



COPENHAGEN PEOPLE POWER CONFERENCE

APRIL 8-10 2025

PROGRAMME // DAY 1

HOW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS PREVENT AND NAVIGATE DEMOCRATIC COLLAPSE

8:00-8:30	Arrival and Registration	
8:45-9:20	Welcome to Copenhagen People Power Conference	Haifaa Awad // ActionAid Denmark Chair Teldah Mawarire // Conference host
9:20-9:35	Keynote	Volker Türk // UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
9:35-10:15	TOWARD'S A PEOPLE'S PEACE Plenary Panel on a peacebuilding system in crisis and the role of social movements in building peace from below	Zahra Hayder // Waey Organisation Awa Dabo // United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office Hardy Merriman // President, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
10:15-10:30	Keynote	Stella Mystica Sabiiti // UN Women Advisor on the African Union's Network of Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation
10:30-11:00	BREAK	
11:00-12:30	What is the reality and role of people power in conflict transformation? <i>3 sessions focusing on social movements' role in different types and phases of conflict</i> Session: Organising and nonviolent resistance in the midst of war Session: From the street to the peace table: Inclusion challenges for social movements in formal peace processes Session: The day after	Zahra Hayder , Sudan // Activists from Myanmar // Palestine // DRC // Moderator: Jamila Raqib // Executive Director of the Albert Einstein Institution Organised by Berghoff Foundation and Inclusive Peace: Activists, mediators and negotiators from Sudan // Aceh // Mali // Yemen Activists from Bangladesh // Sri Lanka // Palestine // Syria Moderator: Haifaa Awad // ActionAid Denmark Chair
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-15:00	Sessions continued: Wise Crowds	
15:00-15:30	BREAK	
15:30-15:50	The path forward to acknowledge social movements as key peace building actors	TBC
15:50-16:00	Final words of the day	
17:30-18:30	DINNER	
18:30-21:00	PEOPLE POWER DOX Screening of No Other Land followed by talks with representatives from the West Bank, Palestine	Moderator: Nagieb Khaja // Journalist
21:15-23:00	PEOPLE POWER DOX 2nd screening of No Other Land	



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RESISTING, BUILDING, SUPPORTING

9:00-9:30	Welcome and keynote	Teldah Mawarire // Conference host Global Activist TBC
9:30-10:30	People Power in the Face of a Genocide: Unfolding Strategies	Panelists from across the spectrum of Palestinian Solidarity Moderator: Nisreen Haj Ahmad //
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00-12:30	Session: Synergising nonviolent resistance and peacebuilding Session: Women peacebuilding and leadership in movements Session: Artistic activism and narrative resistance	Organised by Berghoff Foundation // ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre and more Organised by PAX // Activists from Iraq, Syria, Sudan and more Organised by CIVICUS // ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre // Artistic activists from Myanmar, Afghanistan, Kenya, DRC and Rwanda and more
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-15:00	Session: Pluralising Peace and Defense: lessons from civil defense and civilian protection Session: Expanding the 3 Ds: How Diplomacy, Development, and Defense can support Demonstrators driving democratic change Session: Countering disinformation campaigns	Amber French, ICNC // Laura Lema Silva, l'Institut Pour La Paix // Linda Posso Gomez, Yurumanguí // Katherine Hughes Fraitekh, Solidarity 2020 and Beyond Expert speakers on coordinated development, defense, and diplomacy efforts Organised with Access Now // Globalt Fokus and more
15:00-15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30-16:00	Final words of the day	
16:00-17:00	Networking and informal conversations	
17:30-19:00	DINNER	
19:30-23:00	PEOPLE POWER DOX Screening of Lupita : the powerful voice of one indigenous woman leading a movement (Chiapas, Mexico) followed by talk with Lupita	Guadalupe Vázquez Luna // Human rights defender from Chiapas, Mexico



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HOW TO ELEVATE THE WORK OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

9:00-9:30	Welcome and keynote speakers	Erica Chenoweth // Professor Harvard Kennedy School
9:30-10:30	The contours of a Global Peace Movement	ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre Moderator: Gino Govender // ActiondAid International Board Member
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00-12:30	Session: #HumanWrites: Beyond storytelling for agency and resilience	Organised by International Center on Nonviolent Conflict and Humanity United: Rosie Motene, Author, producer, feminist writer // Mariam Azeem, Trainer, educator
	Session: Operationalising funding for movements	Organised by, among others, ActiondAid Denmark // Humanity United // Fund for Global Human Rights // Swedwatch // PeaceDirect
	Session: Communication Clinic: The Power of Value-Based Messaging	Organised by FHI360 and International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
	Session: Open Sessions on emerging topics, lead by participants	TBC
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:30	Sessions: Open sessions continued...	TBC
	Session: Building Responses Together	Organised by Globalt Fokus and Building Responses Together Partners
	Session: Building a Tapestry	Organised by ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre
	Session: Peace starts here campaign	Organised by Peace Direct
14:30-15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
15:00-15:45	Final reflections keynote	Arthur Larok // Secretary General, ActionAid International
15:45-16:15	Final celebration and goodbye	
16:45-19:15	PEOPLE POWER DOX Screening of White Helmets followed by talks with representatives from White Helmets	
19:15-20:00	DINNER	
20:00-01:00	PEOPLE POWER PARTY Syrian live music and DJ's at Mellemrummet, ActionAid Denmark non-profit café/bar	