

APPRECIATION

The 2026 United Nations International Day of Peace (UNIDP) Steering Committee, Nigeria, in partnership with *May Peace Prevail On Earth International*, hereby expresses our profound gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege and grace to witness the successful hosting of this year's celebration.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to the leadership of the United Nations, ably led by the Secretary-General, **Mr. António Guterres**; the President of *May Peace Prevail On Earth International*, **Rika Yoshikawa**; the Executive Director, **Ms. Fumi Johns Stewart**; and the Nigerian Representative, **Mr. Mojima Etokudo**, for their unwavering support towards the realisation of this event.

Our special thanks also go to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, **His Excellency, Sir Siminalayi Fubara**, **GSSRS** - Governor of Rivers State, for fostering an enabling environment for peace and for supporting the commemoration of this global observance here in Nigeria.

We sincerely appreciate the Chairman of the occasion, the Co-Chairman, our esteemed Guests of Honour, the Keynote Speakers, Panel Discussants, Past and Present Awardees, SM Gibrima Group of Companies, Pumpking Oilfield Services Ltd., **HRM King Godspower Onuekwa, Ph.D.**, for his support, Media Partners, and all distinguished guests who took time from their busy schedules to grace this event with their presence. Your participation and contributions have enriched the value and impact of this year's celebration. As you journey back to your various destinations, we pray that the God of all grace will grant you safety, peace, and prosperity.

May Peace Prevail on Earth.

Signed:

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O God of all creation
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Where no man is oppressed
And so, with peace and plenty
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The first International Day of Peace was observed in September 1982. In 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a new resolution 55/282, declaring 21st September each year as the International day of peace (IDP).

"It further declares that the International Day of Peace shall henceforth be observed as a day of Global cease-fire and violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day.

It also invites all member states, Organization of United Nations system and non-governmental Organizations and individual to commemorate in an appropriate manner of International Day of Peace, including thorough and education and public awareness and to co-operate with the United Nations in the establishment of the global cease fire.

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Wishing peace, unity and prosperity to all nations and peoples, particularly, the good people of our beloved country - Nigeria. So help us oh God.

Dr. Godwin T. Kave, FIMC, CMC, FTABC, FCP, Fipd
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Mojima Etokudo
Nigeria Peace Representative
May Peace Prevail on Earth International

August 21, 2026

Dear Mojima,

Peace Day Philly is the Philadelphia, USA initiative for the United Nations International Day of Peace. For over 15 years, our small yet highly committed group of volunteers have made possible over 200 programs and involved over 175 organizations. We engage public schools, law enforcement and libraries, ensuring that children and youth across the city are engaging in peace and unity-building activities on and around September 21.

Peace Day Philly also partners with other organizations annually on specific peace programs, most of which are public. This year's offerings include a program on active citizenship and building peace in our city, a virtual peace journalism program and a virtual Peace Day program.

Our website, www.peacedayphilly.org, has many Peace Day activity resources that educators and communities in cities and towns anywhere can use.

We feel honored to be connected to May Peace Prevail on Earth International, Nigeria, and are inspired every year by your determination and ability to bring diverse groups together in order to forward a culture of peace. We wish you every success with your programming, and hope people and communities will bring open minds and open hearts to this powerful global day, finding ways though differences to greater understanding, compassion and respect.

Thank you for being a true and long-standing peace ambassador.

May Peace Prevail On Earth,

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Message for the 2026 International Day of Peace
Port Harcourt River State, Nigeria

I would like to express my admiration for Mojima Etokudo and the people of Port Harcourt River State for your dedication to lifting up the United Nations International Day of Peace from year to year.

This year, the world is experiencing multiple crises. Wars are raging and fires scorching countries experiencing unprecedented levels of heat while governments resort to increasingly authoritarian tactics to remain in control. Tensions are high as El Niño threatens to worsen the effects of climate change, while fuel and fertilizer shortages may cause widespread hunger in addition to economic stress. What can we do in the midst of all of these challenges?

One thing we can do anytime, anywhere is to pray for peace, enlisting a Power greater than ourselves to assist a struggling humanity. Mojima Etokudo, longtime Peace Representative of May Peace Prevail on Earth International, has been advocating this universal prayer at home and across Nigeria, sharing it with government officials, academics, religious leaders, and other dignitaries – especially on one very special day, the United Nations International Day of Peace.

On this day, people of all nations across the globe are invited to take a Minute of Silence at 12 noon to focus on their personal vision for a world at peace, concluding with the prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." Imagine if the whole world were to join hearts and hands at this sacred moment, circling our planet in a wave of peace!

Perhaps the world is not ready yet for this great leap forward in consciousness. But at least we know that Mojima will be leading people in this prayer for peace in our homes and communities, peace in our schools and universities, peace in our governments both local and national, peace among all religions everywhere, and our long-cherished goal: Peace On Earth!

Blessings for a beautiful celebration of the U.N. International Day of Peace.

May Peace Prevail in Nigeria!
May Peace Prevail on Earth!

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Order of Event

1. Arrival/Red Carpet Reception
2. Introduction Of Guests
3. National Anthem
4. Opening Prayer
5. Music Interlude
6. Address by the Chairman of Function and Co-Chairman of Function
7. Reading of the UN Resolution on International Day of Peace
8. Message by the UN Secretary General – Antonio Guterres
9. Message by Fumi Johns Stewart – Executive Director, MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK
10. Lecture on “Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday” By Moffat Ekoriko
11. Music Interlude
- 11b. Panel Session
12. Message by Rika S. Yoshikawa – President
13. Address by Nigeria Peace Representative – Mojima Etokudo PAd.
14. Song Rendition – O GOD OF PEACE
15. Prayers for peace in: Rivers State, Nigeria, Africa, International Community
16. Award/Peace Pole Presentation/Support Our Peace Work / Humanitarian Projects with Finance and Materials
17. Goodwill messages by Royal Fathers, Guests of Honour Etc.
18. Speech by the Governor
19. Group Photograph
20. National Anthem
21. Departure

Peace Song By: Mojima Etokudo

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O God of peace, O king of peace
Make war throughout the world to cease
The wraths of sinful man restrain
May Peace Prevail on Earth O God <p>Chorus...</p> <p>Give Peace oh God; Give peace again (2x)
The wraths of sinful man restrain
May peace prevail on Earth O God</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Say NO to war but YES to peace
That we may live as one family
Let's love one another in holy love
May Peace Prevail on Earth O God 3. May Peace Prevail in Nigeria
May Peace Prevail in Africa
May Peace Prevail all o'er the world
This is our prayer O my God. |
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We invested in the capacity of our youth through a deliberate partnership with Leadership for Youth Capacity Development, an alliance built to equip young Nigerians, our most volatile and most valuable demographic, with skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, civic responsibility, and non-violent conflict resolution. This partnership stands as living proof that peace-building is most effective when institutions align their strengths rather than duplicate their efforts in isolation.

We invested in the dignity of women and girls through continued campaigns against gender-based violence and our recurring "Pad a Girl, Skill a Girl" outreach, distributing sanitary pads and menstrual hygiene education alongside practical skills training to keep adolescent girls in communities and equip them with the tools of self-reliance.

These, distinguished guests, are not theoretical ambitions recited for ceremony; they are audited acts of investment, in materials distributed, in partnerships formalised, in lives measurably touched. Yet no investment fund replenishes itself. These initiatives require continued collaboration, and it is upon this platform that we renew our appeal for your partnership, your resources, your time, and your voice, to sustain and expand this work into the year ahead.

Investing in Peace for Nigeria and the World

To invest in peace is to refuse the comfort of passivity in the face of injustice. It is to place resources where rhetoric alone has failed, in schools, in youth programmes, in the resettlement of the displaced, and in the empowerment of women. It means that Rivers State, once again privileged to host this year's celebration, must continue to model what disciplined, sustained investment in human dignity can achieve, not merely for its own people, but as an example radiating outward to the rest of Nigeria and the international community.

A nation, like an individual, reaps only what it sows. A government that invests in security infrastructure but neglects education sows fragile peace. A society that invests in enforcement but neglects reconciliation sows recurring conflict. But a nation, an organisation, a community, that invests consistently in justice, opportunity, and human capital sows a peace that compounds, generation upon generation.

A Final Charge

Permit me at this point to heartily congratulate all the distinguished awardees being recognised today, as well

as past awardees who honour us with their presence. Your commitment to peace is itself an investment already yielding returns in the lives you have touched, and today's honour is both a recognition of that impact and a reminder of the greater responsibility you now carry. Awards, however prestigious, are not the terminus of the journey but a call to reinvest, to do more, and to extend your influence into the spaces where peace is most needed. I urge you to continue this noble work by treating peace as a daily and deliberate investment in the fabric of your everyday lives. In your workplaces, let fairness, dialogue, and integrity guide your leadership and interactions. In your families, invest your time and patience in raising children who embody love, forgiveness, and unity. In your communities, invest your influence in bridging divides, mentoring young people away from violence, and creating pathways of inclusion and opportunity. And in your personal conduct, invest daily in tolerance, compassion, and humility, so that your very presence yields dividends of peace to all who encounter you. The world will not be transformed merely by speeches or resolutions passed in distant chambers, but by the consistent, compounding investment of men and women, like those gathered in this hall, who treat peace not as an event, but as a lifelong portfolio. I encourage you all to see yourselves as investors in peace, stewards of its returns, and architects of a Nigeria where peace is not the exception, but the expectation.

Let us leave this hall today as committed investors in peace, for everyone, everywhere, every day. Let us understand that every book distributed, every young person mentored, every displaced family assisted, is a deposit into a fund whose full returns our children and grandchildren will inherit. Let us be as disciplined in this investment as we would be with any treasured resource, knowing that the peace we secure today is the inheritance we bequeath to generations unborn.

I pray that the significance of this year's International Day of Peace will resonate in our hearts and translate into deliberate, daily investment in one another and in the society we share.

Once again, welcome to the 2026 United Nations International Day of Peace Celebration.

May Peace Prevail in Rivers State.

May Peace Prevail in Nigeria.

May Peace Prevail on Earth.

Thank you and God bless you.

ADDRESS PRESENTED BY MR. MOJIMA ETOKUDO, PAd, NIGERIA PEACE REPRESENTATIVE OF MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH INTERNATIONAL / MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE – NGO STEERING COMMITTEE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026, AT CORPORATE RESIDENCE BY ECHELON HOTEL, WILLIAM JUMBO ROAD, OLD GRA, PORT HARCOURT CITY, RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA

PROTOCOL

It is with profound honour and a renewed sense of duty that I welcome you all to the 2026 United Nations International Day of Peace Celebration. Once again, the city of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, opens its doors to peace ambassadors, statesmen, humanitarians, and advocates of goodwill, as we gather under this year's global theme: "Invest in Peace, For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day."

This day remains, as it has always been, a global pause for reflection, dialogue, and disciplined action. The United Nations, through Resolution 36/64 of 1981 and Resolution 55/282 of 2002, designated the 21st of September as the International Day of Peace, an occasion devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. That the date remains fixed year after year while the world around it changes so dramatically is itself a reminder: peace is not a seasonal sentiment, it is a standing obligation.

Why "Invest in Peace"?

This year's theme moves us beyond exhortation into economics, beyond appeal into architecture. To invest in something is to commit resources, time, attention, and capital, in the present, with the deliberate expectation of a return in the future. When the United Nations calls upon the world to invest in peace, it is inviting us to treat peace not as a fortunate accident of stable societies, but as an asset that must be deliberately built, funded, protected, and multiplied. The phrase "For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day" completes this vision with precision. Peace cannot be the privilege of the fortunate few, the safe cities, or the well-governed nations; it must reach the displaced, the disabled, the girl-child in a remote village, the widow in a conflict zone, and the unemployed youth in our urban centres. It cannot be confined to capital cities and international summits; it must travel to Delta, to Cross River, to Akwa Ibom, to Zamfara, to Benue, and to every community, however distant, that longs for stability. It cannot be an event marked only on the calendar each September; it must be a daily practice, sustained in our institutions, our homes, and our personal conduct. Investment, by its nature, is not a one-time gesture. It is disciplined, continuous, and cumulative. This is

precisely the standard the 2026 theme sets before us.

Peace as a Responsibility, not a Gift

Peace is more than the absence of war; it is the presence of justice, equality, compassion, and respect for human dignity. It begins within the human heart, is nurtured in our homes, and must be defended in our communities. We cannot outsource peace to governments or organisations alone; it is the personal responsibility of every citizen, and, as this year's theme insists, a personal investment demanded of every citizen.

- In our individual lives, investing in peace means choosing empathy over indifference, dialogue over aggression, and restraint over retaliation.
- In our families, investing in peace means committing time and love to raise children who understand tolerance, discipline, and the worth of every human being.
- In our society, investing in peace means directing resources, education, healthcare, opportunity, toward the root causes of conflict: poverty, exclusion, ignorance, and injustice.

The Role of May Peace Prevail on Earth International

Over the past year, our organisation, through the Global Peace Humanitarian Foundation, has sought to give practical meaning to the principle of investing in peace, not as a slogan, but as a body of measurable work carried across several states of our federation. Permit me to render an account of this stewardship.

We invested in the minds of the next generation through the distribution of educational materials to schools and out-of-school children across Delta State, Anambra State, Kano State, Rivers State, Cross River State, Akwa Ibom State, and Benue State, recognising that a child denied the tools of learning today is a conflict risk deferred to tomorrow. Exercise books, textbooks, and instructional materials were placed directly in the hands of pupils in communities where such basic provisions remain scarce, an investment whose returns will not be seen in a single financial quarter, but across a generation.

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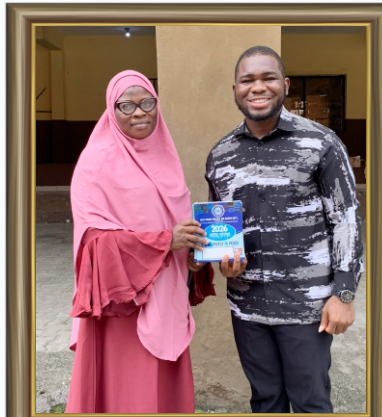
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As we mark the International Day of Peace, we face a world where this vital asset is in dangerously short supply. Communities are shaken by violence and division.

Conflicts are growing in scale and complexity, spilling across borders and inflicting enormous suffering. Dialogue is faltering, solutions are elusive and global solidarity is missing in action.

But around the world, people are showing that we are not powerless. Volunteers, advocates, civil society leaders, peacekeepers and peacemakers are bridging divides, uniting communities and pushing for dialogue. Action by action, they are building peace from the ground up.

Like this year's theme — "Investing in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day" — these champions of peace are showing us that achieving peace is not passive or automatic. It's an active and deliberate choice to invest in a better future.

By building inclusive communities where peace can take hold. By investing in sustainable development — in people's health, education, nutrition and social protection.

By bridging divides and ensuring everyone's voice is heard. By safeguarding the human rights and dignity that belong to every person.

And by strengthening the proven tools of peace — diplomacy, dialogue, negotiation and peacekeeping.

On this International Day of Peace, let us all be inspired by the courage of those who champion peace in neighbourhoods, classrooms and communities. And let's call on world leaders to invest in a peaceful future for all people.

António Guterres

May Peace Prevail on Earth!!



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Dear Fellow Peacemakers,

On this International Day of Peace, I send my warmest greetings to all of you gathered in Nigeria, and my heartfelt gratitude to our longtime Peace Representative, Mojima Etokudo, whose dedication has brought people together in the name of peace year after year. I also thank the leaders, educators, organizations, friends and citizens who continue to stand with him. As you gather today, know that you are part of a great global family — people of every nation, culture and faith who share one heartfelt wish: May Peace Prevail On Earth.

This year's theme, "Invest in Peace," asks each of us to consider what we are willing to give to create the world we wish to see. We invest in peace every time we choose understanding over division, forgiveness over anger, compassion over indifference, and hope over despair. We invest in peace when we listen to one another, care for our communities, teach our children the dignity of every human being, and have the courage to see our common humanity. No investment in peace is ever too small, because every peaceful thought, word and action becomes a seed that can grow far beyond what we can see.

Today, may the seeds you plant together take root throughout Nigeria, across Africa, and throughout the world. May your gathering remind us that peace is not something we simply hope will come someday; peace is something we create, nurture and invest in every day. Thank you for being the peacemakers who keep this vision alive, and may your prayers and actions inspire many others to join you in building a Culture of Peace for generations to come.

May Peace be in Nigeria.
May Peace Prevail On Earth.

Fumi Johns Stewart

Executive Director

May Peace Prevail On Earth International