

The dove of the International Day of Conscience (IDC) soars on the winds of positive change, carried by its two wings of Love and Conscience, and heralding a new dawn of peace in human hearts everywhere on Earth.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CONSCIENCE 2025

4 April 2025

Palais des Nations  
Room XVII & Livestream  
1202 Geneva

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## International Day of Conscience 2025: Leave No One Behind

With the exceptional participation of **DR DENIS MUKWEGE**, 2018 Nobel Peace Laureate, DR of Congo

10:00 - 10:30

### Leading with Conscience and Love for Peace - Welcome and Opening Ceremony

- **H.E. Tatiana VALOVAYA**, Director-General of UNOG
- **Christina KITSOS**, Mayor of Geneva
- **H.E. Doreen DEBRUM**, Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the UN and International Organisations in Geneva
- **Sofia STRIL-REVER**, Founder of BE THE LOVE and LoveForce Foundation, Convenor of International Day of Conscience
- **Ignacio PACKER**, Executive Director, Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, Convenor of International Day of Conscience

Master of Ceremony: **Sarah NOBLE**, Head of Global Engagement, Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, Convenor of International Day of Conscience

10:30 - 10:45

### Conscience and Justice for Humanity

**Guest of Honour: Dr. Denis MUKWEGE**, 2018 Peace Nobel Laureate, DR of Congo (video conference) in conversation with **H. E. Guila Clara KESSOUS**, UNESCO Artist for Peace, Peace Ambassador and executive coach

10:45 - 11:15

### **A tribute to Congolese Women as Victims of War & A Call to Action for Peace**

- **Hon. Minister of Human Rights, Dr Chantal CHAMBU MWAVITA**, Democratic Republic of Congo in conversation with **H. E. Guila Clara KESSOUS**, UNESCO Artist for Peace, Peace Ambassador and executive coach

### **Advocacy for Peace and Women's Rights**

With:

- **Elisabeth WILSON**, Journalist, award-winning activist to end Feminine Genital Mutilations (FGM)
- **Leogah FORKWA**, LoveForce Ambassador (Cameroon)

Moderated by: **Sofa STRIL-REVER**, Founder of BeTheLove and LoveForce Foundation

**Conclusion: Christian DAVID**, Former editor-in-chief of UN Special magazine, former UN official and active campaigner in numerous NGOs, Vice-President AAFI/AFICS

11:15 - 11:20

### **Musical Pause**

"The Chant of the Auroville Banyan" by **Renaud RUHLMANN**, NaturaSounds Founder

11:20 - 11:30

### **The LoveForce Leaders Manifesto**

- **Sofia STRIL-REVER**, Founder LoveForce Foundation

11:30 - 11:40

### **LoveForce in Action: Embracing Diversity and Unity**

- **Jonathan BELOLO**, Founder The People Foundation, President LoveForce Leaders

11:40 - 12:25

### **Conscience & Love as Drivers of Multilateralism for Human Rights and Peace**

Moderated by: **Pascale FRESSOZ**, President of the International Alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals (AI-ODD)

Panel Introduction by:

- **Jean FABRE**, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy, Deputy Director of the UNDP in Geneva (1998-2008)
- **Joel HAKIZAMA**, Peace Ambassador

## STATEMENTS BY:

- **Ousmane TOURAY**, Pan Africanist (Gambia) – video message
- **John NYIRENDRA** (Malawi), LoveForce Ambassador – read statement
- **John L. OTIENO** (Kenya), LoveForce Ambassador – video message
- **Karen BJÖRK** (Iceland), LoveForce Ambassador

## CONCLUSION:

- **Hélène PICHON**, Diplomat, Coordinator of Alliances françaises in the Netherlands

12:25 - 12:45

### Inner Development for Outer Change

**Ignacio PACKER**, Executive Director of Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation

in conversation with:

- **Said TOUHAMI**, LoveForce Ambassador (The Netherlands)
- **Maruee PAHUJA**, Creative Leadership & LoveForce Ambassador (India)

12:45 - 13:00

### Art for a Conscious World of Peace & Concluding Song

A conversation & the song “Fragile” by international star **STING** and **H.E. Guila Clara KESSOUS**, UNESCO Artist for Peace, Peace Ambassador

13:00 - 15:00

### Lunch Break

14:15 - 15:00

### Youth Round Tables

Thematic round tables between young people from the 5 continents, in the gardens of the Palais des Nations

15:00 - 16:15

## **Shaping the Future with Conscience & Love for a Better World**

Moderated by **Pascale FRESSOZ**, President of the International Alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals (AI-ODD), France

**1. Keynote Speech: Scherto GILL**, University of Wales & Global Humanity for Peace, UK

### **2. Proposals of students and young voices from:**

- **Mathieu CHAPPAZ**, Polytech Annecy/France
- **Oumaïma BELALIT**, IAE Savoie-Mont Blanc Annecy/France
- **Killian DELARBRE**, Sciences Po Grenoble/France
- **Léane PAIRE**, Sciences-U, PPA Lyon/France
- **Emma TCHOULFIAN, Nafi DIEDHIOU, Jonas ULRICH-CHATAIN**, Ecole Notre Dame Grenoble/France
- **Serigne MBACKE FALL - Senegal, Seth NSUMBU - DR Congo / AI-ODD Jeunes Afrique** (videoconference)

### **3. Proposals of LoveForce Ambassadors:**

- **Elsa CUISSARD**, Interdisciplinary Researcher and Project Organiser (Germany)
- **Isadora CANELA**, Co-founder of WEBS NGO, expert in decolonial approaches for art, education and sustainability (Brazil)
- **Ahmed DIAKITE**, Entrepreneur and Engineer in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (France)

### **3. Non-killing societies are possible**

- **Christophe BARBEY**, Center for Global Nonkilling, United Nations, Geneva (UNOG)

### **4. Concluding Remarks:**

- **Jean-Marc GOVERNATORI**, French politician, author on economics and ecology

16:15 - 17:00

### **Leave no-one behind, a tenet for peace economy & social justice**

Moderated by **Vanessa MENDEZ**, former Deputy Director of the UNESCO Chair for a Culture of Economic Peace, Grenoble Ecole de Management

- **Carl BJERTNES**, President SEEDS-Africa (Social Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development Strategies)
- **Ali MAHLODJI**, Social entrepreneur & UNICEF Ambassador
- **Kaivalya KASHYAP**, The International Spiritual Council for Transforming Humanity

### **With the contribution of LoveForce Ambassadors:**

- **Priscila FISCHER**, Vice-President of AI-ODD (France/Brazil)
- **Vanessa SYRIO**, Spiritual Quotient Educator, Paraeducator (Brazil)

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

**Valerie SEGUIN**, Film Director

17:00 - 17:05

### **Musical Pause**

"The Chant of the Nag Kesar tree" by **Renaud RUHLMANN**, NaturaSounds Founder

17:05 - 17:15

### **"I shall not hate" - Film Teaser**

Film teaser with producer **Isabelle GRIPON**, Cinema of Peace Award 2025

17:15 - 17:25

### **Be the Love Medit-Action**

- **Sofia STRIL-REVER**, Founder of LoveForce Foundation

17:25 - 17:45

### Concluding Remarks

- **René LONGET**, Sustainability expert for the Swiss government, former Mayor of Onex
- **Ignacio PACKER**, Executive Director, Caux Initiatives of Change
- **Jean-Baptiste DEMARS**, artist
- **Sofia STRIL-REVER**, Founder LoveForce Foundation

