

Conference on Peace and Stability Through Trade

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The Second WTCA Conference on Peace and Stability Through Trade



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International trade builds stability and so fosters peace. Certainly some kinds of trade do so more than others, but it is clear that international commercial relationships tie nations together through mutual economic interest and the cultural exchange that results from working toward common goals. The World Trade Centers Association has as its motto "peace and stability through trade." Our member World Trade Centers, by helping to develop two-way trade in over 300 cities and nearly 90 countries strengthen the web of global interaction that can avert conflict. Last year, to raise awareness of the value of trade in building and preserving peace, the WTCA organized a conference in the Oslo City Hall, the location of the Nobel Peace Prize presentation ceremony. Distinguished guests included Jan Egeland, Special Envoy for the United Nations Secretary General, Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister of Norway and several WTC executives whose activities have had substantial impact in their regions in building and maintaining peace.

The success of this conference encouraged us to make this an annual event. With the assistance of H.E. Francisco Lorenzo, Ambassador to the UN from the Dominican Republic, we have been able to secure the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium at the United Nations for our second edition of the WTCA Conference on Peace and Stability through trade.

Speakers include:

- Guy Tozzoli, President of the WTCA
- H.E. Francisco Lorenzo, Ambassador to the UN from the Dominican Republic
- Dan Griswold, Cato Institute
- Aziz Sadat, President, World Trade Center Kabul
- John Adeleke, Executive Director, World Trade Center Lagos
- Dr. Annie S. C. Wu, SBS, JP Hong Kong
- Dr. Chan-mo Park, Pyongyang University
- Dr. Michael Nobel

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