions worldwide to meet the needs of people and to safeguard the natural environment, culture and human rights.

## 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.c are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

### 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

### 6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such activities and competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

*Not to exceed 750 words; do not attach additional information*

USFMEP has demonstrated competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage by means of identification, transmission, enhancement, preservation and protection, particularly through informal educational workshops, seminars, and discussions, of such heritage. Through the recognition and preservation of Middle Eastern cultural heritage, USFMEP has devoted its efforts in alleviating the misconception of Middle Eastern religion and culture. As such, USFMEP through its educational programs, works to connect the people of the Middle East with international organizations in Europe and North American to promote shared goals of gender equality, the empowerment of women, women's full enjoyment of all human rights and the

eradication of poverty are essential to economic and social development, including the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals. Achieving gender equality and empowerment of women is both a key development goal and an important means for achieving all of the Millennium Development Goals.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, USFMEP has participated in and hosted numerous events in promotion and preservation of Middle Eastern culture and traditions.

For instance:

1. USFMEP held a workshop in Australia, which provided an introduction to key gender concepts, and explored the tools and instruments NGOs can use to facilitate gender analysis and build awareness from the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
2. Contributed to the 2013 General Assembly High-level Meeting on Disability and Development and the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), by organizing a panel discussion on Preventing and Ending Violence against Women with Disabilities. Notably, the USFMEP has previously contributed statements and organized side-events to the 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, and 56<sup>th</sup> CSWs .
3. USFMEP hosted a side event, "The Role of the Family in Building Social and Economic Security for Humanity" where the USFMEP President discussed the importance of the concept of shared responsibility within the family as it relates to cultures across the world. Also analyzed how economic and social insecurity within the family can impact society.
4. USFMEP invited 30 Imams and Rabbis from 13 European countries to hold an interfaith dialogue. The event, aimed to promote mutual sharing of religious beliefs among the numerous faiths present at the dialogue.
5. 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.
6. In 2009, USFMEP held a panel discussion on the "Gaza Humanitarian Crisis" at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City in light of the recent bombings in Gaza.
7. USFMEP visited the University of Wollongong in Dubai, where she urged university students to take a more active role in promoting dialogue between Muslims and non-Muslims and to help iron out misunderstandings of the faith. USFMEP President has given presentations at the Misr University, as well as several universities in the U.S. such as: American University, Georgetown University, the Stevens Institute of Technology, and St. Mary's University.
8. In New York, USFMEP hosted a High –Level meeting on the Youth Interfaith Dialogue greater religious and cultural understanding was emphasized in order to achieve international peace.
9. In 2012, USFMEP hosted a youth sporting tournament in Egypt. The event allowed Egyptian youth from different social backgrounds to interact in a friendly environment. USFMEP need to build greater awareness, especially among the younger generations, of the importance of the intangible cultural heritage and of its safeguarding.
10. USFMEP organized a four-part Palestinian Film Series, which aimed to expand to showcase the lives of the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank. Each of the four films provided the viewers with a glimpse into some of the challenges that 4.2 million Palestinians face today in Gaza and the West Bank, including the continuing blockade on most imports and exports in Gaza, the construction of the wall in the West Bank, settlement expansion and displacement, restrictions of movement and access, and frequent outbreaks of violence.
11. USFMEP discussed Bahrain's development strides, in safeguarding the nation's culture, heritage and national identity with Culture Minister Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa.

12. In 2008, USFMEP welcomed the management of New York City's famous Empire State Building's second-annual lighting ceremony in celebration of the Muslim festival of Eid Al-Fitr.

13. Finally, USFMEP has hosted several annual Montessori Model United Nations Events (MUNN), at the General Assembly Hall of the UN Headquarters in New York. Mrs. Kader is a strong advocate of youth empowerment. USFMEP's MUNN is a way to further one of USFMEP's core objectives to mobilize ordinary members of society, particularly youth, to contribute to the establishment and preservation of lasting world peace.

#### Personnel:

The USFMEP consists of people from diverse backgrounds, such as various government officials, NGO workers, scholars, religious leaders, educators, students, business professionals, and journalists. The variety of backgrounds, skills and expertise provide USFMEP with valuable input toward developing our cross-cultural programs. USFMEP collaborates with senior public officials, media professionals and academics in developing plans for building sustainable peace and understanding cross-culturally.

President of USFMEP, Mrs. Salwa Kader has served as a leader in advancing global humanitarianism, which is demonstrated in her devotion toward educating the general public – Americans and citizens from other countries alike – on a variety of topics ranging from the history, religions, and cultures of the Middle East to women's empowerment and children's rights. Moreover, Mrs. Kader's archeological background and passion for preservation of historical artifacts demonstrates her sincere appreciation for safeguarding cultural heritage. Mrs. Kader belongs to the In addition, Mrs. Kader received an award from the Tunisian Cultural and Information Center in 2010, in honor of her lifelong endeavors and partnership in developing a more civilized society, fearless humanitarian advocacy and initiatives, from conflict resolution and prevention to women empowerment, from human rights and protection of children to faith based solutions. Mrs. Kader formally served at the Director of the United Nations Women's Guild.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ralph Kader, has been involved with the United Nations since 1980. Over the course of two decades during his tenure within senior management positions in the United Nations Headquarters, he has also served on diplomatic missions around the world. Mr. Kader has acquired expansive expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage from his experience as a diplomat as well as his own personal background. Mr. Kader is devoted to preserving and promoting cultural heritage as he was born in Palestine, educated in Beirut, Lebanon, and later came to the U.S. in 1965 for his higher education.

In addition, USFMEP's advisory board includes Ambassador Peter Lloyd an Australian diplomat for thirty years. Mr. Lloyd who was an Australian Ambassador to Iraq when the Iraqi Armed Forces occupied Kuwait in August 1990. He remained in his post until shortly before the commencement of Operation Desert Storm in 1991-92. He was also a visiting Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra when he assisted in founding the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS).

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Riad Tabbarah, previously the Lebanese Ambassador to the United States, who is now the Director of the Center for Development Studies and Projects and former Staff of the ESCWA / United Nations.

Sr. Diane Marie Steele, the President of University of Saint Mary and the President of Kansas Independent College Association. From 2003 to present, she was the President of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. She is also a trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Kansas Independent College Association and the Kansas Independent College Fund Executive Committee. She serves as a Building Committee Member of St. John Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas. In addition, she serves on the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. She also sits on the NAIA Council of Presidents as President of the University of Saint Mary. Finally, from 2003-2006, she sat on the Leavenworth/Lansing Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

H.E. Mr. Robert C. McFarlane, the Former National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan from 1983 to 1985. He now chairs an energy development firm in Washington, D.C.

Lastly, Mrs. Libby Lloyd AM, the former president of UNIFEM Australia, which supports the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She is the Chair of the Australian Government's Violence Against Women Advisory Group and a member of the Australian Government's Advisory Group on Refugees. In addition, she is a Board Member of the Australian White Ribbon Foundation. Moreover, she has recently been appointed a Member of the Australian Council for Australian Arab Relations by the Australian Foreign Minister, Stephen Smith

### **7. The organization's experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners**

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

USFMEP cooperates in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage. As an NGO with consultative status with ECOSOC and DPI, USFMEP actively participates in the United Nations community and its subsidiary bodies by organizing side-events and submitting reports to the Secretary-General. In particular, USFMEP has worked extensively to provide a medium for multicultural religious leaders to gather and discuss initiatives for mutual cooperation and acceptance. Additionally, USFMEP has strong ties with the civil society organizations in Lebanon, Egypt and Morocco including the Legal Committee for Family Rights (a group of Lebanese attorneys working to promote the realization of citizens' rights, education, and social development). Moreover, USFMEP has traveled to Bahrain to promote understanding between the United States and the Middle East. Also, USFMEP is dedicated to educating youth and has connected with the Misr University in Cairo Egypt to teach Egyptian youth on the importance of interfaith dialogue in order to promote intercultural acceptance and understanding. USFMEP has conducted recreational activities and hosted youth sports competitions, and marches. Further, USFMEP conducted "Know Your Neighbors" seminars where the organization traveled to different schools, teaching students about the importance of multicultural diversity. Finally, USFMEP hosts the Model United Nations Montessori Schools Event at the UN headquarters in New York where thousands of students gather to discuss and debate ideas regarding various international issues.

### **8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization**

The Operational Directives (paragraph 97) require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated whenever possible into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

#### **8.a. Membership and personnel**

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.*

### 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.*

### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already indicated clearly from the documentation provided for section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.*

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## 9. Signature

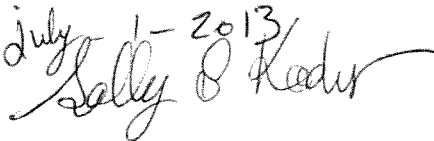
The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Sally (Salwa) Shatila Kader

Title: President, U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace

Date: July 1 - 2013

Signature:





**UNESCO Accreditation Application**

**Section 8.a.: Membership and personnel**

*I. Advisory Board:*

**Sally (Salwa) Kader, USFMEP President**

As The U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace President, Mrs. Sally (Salwa) Kader leads the organization in its efforts to build bridges between the United States and the Arab & Muslim world. Mrs. Kader, born in Beirut Lebanon, holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Archeology from the University of Lebanon and a Master's Degree in History from Central Missouri State University. She also pursued extensive coursework in comparative religion, communications and conflict resolution at Harvard University, the University of Baghdad and Lebanese University. Mrs. Kader is a long-time activist for women's rights and much of her work has been devoted toward the empowerment of women and the elevation of women's status in society. She has taken an active involvement in women empowerment initiatives by encouraging dialogue and educating audiences on various women's issues. This has included hosting interfaith discussions between different religious women, raising awareness on the trafficking of young girls, promoting women's role in the media and encouraging women to participate in society, politics and decision-making. Some of her work has included helping refugee Palestinian women and hosting international conferences including one on the Role of Immigrant Women towards International Peace in Stockholm, Sweden.

In addition, Kader has annually organized numerous side-events for the United Nations Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women ("CSW") on a variety of topics. Some of the CSW side events hosted by Kader have included Women in Islam: East Meets West (March 4, 2005), The Trafficking of Young Girls in the 21st Century (February 26, 2007), Rights of Muslim Women: Islam and Tradition (March 8, 2005), The Role of Women in Creating a Counter-Balance to Extremism (February 2007), The Role of Women in the Media Coverage of Peace-Building between the Middle East and the West (February 28, 2007), Empowering Women in Politics and Decision-Making in Muslim Countries (March 6, 2007), Empowerment of Women through Media Exposure for Building Peace (February 25, 2008), Violence against the Working Mother (March 1, 2010) and Muslim, Jewish and Christian Women Who Share the Vision of Understanding (March 12, 2009) among many others. USFMEP has further submitted statements for the CSW sessions including a recent one on Rural Women and Girls in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas.

Mrs. Kader is a prominent activist working in the fight for greater recognition of children's rights. She has promoted youth empowerment through events such as the Montessori Model United Nations Conferences, various youth interfaith dialogue events, and several panel discussions on trafficking in children. She serves as an Ambassador and an Auxiliary Board Member of the CIS, specifically supporting the Virtual Global Task Force, which was the first ever international operational law enforcement task force to protect children worldwide over the Internet.

Moreover, Mrs. Kader has also spoken to University students throughout the world including her speeches at the University of Wollongong in Dubai (December 12, 2010), University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas (September 2007), Georgetown University (November 14, 2005) and several others. She has sought to inspire and educate students about peace-building and has held youth interfaith dialogues to promote tolerance and mutual understanding. In addition, she has had sporting events and sports tournaments for youth throughout the world.

Mrs. Kader has held numerous interfaith discussions bringing people of different faiths and cultures together for peaceful dialogue. She has hosted forums and conferences promoting interfaith and intercultural discussion between clashing religious communities, bringing religious leaders together to discuss shared values and the importance of religious tolerance. In fact, on July 20, 2009, Mrs. Kader hosted an unprecedented congregation of 30 rabbis and imams from 13 European countries to the United Nations headquarters in New York City to discuss peace initiatives. She also served as key speaker at the United Nations Buddhist-Muslim Dialogue Series (September 3, 2008).

Mrs. Kader has further sought to involve women and youth in the interfaith dialogue process. She has moderated a Youth Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Mutual Understanding (July 25, 2011) as well as events catered towards women. These include Women are mirrored in Each Other: An Interfaith Dialogue and Muslim (March 1, 2012) and Christian and Jewish Women Who Share the Vision of Understanding (March 12, 2009) among others. Mrs. Kader also served as a delegate for the Global Action Forum: Arab and American Dialogue.

Through the promotion of interfaith dialogue, Mrs. Kader has worked to eliminate boundaries between people of different religions and cultures. Her work towards interfaith dialogue resonates with USFMEP's primary mission to build bridges of tolerance and understanding. Kader was an honored recipient of numerous awards for her efforts in building peace and empowering women. These prestigious awards include: The Millennium Development Goal Award; The US Senate Award; The Alexandria Culture Award from the Alexandria Library in Egypt; The Women's Empowerment Award; The Sinai Peace Award; An award from Misr University in Cairo, Egypt; The Montessori Model United Nations Award; A Youth Award; A Peace Award from the Governor of Alexandria, Egypt; and the Rotary Club of New York Service Award.

#### **Ralph Kader**

Ralph is a twenty two-years veteran of the United Nations. His tenure has included serving on diplomatic missions around the world as well as working on various peace initiatives with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

#### **Ambassador Dr. Clovis Maksoud**

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, a Lebanese national, is presently a Professor of International Relations and the Director of the Center for the Global South at American University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Maksoud also served as former Ambassador and Chief Representative of the League of Arab States in India and the United States.

**Ambassador Peter Lloyd**

Peter Lloyd was an Australian diplomat for thirty years and was Australian Ambassador to Iraq when the Iraqi Armed Forces occupied Kuwait in August 1990. He remained in his post until shortly before the commencement of Operation Desert Storm In 1991-92. He was also a visiting Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra when he assisted in founding the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies (CAIS).

**John Ray Esq.**

John Ray is a well-known practicing attorney in the New York Metropolitan area, where he has been a trial lawyer in many highly-publicized cases for over 27 years. These include high-profile civil and criminal cases, such as the Kaplan surrogate-parent custody case, the Ocean Beach police brutality case, the Pulinario case, involving a defendant who allegedly suffered from rape trauma syndrome, and the Berrios witchcraft case. In fact, two of his trials were covered gavel-to-gavel on Court TV. In addition, he has appeared frequently on national television as both an advocate and legal expert, and as a guest commentator on Court TV. His clients include numerous corporations, both national and international.

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**Brigadier General Mr. Khalid Kibriya**

General Kibriya serves as the Secretary-General for the Pakistan Red Crescent Society in Islamabad, Pakistan. He has also served with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York.

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*II. Peace Ambassadors:*

**Madeleine Kristoffersson**

Madeleine Kristoffersson made her debut with the Royal Opera of Stockholm, Sweden, with *Salome* by R. Strauss, followed by performances with opera houses and festivals throughout Europe, Mexico and the United States. She has performed a number of operatic roles including Brunnhilde, Donna Anna, Elektra, Leonore and Tosca. She performed the leading role of Strauss' *Elektra* at the Washington Opera, and sang Brunnhilde in Wagner's *Ring* at the Dalhalla Festival, in Sweden. At home in concert as well as the opera house, Ms. Kristoffersson has performed with European orchestras in works such as *Beethoven's 9th*, R. Strauss' *Vier Letzte Lieder* and concert versions of *Cavallerina Rusticana* and *Tristan und Isolde*.

Her performances have been featured twice on ABC's "Good Morning America" as well as on European and Mexican national television in recital venues such as Carnegie Hall, Bechstein, Lipps Concert Hall and the United Nations Assembly Hall. Her 2008-2009 performance of excerpts from *La forza del destino* and *Tosca* at the United Nations Assembly Hall was recorded for the United Nations web cast. She then performed excerpts from the same operas in Denmark and Greece. Recognized as a gifted recitalist, "*Madeleine Kristoffersson's recital was undoubtedly one of the best performances of the festival*" *Excelso, Mexico* reported. Ms. Kristoffersson performed for two seasons at the Newport Music Festival, as well as concerts with the Festival International Cervantino in Mexico; Confidancen and the Dalhalla Festival, in Sweden.

She was recently heard at Bechstein Hall, which was presented by Stephen Brown, the company manager of the Metropolitan Opera. In addition, she performed a series of *Jenny Lind concerts* in New York City. Ms. Kristoffersson has had several command performances for the King and Queen of Sweden and for special concerts honoring past and present Nobel prize winners. Hailed as a "*heavenly soprano*" by the Metro-Stockholm, she has performed in numerous Swedish-American galas and special music events nationwide. She has served as an adjudicator for competitions and has held master classes in Mexico City and at the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. Ms. Kristoffersson is a graduate of The Royal Academy of Music of Stockholm, The Royal Opera School of Stockholm, and The Juilliard School of Music in New York City. She is the soloist on the successful CD release of Ragnar Grippe's "*Requiem*." Furthermore, Ms. Kristoffersson made an appearance on pop charts in several of the 36 countries where the CD was released. Finally, she is the soloist in the forthcoming CD "*Signorum Amor*" by Ragnar Grippe.

**Simon Shaheen**

Simon Shaheen is one of the most significant Arab musicians, performers, and composers of his generation. His work incorporates and reflects the legacy of Arabic music, signifying new frontiers and embracing many different styles in the process. His unique contribution to the

world of arts was recognized in 1994 when Shaheen was honored with the prestigious National Heritage Award at the White House. In the 1990s, he released four albums of his own: *Saltanah* (Water Lily Acoustics), *Turath* (CMP), *Taqasim* (Lyrichord), and *Simon Shaheen: The Music of Mohamed Abdel Wahab* (Axiom), while also contributing cuts to producer Bill Laswell's fusion collective, *Hallucination Engine* (Island).

He has contributed selections to soundtracks for *The Sheltering Sky* and *Malcolm X*, among others, and has composed the entire soundtrack for the United Nations-sponsored documentary, *For Everyone Everywhere*. Broadcasted globally in December 1998, this film celebrated the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. But perhaps his greatest success has come with *Blue Flame* (ARK21, 2001), where he leads his group, Qantara, on a labyrinthian journey through the world of music to discover the heart of the Middle East. The album has been nominated for eleven Grammy Awards and the band's performances have been called "glorious."

A Palestinian, born in the village of Tarshiha in the Galilee, Shaheen's childhood was consumed by music. His father, Hikmat Shaheen, was a professor of music and a master 'oud player. "Learning to play the 'oud from my father was the most powerful influence in my musical life," Shaheen recalls. He began playing the 'oud at the age of five and a year later, he began studying the violin at the Conservatory for Western Classical Music in Jerusalem. "When I held and played these instruments, they felt like an extension of my arms."

## II. *National Affiliates and Contact Information:*

### 1. **New York, USA (Headquarters)**

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### 2. **Paris, France**

### 3. **Tunis, Tunisia**

### 4. **Stockholm, Sweden**

### 5. **Budapest, Hungary**

### 6. **Athens, Greece**

### 7. **Cairo, Egypt**

### 8. **Beirut, Lebanon**

### 9. **Amman, Jordan**

**10. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

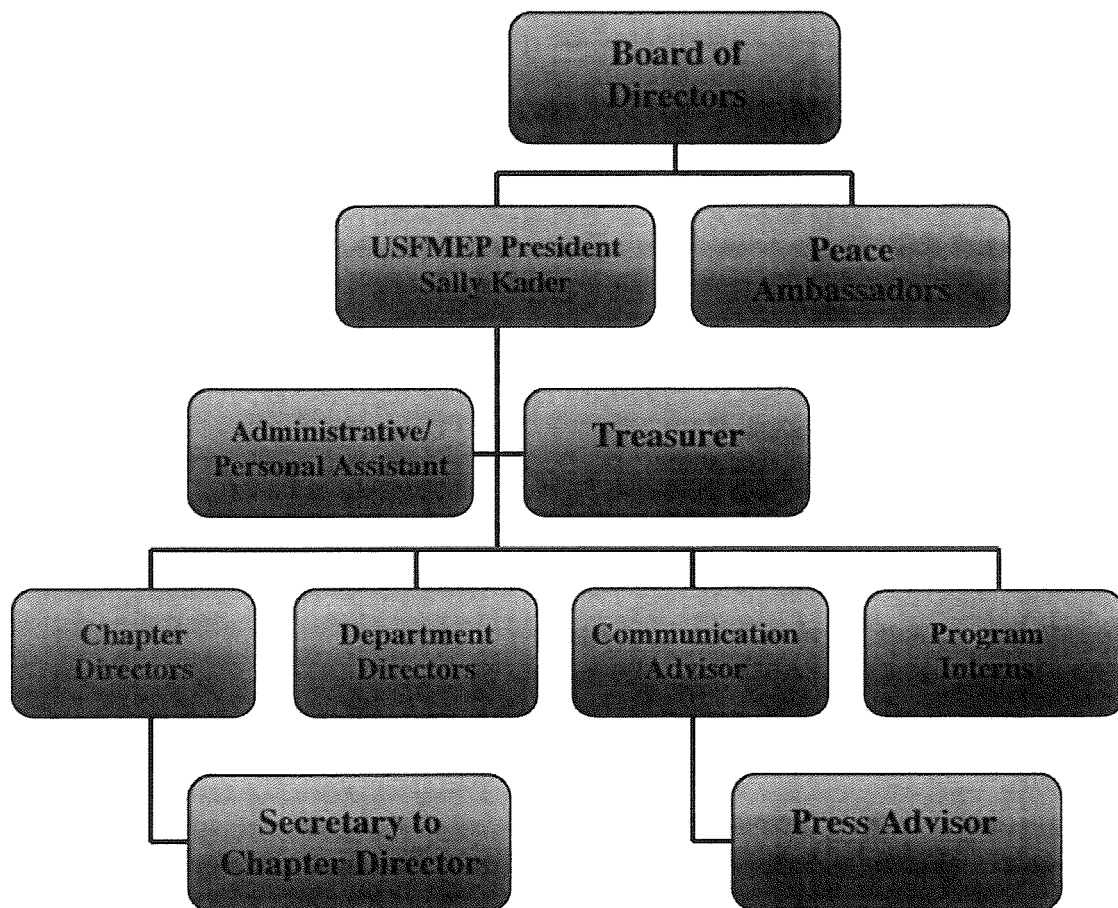
**11. Canberra, Australia**

**12. Honolulu, Hawaii**

**13. Kansas City, Missouri**

**14. Manama, Bahrain**

**Organization Chart: United Federation for Middle East Peace**





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Connecting Continents for Peace

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## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Washington D.C. 2001



## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE (1) NAME

The name of the organization shall be the USFMEP for Middle East Peace ("USFMEP").

### ARTICLE (2) PURPOSES

The USFMEP is a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization advocating Peace for the Middle East, and providing an avenue for all citizens, regardless of religious affiliation or national origin to work together in an effective way to place culture at the center of national and international focus in order to strengthen social cohesion, promote social inclusion, equality, human rights and sustainable growth. Our purposes are particularly directed towards emphasizing culture in the development process and increasing the participation and role of women and youth in the Middle East, and the international community.

### ARTICLE (3) STRUCTURE

1. The organizational unit by which the members carry out the purposes of the USFMEP shall be called the USFMEP. New USFMEP chapters may be added as approved by the Co-ordination Board.
2. It shall be the duty of the USFMEP to hold one meeting a month, to carry out the purposes of the Federation Commission, the date of this meeting to be determined by the General Committee of the USFMEP who may postpone or cancel the meeting as circumstances dictate.
3. The committee of USFMEP representatives, which shall Co-ordinate the work and policy of the Federation commission, shall be the Co-ordination Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board the President of the USFMEP shall preside.

### ARTICLE (4) MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the USFMEP shall be open to any well supporters from all ethnic, religious, social and political backgrounds whom strongly believe in the principals and values of the rule of law, cultural diversity, heritage, expressions and world peace.

2. All exceptional cases involving membership, special membership and eligibility for holding office shall be submitted to the Co-ordination Board.

3. Members shall enjoy membership privileges in any USFMEP they may visit, but may only have voting privileges in the USFMEP in which they have paid membership dues.

#### **ARTICLE (5) CO-ORDINATION BOARD**

1. **Composition.** The voting membership of the Board shall consist of:

(a) The elected officers, namely: The President of the Federation Commission; the Vice-President of the Federation Commission; the Secretary; and the Treasurer.

2. **Allocation of duties.** The Board, as constituted under section I, shall allocate duties to its members as follows: a Publicity Co-coordinator; and a Liaison Officer with overseas Federation Commission, etc., with the exception of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. If necessary, the Board may appoint Committee. Chairmen or functionaries outside the Board who may attend Board meetings without the right to vote.

3. **Meetings.** Meetings of the Board can be called at any time by the President or the Vice-President, or at the written request of four of its members. For any action to be valid, a majority of the members must be represented at the Co-ordination Board meetings. The Board shall have the power to act for the USFMEP in any matter which requires immediate attention and which is within the framework of the Constitution and By-laws.

4. **Voting.** Each member of the Board shall have one vote.

#### **ARTICLE (6) ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS**

##### **General meetings**

(a) An Annual General Meeting of the whole USFMEP shall be held in May or early June with the President or the Vice-President of the USFMEP in the chair. At this meeting, the Vice-President shall report on USFMEP activities and shall submit membership and committee lists. The Treasurer of the Board shall submit a financial report, and the election of officers shall take place; preceding the

Annual General Meeting; the newly elected officers take office at the end of the Annual General Meeting.

(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at any time by the Co-ordination Board;

(c) Action at the General Meetings may be taken by an absolute majority vote of those present provided that there shall be present a quorum of not less than one-fifth of the members in good standing.

## **ARTICLE (7) FINANCE**

### **1. Dues.**

(a) Membership dues shall be paid annually by new and renewing members. The amount of the subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation Commission. The dues required of a member joining after July 1 shall be half the regular subscription.

(b) Each USFMEP shall pay an annual fee to the Co-ordination Board as specified by the Board.

**2. Fund-raising.** All monies received from any fund-raising project of the Federation Commission, or of any USFMEP thereof, shall be used to assist in setting up programs and seminars.

**3. Administration and funds.** All monies raised by the USFMEP as a whole shall benefit the purposes of the goal and aim of the USFMEP. Any of the following officers is empowered to sign cheques: The President; the Vice-President; or the Treasurer of the Board.

**4. Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the USFMEP shall end on 15 January.

**5.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of the activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

**6.** In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the association shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed to another organization exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of

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the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government, or state or local government for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE (8) VOTING**

Every member in good standing shall be qualified to vote at all meetings. There shall be no voting by proxy.

#### **ARTICLE (9) AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any Annual' General Meeting of the whole USFMEP (with a quorum of one-fifth of members in good standing), provided that the proposed amendment shall have been considered by the Board and a copy circulated to each USFMEP member at least three weeks before the meeting.

**BY-LAWS**

***ARTICLE I. OFFICERS***

**1. Honorary President.** There may be an honorary President of the USFMEP appointed by the Board for a period of four years with eligibility for re-appointment.

**2. President.** The President of the USFMEP shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. A list of candidates for the office shall be prepared by the Board from nominations taken at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Unless an absolute majority of votes cast is reached on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken on the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes in the first ballot, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. He/she shall take office at the end of the Annual General Meeting his/her term of office shall be for four years and she shall be eligible for reelection for one or more terms.

**3. Vice-President.** The Vice-President of the USFMEP shall be elected by the same method and for the same length of time as in section 2, except that this officer shall be elected in years alternate to the year of election of the President.

**4. Secretary.** The Secretary of the USFMEP shall be elected by the same method and for the same length of time as in section 2, and shall be elected in the same year as the President.

**5. Treasurer.** The Treasurer of the USFMEP shall be elected by the same method and for the same length of time as in section 2, except that this officer shall be elected in years alternate to the year of election of the President.

**6.** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the USFMEP shall act on his/her behalf Should the President retire for any reason before his/her term of office expires, the Vice-President will assume the office of President for the balance of the term.

**7. Officers.** In the event that vacancies occur in the office of Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, the Co-ordination Board may appoint a replacement(s) to complete the term of office.

**8. Standing Committees.** There shall be such Standing Committees as may be deemed necessary by the USFMEP to be appointed by the Co-ordination Board. The Chairmen of such Committees shall submit reports to the Co-ordination Board as requested by the Board. The Chairmen of those Standing Committees shall be invited to attend meetings of the Board, but may not vote.

***ARTICLE II. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER***

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, latest edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Federation Commission, as a complement to the Constitution and By-laws.

***ARTICLE III. AMENDMENTS***

These By-laws may be amended by two-thirds majority vote at any General Meeting of the whole USFMEP (with a quorum of one-fifth of members in good standing), provided a copy of the proposed amendment' shall have been considered by the Board and circulated to each USFMEP member at least three weeks before the meeting.

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**CERTIFICATE**

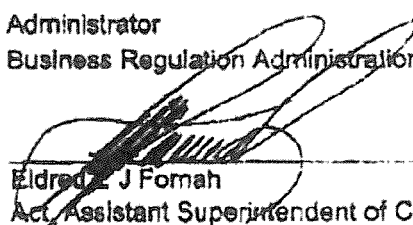
**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that all applicable provisions of the District of Columbia NonProfit Corporation Act have been complied with and accordingly, this **CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION** is hereby issued to:

**U.S. FEDERATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE INC.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed as of the 11th day of **October, 2001**.

David Clark  
DIRECTOR

Elizabeth O. Kim  
Administrator  
Business Regulation Administration



Eldred J. Fomah  
Act. Assistant Superintendent of Corporations  
Corporations Division

Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor

**UNESCO Accreditation Application**

**Section 8.c.: Duration of existence and activities**

*The following list summarizes the organization's activities to demonstrate its involvement and commitment to safeguarding cultural heritage:*

- Since 2001, **USFMEP has been involved with the Hawar International School (H.I.S.)** in the Kingdom of Bahrain by way of its Chapter Director. The school was established for the purposes of raising awareness, understanding and acceptance of religious and cultural diversity amongst its students and the region. Beginning with only seventy-five (75) students in 2001, H.I.S. now holds seventy-five (75) *educators* and 610 *students*. The school follows a balanced academic curriculum in both Arabic and English. H.I.S. students, beginning from Kindergarten to Grade-12, interact in a friendly, non-discriminatory environment that aims to preserve Islamic cultural heritage. Moreover, with the help of USFMEP, the school implemented effective integration policy and goals, and has earned a remarkable reputation for taking care of students with special needs, such as physical or learning disabilities. Students with special needs are integrated into the normal education stream to form part of their peer groups and benefit from a regular classroom experience. The Special Education Department, known as the Student Support Unit, comprises an essential part of the school. In fact, the Student Support Unit consists of approximately twenty-percent (20%) of the school's 610 – student body.
- July 12, 2013 – USFMEP attended the “**Malala Day: Youth Take Over the General Assembly**” to exhibit support for Malala Yousafzai who marked her 16th birthday by coming to the UN to give her first high-level public appearance and statement on the importance of education. Sponsored by the Department of Public Information (DPI), Malada Day events showcased the leading role that youth around the world can play in enabling all children to get an education.
- June 20, 2013 – USFMEP together with the Mennonite Central Committee and the Israel-Palestine NGO Working Group (IPWG) joined the international community in observing the World Refugee Day by inviting distinguished panelists, and exhibiting photographs and film to commemorate the millions of forcibly displaced Palestinian refugees.
- January 29-31, 2013 – USFMEP attended the “**Indigenous Youth, Identity Challenges and Hope**” to demonstrate active support, and respect for cultural identity amongst youth worldwide.
- May 2 – 4, 2013, USFMEP President participated in the **National Association of Women Judges Mid-Year Conference**, held in Washington D.C. by discussing current national and international laws regarding women and women's role in society.
- March 20-23, 2013 – USFMEP made a representation, adding to the **National Consortium on Racial Fairness in the Courts**, by showcasing the nexus of issues found in the East and the West.
- March 25, 2013 – USFMEP participated in the “International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade” as well as the “International Day of Commemoration and Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust”.
- February 5, 2013 – Organized a panel discussion on “Hate, Speech and Incitement to



Genocide".

- February 12, 2013 – USFMEP made a presentation on **The Global Report on Trafficking in Persons**. USFMEP is a strong advocate of ending all forms of human trafficking and associated violence and discrimination.
- April 24, 2013 - USFMEP joined in the process of discussions regarding **Partnering for Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development**.
- February 6, 2013 – In regards to the **International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation** - where Mrs. Sally Kader promoted dialogue to stop such discriminatory practices. Moreover, on March 8, 2013 – USFMEP supported the International Women's Day – "A promise is a promise: Time for Action to End Violence Against Women".
- April 20, 2013, USFMEP's President, Mrs. Sally Kader, **gave a keynote address at an international educational symposium held at the Stevens Institute of Technology**. In educating students and participants regarding Middle Eastern history, culture and traditions, Mrs. Kader discussed the status of women's rights post-Arab spring. Specifically, Mrs. Kader discussed women's education and development in the region, and emphasized the need for awareness-raising campaigns, crisis centers and humanitarian workers to be culturally sensitive, and understand of social mores in order to empower women and promote the rights they are due with respect to their cultural and religious frameworks.
- May 15, 2013, **The Rotary Club of New York hosted an International Breakfast Meeting** where USFMEP President gave a presentation on the status of women in the Middle East. In addition to Mrs. Kader's insightful speech, she was presented with a "Service Above Self Award" for her extraordinary humanitarian relief efforts.
- April 13, 2013, USFMEP hosted its **Fourth Annual Montessori Schools Model United Nations (MMUN)** event at the United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in the General Assembly, Hall New York. Education is indispensable for the establishment of an universal culture of peace, and USFMEP's MUNN events gather approximately 2000 students from countries around the world including the United States, Canada, Chile, Norway, Nigeria, China, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Pakistan and the Virgin Islands. USFMEP conducts this event in order to create an outlet for students from various cultures and backgrounds to interact and work together towards social cohesion, awareness and multicultural acceptance. USFMEP has been ac
- March 13 - 14, 2013, USFMEP hosted and moderated two side events to the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women ("CSW") titled, "**Laws on Violence Against Women and Girls presented by Women Judges**" and "The Influence of Faith on the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls". USFMEP advocated for women's empowerment and cessation of violence against women. Social and cultural innovations, preservation and safeguarding are advanced with progress and development in all sectors. Discrimination and violence against women prevents women from effectively participating in cultural trades, economy and education. USFMEP has been actively involved with the CSWs for seven consecutive years, beginning with the 50<sup>th</sup> CSW by contributing statements and hosting side-events.
- March 11, 2013, Mrs. Kader served on a panel titled "**Empowering Women Beyond Violence**" at Columbia University School of Law. Mrs. Kader highlighted the

importance of tackling violence against women in the Middle East by raising awareness against the prevailing social and economic injustices.

- February 12, 2013, USFMEP held a symposium, "**The Role of Interfaith Dialogue in Peace building & Women Empowerment**", at the UNHQ, which aimed to increase the awareness of interfaith dialogue and culture for Middle Eastern women and youth. The organization focused on maximizing social and cultural acceptance of Middle Eastern women in order to improve their participation and contribution to socioeconomic, political and cultural development.
- January 15 – February 5, 2013, USFMEP hosted **four documentary films regarding the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank**. Each of the four films provided the viewer with a glimpse into some of the challenges that 4.2 million Palestinians currently face in Gaza and the West Bank, including the continuing blockade on most imports and exports in Gaza, the construction of the wall in the West Bank, settlement expansion and displacement, restrictions of movement and access, and frequent outbreaks of violence. *The films aimed to illustrate, through personal accounts, how Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank experience life under occupation and how they manage to adapt and persevere despite the challenges to their daily lives.*
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, USFMEP organized and hosted **four different side events for the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women** including: "Implementing MDG One: Reconciliation through Empowerment of Rural Women," "Human Trafficking," "Arab Spring: Voices of Women," and "Women are Mirrored in Each Other: An Interfaith Dialogue."
- September 6 – 8, 2011, USFMEP participated in **the Seventh Annual World Diversity Leadership Summit ("WDLs")**, which gathered United Nations affiliated non-government organizations, chief diversity officers, government leaders and policy makers from around the world to discuss diversity and inclusion challenges and opportunities for improving organizational performance.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, USFMEP organized and hosted a conference entitled "**Youth Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Mutual Understanding**" in honor of the International Year of Youth, bringing together Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Hindu youth representatives.
- April 7, 2011 – Together with the Armenian American Society for Studies on Stress and Genocide (AASSSG), USFMEP President, **Mrs. Kader addressed "The Role of Women in Healing Generational Wounds"** at the AASSSG's annual symposium: "Embracing Our Ancestral DNA: Transforming Generationally Transmitted Restrictions of Ethnicity, Nationality and Belief Systems to Positive Lessons and Wisdom" at the United Nations.
- May 17 – 18, 2011 – USFMEP participated in the Global Migration Group (GMG) Symposium titled "**Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development**" where Mrs. Kader shared her expertise and knowledge to highlight the existing gaps of international migration efforts, and discussed how to increase migration services and decrease its negative impacts on the development prospects of youth.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 2011, USFMEP participated in an **Interfaith Rally in the streets of New York City**, which brought together a broad coalition of 75 interfaith, nonprofit, governmental and civil liberty groups who banded together in support of equitable civil rights for all Americans.

- December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, USFMEP President, **Sally Kader, delivered a speech to students at the University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD)** on the topic of interfaith dialogue. Mrs. Kader emphasized that misunderstandings, misconceptions, violence and hatred only fuel more problems between different faiths and cultures. Mrs. Kader further urged Muslim and non-Muslim students to develop a dialogue in order to promote peace and understanding. Mrs. Kader's speech additionally reinforced USFMEP's objectives to inspire, educate and empower youth towards peace-building efforts. The USFMEP set up office in Dubai, with an aim at promoting awareness, mutual tolerance and respect between the American public and Middle Easterners. Subsequently, USFMEP reached out to universities in order to mobilize and involve youth in its efforts. Mrs. Kader also presented at the **University of Saint Mary** in Leavenworth, Kansas (September 2007), **Georgetown University** (November 14, 2005) and several others. She has sought to inspire and educate students about peace-building and has held youth interfaith dialogues to promote tolerance and mutual understanding. In addition, **she has had sporting events and sports tournaments for youth throughout the world.**
- March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, USFMEP organized and **hosted two different side events for the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women** including: "Human Trafficking Beijing +15: Lessons Learned" and "Violence Against Working Mothers."
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, USFMEP organized and **hosted a conference entitled "Muslims' and Hindus' Vision of Understanding, Tolerance and Peace."** The event was held in recognition of the "Year of Reconciliation" and was cosponsored by H.H. Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaj, Spiritual Leader, The Veda Foundation and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. The conference was followed by a universal prayer for the victims of the Bombay atrocities, which was greatly appreciated by Indian nationals.
- September 21 2009, USFMEP **celebrated International Peace Day in Stockholm, Sweden** by hosting and organizing a Conference in Stockholm highlighting cooperation and union amongst multicultural individuals, communities and national entities.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> 2009, **USFMEP hosted and organized "Religions for Understanding" welcoming 30 Rabbis and Imams from 13 European Countries** to the United Nations Headquarters for an interfaith dialogue conference in pursuit of common values and mutual respect. The event also was supported by the presence of Ambassadors from 40 countries across the world.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2009, **USFMEP organized and hosted three different side events for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women** including: "The Role of the Family in Building Social and Economic Security for Humanity," Equipping for Gender Analysis: A Strategy from Australia" with UNIFEM Australia, "Muslim, Christian and Jewish Women Who Share the Vision of Understanding" and "Afternoon Tea for Intellectual Dialogue."
- January 28<sup>th</sup> 2009, **USFMEP held a panel discussion on the "Gaza Humanitarian Crisis" at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City** in light of the recent bombings in Gaza. Mrs. Kader, along with Ms. Sarah L. Whitson, Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa division of Human Rights Watch, Stephen Shalom, Political Science professor at William Peterson University, Andrew Whitley, Director of the Representative Office of UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, Ambassador Richard W. Murphy, Chairman of UNRWA, and Ms. Olivia Tecosky of United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs,

gave the latest update of the Gaza situation on the ground. The event was co-sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee Liaison Office to UN, World Council of Churches Liaison Office to UN, Presbyterian Church UN Office and the Arab Staff Organization at the UN.

- November 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2008, **USFMEP organized and hosted a “Culture of Peace Gathering”**, which convened on the initiative of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, calling for mutual understanding through dialogue, and respect for human rights among the proponents of various faiths, cultures and civilizations.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> 2008, **USFMEP organized and hosted a conference in honor of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, in Hurghada, Egypt at **Misr University for Science and Technology**, to pay tribute to the late Dr. Souad Kafafi for the great work she did in the area of education and the involvement of women in the Middle East.
- September 3 – 5, 2008, representatives of **USFMEP attended the Annual DPI/NGO Conference 61st Annual Conference for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) which was held in Paris at the UNESCO Headquarters.**
- September 3 – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, **USFMEP President, Sally Kader, participated as a key speaker on the panel discussion entitled “Peace and Human Rights” at the United Nations as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Dialogue for the Buddhist-Muslim Series.** Other speakers included Ms. Daisy Khan, Executive Director for the American Society for Muslim Advancement (“ASMA”), Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, founder and chairman of the Islamic Supreme Council of America, Sharon Salzberg, a *New York Times* bestselling author and a prominent teacher for Buddhist meditation practices and Rev. Hogen Bays, *Zen*-teacher and co-founder of the Great Vow Zen Monastery. The event was organized by Global Family for Love and Peace and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations. The aim for the discussion was to bring the two religious communities together to share perspectives and commonalities to promote understanding and harmony.
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2008, **USFMEP organized and hosted three different side events for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women** including: “Empowerment of Women through Media Exposure for Building Peace,” “Financing for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Middle Eastern and North African Governments,” and “Muslim, Christian and Jewish Women Building Bridges for Peace and Understanding.”
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2007, **USFMEP organized and hosted five different side events for the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women** including: “The Trafficking of Young Girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” “The Role of Women in the Media Coverage of Peace-Building between the Middle East and the West,” “The Role of Women in Creating a Counter-Balance to Extremism,” “Empowering Women in Politics & Decision-Making in Muslim Countries” and “Education for Women in the Arab World.”
- November 8, 2005, **USFMEP President participated as a panelist at the Children in Slavery 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summit at Georgetown University**, educating university students, business leaders and international diplomatic community on the issue of human trafficking. As a result of the Summit, “Students Stopping Trafficking of Persons”

(SSTOP) was launched to continue the fight against human trafficking. Moreover, USFMEP President served as an Ambassador of the Children In Slavery campaign in 2007.

- June 24, 2005, **USFMEP President and then, Director of The United Nations Women's Guild, hosted a lecture on traditional gender roles in Europe with a particular emphasis on Greece.**
- June 8, 2005, **USFMEP participated in the United Nations International Peace Day Conference organized by the Minister of International Cooperation and the Minister of Youth in Cairo, Egypt.**