



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



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### PROGRAMME // DAY 2 RESISTING, BUILDING, SUPPORTING

**9:00-9:30** Welcome and keynote

**Marie Lawlor** // United Nations Special Rapporteur

**Guadalupe Vásquez Luna** // Human rights defender from Chiapas, Mexico

**Teldah Mawarire** // Conference host

**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

Organised by **Berghoff Foundation** // **ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre** and more

**Session:** Women peacebuilding and leadership in movements

Organised by **PAX** // **Activists** from **Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Thailand** and more

**Session:** Artistic activism and narrative resistance

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

**Amber French**, ICNC // **Laura Lema Silva**, l'Institut Pour La Paix // **Linda Posso Gomez**, Yurumanguí // **Katherine Hughes Fraitekh**, Solidarity 2020 and Beyond

**Session:** Expanding the 3 Ds: How Diplomacy, Development, and Defense can support Demonstrators driving democratic change

Expert speakers on coordinated development, defense, and diplomacy efforts

**Session:** Countering disinformation campaigns

Organised with **Access Now** // **Globalt Fokus** and more

**15:00-15:30** COFFEE BREAK

**15:30-16:00** Final words of the day

**Oleksandra Matviichuk** // Center for Civil Liberties (Nobel Peace Prize Winner)

**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 Vásquez Luna** // Human rights defender from Chiapas, Mexico





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### PROGRAMME // DAY 3

#### HOW TO ELEVATE THE WORK OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

9:00-9:30	Welcome and keynote speakers	Jamila Raqib // Executive Director, Albert Einstein Institute
9:30-10:30	The contours of a Global Peace Movement	ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre Moderator: Gino Govender // Board of ActionAid International, South Africa
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session:</b> #HumanWrites: Beyond storytelling for agency and resilience</p> <p>Organised by <b>International Center on Nonviolent Conflict</b> and <b>Humanity United: Rosie Motene</b>, Author, producer, feminist writer // <b>Mariam Azeem</b>, Trainer, educator</p> <p><b>Session:</b> Operationalising funding for movements</p> <p>Organised by, among others, <b>ActionAid Denmark // Humanity United // Fund for Global Human Rights // Swedwatch // PeaceDirect</b></p> <p><b>Session:</b> Communication Clinic: The Power of Value-Based Messaging</p> <p>Organised by <b>FHI360</b> and <b>International Center on Nonviolent Conflict</b></p> <p><b>Session:</b> Open Sessions on emerging topics, lead by participants</p> <p>TBC</p>	
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:30	<p><b>Sessions:</b> Open sessions continued...</p> <p>TBC</p> <p><b>Session:</b> Building Responses Together</p> <p>Organised by <b>Globalt Fokus</b> and <b>Building Responses Together Partners</b></p> <p><b>Session:</b> Building a Tapestry</p> <p>Organised by <b>ActionAid Global Social Movement Centre</b></p> <p><b>Session:</b> Why we need a global campaign to support local peacebuilders, and how you can be involved</p> <p>Organised by <b>Peace Direct</b> and the <b>"Peace Starts Here"</b> campaign // Le Sen // Grace Orao</p>	
14:30-15:00	COFFEE BREAK	
15:00-15:45	Story of US and Now	Mais Iqrsusi // Leading Change Network
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	<p><b>PEOPLE POWER DOX</b></p> <p>Screening of <b>White Helmets</b> followed by talks with representatives from White Helmets</p>	
19:15-20:00	DINNER	
20:00-01:00	<p><b>PEOPLE POWER PARTY</b></p> <p>Syrian live music and DJ's at <b>Mellemrummet</b>, ActionAid Denmark non-profit café/bar</p>	