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Mediators Beyond Borders International: Peacebuilders in a world of conflict

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Are you a Disruptor? Become a Peacebuilder in a World of Conflict.

Conflict exists worldwide. War-torn countries have communities in which they may not have access to any form of justice system. Within these communities there may be no, or limited access to police enforcement for protection, prison security system, legal representation, structured court system or judges to settle their case. How do these groups form **peaceful resolutions** to conflicts which arise within their lives?



Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) are a not-for-profit organisation which over the past **10 years** have **successfully formed a network of conflict-transformation practitioners, mediators and community leaders**. MBBI goes into the heart of these communities to educate local leaders with the knowledge and skills used to **promote peacebuilding and conflict-transformation**, which encourages **sustainable positive change into the future**.

Disruptors: Being Peacebuilders in a World of conflict is the vision statement for the [2019 International Peace Congress](#) to be held in Bali from 6th to 8th November 2019 at the [Bali Intercontinental Hotel and Resort](#) where [accommodation](#) packages are currently available. [Registrations](#) for the congress are invited by MBBI for mediators, Rotary peacebuilders, conflict transformation practitioners, organisational leaders, government diplomats, public officials, advocates and academics to join them as trailblazers, changemakers and risk-takers. This year's event will have a transformative emphasis on **Leadership, Vision, Innovation, and Implementation**. To become involved within this ground-breaking opportunity to **share in the unique experiences and teachings** from like-minded people who share the passion for empowering others to strive for peace through conflict resolution.

"We all have different inspirations, but one goal: a better world." -Ernesto Arguello



The Global Vision for MBBI is **"The 2020 Decade of Peace"** development initiative which includes innovative projects such as:

- Women's Role in Building Peace
- Innovating Social Change
- The Asian Perspective on Mediation
- Youth and Conflict Resolution
- Equipping our Leaders

“The 2020 Decade of Peace” will be launched at the [2019 International Peace Congress in Bali](#) to progressively introduce global peace through these projects backed by an increase in regional partnerships with worldwide community-minded groups such as Rotary International, the Bali International Arbitration & Mediation Centre and the United Nations. **Congress will serve as a catalyst for the 2020 Decade of Peace Initiative**, which invites individuals and organizations from around the world to advance mediation, dialogue, and conflict transformation practices as a mechanism for socio-economic change. You will be recognized as a Founding Member of the 2020 Decade of Peace Initiative, and you will have the ongoing opportunity to share your work and be showcased on our international platforms for years to come.



MBBI in partnership with [The Bali International Arbitration & Mediation Centre \(BIAMC\)](#) has **fostered transnational relationships** within this important region which has experienced surges in conflict as the region rapidly expands into becoming one of the fastest growing global economies. BIAMC is a non-profit service centre which provides **elite alternative conflict management and resolution** using arbitration and mediation internationally. Using its professional staff with creative and dynamic solutions, BIAMC succeeds with alternative dispute resolution where conventional forms are not effective. The BIAMC's core values are YOUFIRST, Young at heart innovation, Out performance through leadership, Unwavering accountability, First class and fast-track service, Integrity without fail, Reverence in diversity, **Safeguard community** and Transparency.



The [MBBI Rotary Partnership Working Group \(MBBI-RWG\)](#) is a collaborative partnership which combines resources from both organisations to strive towards the **prevention and reduction of worldwide conflicts**, encouraging peace while progressively healing communities. MBBI will lead this change to facilitate the exchange of **innovative peacebuilding practices** into the next decade and beyond by collaborating with leaders of communities and providing

transformative education to those who are in desperate need of these alternative conflict resolution skills, to build peaceful resolutions.

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a moulder of consensus." -Martin Luther King Jr.

Play an Active Role in Advancing the UN Development Goal 16:

The U.N. Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies will be actioned at the 2019 Bali Congress. **We need your voice**, vision, and experience to be represented in this event, so that you can be a part of a collaborative effort to advance a global mission towards peace, prosperity, and positive social change. By attending the 2019 Congress you will develop a collective vision of what 2030 might look like, and what steps we will take to advance this goal of the United Nations.

[Partnerships and sponsorships](#) are available for individuals, corporations and governments to expand their business opportunities onto the global stage, building upon the growing economy within and enable this important **peacebuilding** to continue over future decades. For MBBI gaining future financial funding is imperative to achieve their **significant global vision**.

To find out more about MBBI and their many global initiatives, visit their website <https://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/>

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