

New publication:  
"Peace on earth?—Initiatives for disarmament,  
non-violence and dialogue"

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On 16 September, the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) in cooperation with the Development and Peace Foundation (SEF) organized a symposium "Peace on earth?—Initiatives for disarmament, non-violence and dialogue." The event was part of the 30th Anniversary Conference, entitled "CHANGINGcourse—reclaiming our future," of the Right Livelihood Award which took place in Bonn. All statements of the Laureates and experts are now published in the documentation "Peace on earth?—Initiatives for disarmament, non-violence and dialogue" by BICC and SEF:

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The aim of the symposium was the implementation of dialogue and networking between international and national peace and conflict researchers on the one hand and Laureates of the Right Livelihood Award on the other in order to find a basis for common activities in the future.

"I sincerely hope that this plan will not remain black ink on paper but that collaboration and joint action between our Right Livelihood Award Laureates and the experts affiliated with BICC will help shape a peaceful future for our planet!" stresses Jacob von Uexkull, Founder Right Livelihood Award.

Laureates who participated in this event were Dekha Ibrahim Abdi (Kenya), Katarina Kruhonja (Croatia), Susanne Kjaer ((on behalf of Laureate Inge Genefke, Denmark), Theo van Boven (the Netherlands), René Ngongo (DRC), Neshan Gunasekera (on behalf of Laureate Christopher Weeramantry, Sri Lanka) and Mauricio Hernandez (ATCC, Colombia).

The documentation includes their statements touching the issues:

- On the way to Global Zero—Where are we now?
- Ethnic conflicts—Solutions from theory and practical experience
- Victims of war—A challenge for post-war reconciliation
- Resource management in a fairer world

The publishers also hope to make a contribution to further discussion and action. "What we do know, however, is that solutions depend a lot on the commitment, the creativity and the wealth of ideas of each individual. The bearers of the Right Livelihood Award have provided us with impressive examples. But also in research, and particularly in applied research; commitment is everything," underlines Peter J. Croll, Director of BICC.

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