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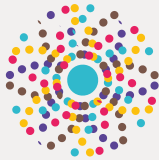
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FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

Elhadj As Sy

Chair of the Board

Kofi Annan once noted, “Whatever our differences, in our interdependent world, we stand or fall together.”

His words ring even truer today, as we grapple with escalating conflicts, deepening inequalities and a climate crisis that threatens our collective future. Our interconnectedness means that the adversities faced by one community reverberate across the globe, impacting us all.

Faced with nationalist rhetoric, belligerent threats and aggressive budget cuts, it is tempting to give up on complex international negotiations and cumbersome cooperation mechanisms. Kofi Annan would remind us, however, that “whether our task is fighting poverty, stemming the spread of disease, or saving innocent lives from mass murder, we have seen that we cannot succeed without the leadership of the strong, and the engagement of all.”

Throughout 2024, therefore, the Kofi Annan Foundation has continued to champion initiatives that highlight the necessity of collective action and robust leadership in tackling systemic issues. One such initiative is the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security.

Supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, the Commission seeks to transform global food security governance, aiming for a world where no one goes hungry. Its report has been received very positively by a range of stakeholders, and I hope it will spur them into action to put SDG2 back on track.

We also launched our “Champions for Peace” program across Southeast Asia, fostering social cohesion and interfaith dialogue among young leaders in the region. By equipping youth with the tools to address social and environmental challenges, we nurture a generation committed to building bridges in divided societies. Likewise, in Uganda, we completed a large-scale project to enhance community preparedness and resilience to violent extremism.

In collaboration with global partners, we continued our advocacy for electoral integrity and the fight against disinformation. Our efforts included publishing the annual update of our Electoral Vulnerability Index and organizing discussions on the European Media Freedom Act, underscoring our dedication to transparent and fair democratic processes.

Through the “Accountability Hubs” and “Leadership Excellence in Politics” initiatives, we convened emerging civic and political leaders, providing training and fostering dialogue to bridge the gap between citizen expectations and political actions. These programs reflect our belief that ethical, inclusive and effective leadership is crucial for addressing local and global challenges.

None of this work would have been possible without the support of our partners and donors. We are very grateful that new donors are stepping forward to help us grow our impact in 2025 through innovative projects. As we navigate an increasingly fragmented world, our commitment to solidarity, compassion, and cooperation must deepen. By embracing these values, we honor Kofi Annan’s legacy and move closer to a world where peace and justice prevail.

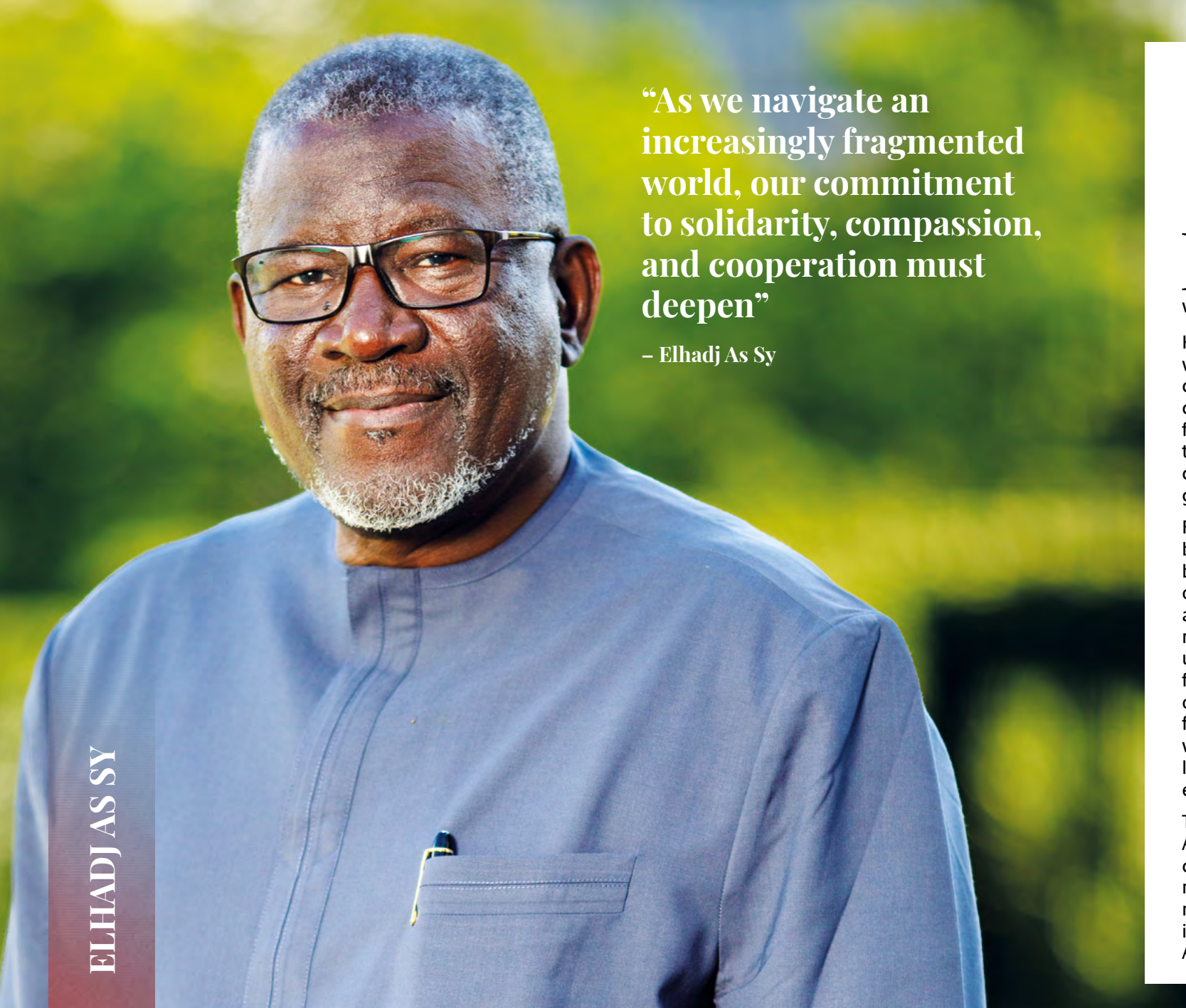


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About the Kofi Annan Foundation

Our mission:

Our mission is to build on Kofi Annan’s legacy for peace by advancing democracy, youth leadership and international cooperation.

The Kofi Annan Foundation is an independent not-for-profit organization, established in Geneva, Switzerland in 2007 by former United Nations (UN) Secretary-General and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, the late Kofi Annan. Our board is composed of prominent personalities from the public and private sectors around the world.

We work to build a fairer and more peaceful world, where no one is left behind, democratic principles and the rule of law are upheld, and divides are bridged through dialogue and international cooperation.

Our values

Our work is underpinned by the same courage, integrity and creativity that characterized Kofi Annan’s efforts to resolve even the most intractable of global challenges. Equality, inclusion, accountability and sustainability are at the heart of everything we do.

Our unique strengths

We are uniquely placed to build bridges between regions, generations, and diverse stakeholders. We are agile, fast and trusted. Our biggest assets are our name, our expertise and our network; we cultivate all three.

Our approach

We work closely with partners from international and regional organizations, foundations, universities and civil society. We convene stakeholders around the table, forge coalitions of trusted influence, channel expertise, champion ethical leadership and amplify Kofi Annan’s legacy.

Our impact

We have a proven record of defusing and preventing electoral crises, building the capacity of local and international actors to tackle disinformation, empowering young people and giving them a voice, bringing the plight of victims of violence and discrimination to international attention, and helping divided communities reconcile.

We contribute to policy making, participate in high-level conferences and join campaigns and calls to action.



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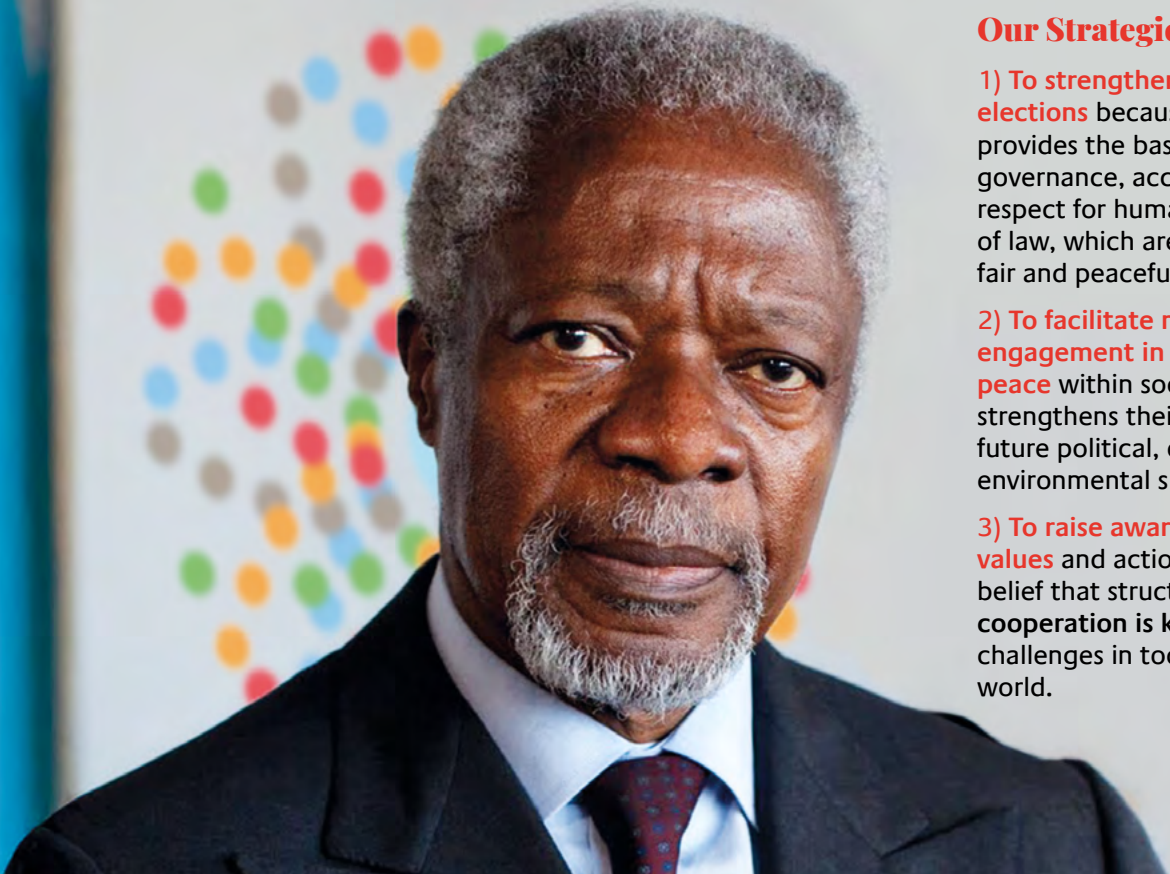
Our Strategic Objectives:

1) To strengthen democracy and elections because popular legitimacy provides the basis for democratic governance, accountability, and respect for human rights and the rule of law, which are the foundations for fair and peaceful societies.

2) To facilitate meaningful youth engagement in building trust and peace within societies, because it strengthens their ability to withstand future political, economic, social, or environmental shock.

3) To raise awareness of Kofi Annan’s values and actions and convey his core belief that structured international cooperation is key to solving challenges in today’s interconnected world.

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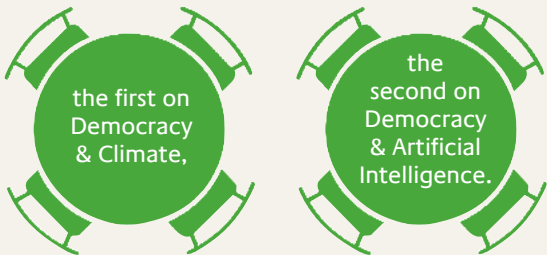
2024 in numbers

In 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation achieved significant milestones across various initiatives, reinforcing its commitment to peace, democracy, and sustainable development.

Here are some examples of our impact in 2024:

Fostering Dialogue on Democracy

We held two Multilateralism and Democracy Roundtables,



USD
10,000

KOFI ANNAN NEXTGEN DEMOCRACY PRIZE:

Awarded to Omar van Reenen, a Namibian activist, during the Athens Democracy Forum, recognizing their exceptional leadership in defending, promoting, and renewing democracy.

The winner receives USD 10,000, mentorship and the opportunity to be part of an event at Athens Democracy Forum.

A total of
50
experts



from international organisations, foundations, civil society, and academia participated in the discussions, which consisted of a comprehensive exploration of the relationship between climate change and democratic governance and examining how AI intersects with democracy and multilateralism.

3
winners

KOFI ANNAN AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN AFRICA:

In Vienna, the Foundation, alongside the Austrian government, presented the Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa to three startups focused on food security. Each recipient received

€250,000

to further their innovative solutions aimed at ending hunger across the African continent.

We surveyed
481
young people aged
18–35

from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean Islands, Southeast Asia on what challenges young people face related to agriculture, food and nutrition security.

KOFI ANNAN GENEVA PEACE ADDRESS 2024:

Delivered by Mary Robinson, outgoing Chair of The Elders, this address reflected on Kofi Annan’s legacy and the current global leadership crisis in peace efforts, calling for greater respect for humanitarian law and advocating for gender parity in leadership.



660
in-person

10 WOMEN AND YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY (WYDE) – ACCOUNTABILITY HUBS:

In 2024, the first 10 of the 20 Accountability Hub members initiated pilot projects funded by grants. These projects apply learnings on accountable and transparent leadership within their countries and communities, testing innovative ideas to enhance governance accountability and empower youth action locally.

In 2024 our work was linked to 23 Countries round the world

Empowering Youth Leadership

YOUTH-LED RESEARCH ON CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, AND PEACE:

6 countries

We launched research to investigate the impact of climate change and conflict on marginalized youth in Burkina Faso, Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, and Uganda, underscoring our dedication to integrating youth perspectives in addressing global challenges.

6 recommendations

Through the research, young people have put forward a set of 6 recommendations that aim to reshape multilateral strategies to ensure long-term resilience and the meaningful participation of young people and those most affected by climate change and insecurity:

- 1 Rethinking decision-making and accountability mechanisms
- 2 Promoting cross-disciplinary, intergenerational, and multilevel exchange
- 3 Strengthening gender-responsive adaptation
- 4 Encouraging sustainable and peace-sensitive finance
- 5 Supporting communities through training and skills development
- 6 Delivering climate and peace-sensitive emergency relief

2,700+

community members participated in interfaith exhibitions

Over 1.5m

people listened to our participatory radio drama “Mifumbi: The Undercover Agent”



Covering the following SDGs





2024 in Review

THE FOLLOWING IS A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK ACROSS THE YEAR.

Kofi Annan's Nobel Peace Prize Medal and Diploma was donated to the UN Office in Geneva for permanent display. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in 2001 to Kofi Annan together with the United Nations "for their work for a better organized and more peaceful world".



7 global experts

We announced the members of the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security, 7 global experts coming together to develop evidence-based policy recommendations for a new global food security governance system which can achieve a world with sustainable, equitable and resilient food security.



We launched the Leadership and Excellence in Politics (LEiP) initiative

to bridge the gap between what we know about effective and ethical political leadership, citizens' expectations, and political leaders' actions. We kicked things off with a week-long training course in May for young, aspiring political leaders.

"If we are serious about the SDGs, then we need to be talking more about democracy, including here in Geneva"

- Declan O'Brien, Head of Democracy and Multilateralism

Together with the European Union delegation in Geneva and Caux Initiatives of Change, we co-hosted the first Geneva Democracy Dialogue on how new narratives could help revitalize democracy in Europe and beyond.



Media Freedom

On the eve of the European elections, the Kofi Annan Foundation, Reporters Without Borders and the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) organised a roundtable discussion on the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) and the challenges ahead.

Tackling Violent Extremism

In June we released a report as part of our Bridges to Peace project, Tackling Violent Extremism: Lessons Learnt from a Community Resilience Approach. The report shares valuable lessons from eighteen months of the project and is designed to help prevent and counter violent extremism (P/CVE).



EUR
250'000
832 applications

The Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa was presented in Vienna by our Chair and the Austrian government to three start-ups focused on food security. Each of the awardees received a prize of EUR 250'000.

Music for Peace

In February, we launched a guide on how to use music to advance peace and gender equality among children and adolescents affected by violence.

The work built on the tools developed and lessons learned from our "Voices of Reconciliation and Equality" project in Colombia.



6 countries

We launched our youth-led research on climate, environment and peace to investigate the impact of climate change and conflict on marginalized youth in Pakistan, the Philippines, Niger, Burkina Faso, Somalia and Uganda.



We hosted the first of a series of discussions on the common challenges faced by democracies and the multilateral system worldwide on Democracy and Climate with our partner the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

We launched our new website!



We made some exciting updates and added new features to enhance the experience on our website. New features include our Project Library, 200+ quotes from Kofi Annan, and Our Global Actions across 30+ locations worldwide. We've worked to ensure the website is more inclusive, with accessible color schemes and fonts to improve readability.

From July, the members of our 2023-2024 WYDE Accountability Hubs began their pilot projects, funded by grants. The projects apply WYDE learnings on accountable and transparent leadership within their countries and communities. This is an opportunity to test innovative ideas that enhance governance accountability and empower youth action locally.



The link between Climate Change & Peace

We were present at COP29 in Baku, where we joined events and panel discussions to share insights on how climate impacts security and youth resilience worldwide from our Environment of Peace research.



Calling a Peace Emergency

In September, the Kofi Annan Foundation and Interpeace called a peace emergency to remind the world that conflict prevention works, leaders are responsible for every life lost, and dialogue and collaboration must be restored and expanded.

Kofi Annan Lecture

The Kofi Annan Foundation in partnership with International Peace Institute, Open Society Foundations, and International Crisis Group co-hosted the second Kofi Annan Lecture on 26 September featuring Maria Ressa, 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and CEO of Rappler.



USD 10,000 prize and mentorship

The second Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize was awarded to Omar van Reenen, a Namibian activist, during the Athens Democracy Forum.

Norma- A Quest for Justice

Norma - A Quest for Justice is the true story of Norma Andrade, a Mexican mother who became a “madre buscadora” (fighting mother) after her daughter Alejandra was murdered in Ciudad Juarez in 2001, a city where thousands of women and girls have been assassinated since 1993. In November we cohosted a special screening of Norma - A Quest for Justice at the Geneva Graduate Institute, in the presence of Norma Andrade and her lawyer.



Our Executive Director, Corinne Momal-Vanian, delivered the keynote address at EISA's Symposium on Navigating Political Transitions in Africa.

14 young people from Africa, Asia, and Latin America

The fourth cohort of Kofi Annan Changemakers completed the leadership development part of the programme, composed of a six-month online module and a week in Geneva.



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Predicting Electoral Violence

The first Annual update of our Electoral Vulnerability Index.



Kofi Annan Peace Address

The fourth edition of the Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address was delivered by Mary Robinson, outgoing Chair of The Elders in October. Reflecting on Kofi Annan's legacy and the current global leadership crisis in peace efforts, Ms. Robinson called for greater respect for humanitarian law and advocated for gender parity in leadership.



Roundtable

We held a roundtable in Geneva on AI, Democracy and Multilateralism as part of our “Understanding the links between multilateralism and democracy” project supported by the Carnegie Corporation.

Generative AI during Elections

We published a report on the use of Artificial Intelligence during recent European elections: “The GenAI Factor at the Ballot Box.”



Policy Discussion

In December 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation, the European Partnership for Democracy and International IDEA organised a policy discussion on the European Democracy Shield, hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee.



Youth & Peace:

our work in 2024

— EMPOWERING YOUTH TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE AND PEACEFUL FUTURE —

Young people have the energy, creativity and idealism to challenge entrenched patterns of exclusion and injustice and should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Convinced of their central role in addressing the most pressing challenges of today, the Kofi Annan Foundation facilitates their engagement, ensures that their voices are heard and supports their efforts towards peace and sustainable development.

Our work continuously adapts to emerging challenges as identified by young people themselves, and in 2024, we looked for the first time at the intersection of climate, peace and youth. In 2025, we will start work on the critical topic of mental health, as well as on reconciliation through the promotion of cultural heritage.

“Any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and creativity of its youth will be left behind.”

- Kofi Annan



Kofi Annan Changemakers

— AN INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR IMPACT —

The Kofi Annan Changemakers is an annual initiative for young people from around the world to dialogue with senior leaders and experts, build their capacity for positive action and perpetuate Kofi Annan’s vision and values. With the initiative now entering its fifth year, the Kofi Annan Changemakers is an ever-growing community of 50 young leaders (as of 2024), who carry forward Kofi Annan’s values.

In 2024, 14 young people were chosen from 13 countries around the world. Across the year, the Changemakers followed online dialogue sessions and workshops with former colleagues and friends of Kofi Annan and his Foundation, received guidance from mentors and received a small seed grant to expand their impact. The programme included a week-long in person module in Geneva,

Switzerland, which further provided an opportunity to expand their network, meet their peers and present their seed-grant projects in front of a diverse audience composed of mentors, partner organisations from International Geneva and youth groups.

[DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE KOFI ANNAN CHANGEMAKERS ON OUR WEBSITE.](#)



The 2024 cohort of Kofi Annan Changemakers in Geneva, Switzerland, during their in-person module.



Champions for Peace

LEADING CHANGE FOR COHESIVE & SUSTAINABLE FUTURES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Champions for Peace works to strengthen youth resilience to social and environmental fragilities through fostering social cohesion and interfaith action in Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia. The project, which will run from 2024 to 2027, is led by the Kofi Annan Foundation and KRIS, a non-profit based in the Philippines, in partnership with the Temasek Foundation, Nagulendran Philanthropy Alliance and the Diana Koh Fund, administered by Asia Community Foundation.

The project empowers young people to tackle pressing challenges in their communities by equipping them with skills in peacebuilding, sustainable development, and resilience. By investing in youth-led solutions, the initiative addresses immediate needs while building a foundation for long-term impact, ensuring a lasting legacy of capacity, opportunity, and positive change. It seeks to inspire the next generation of peacemakers, while contributing to a replicable and sustainable model for peace and climate action.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT CHAMPIONS FOR PEACE](#)

Environment of Peace

STRENGTHENING YOUTH RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION IN THE CONTEXT OF PERSISTING VIOLENCE AND ARMED CONFLICT

In 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation joined forces with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the Global Challenges Foundation and six local youth organizations to carry out research on the interconnected issues of conflict, environmental degradation and climate change and their impact on youth populations. The youth-led research engaged marginalized youth aged 15-30 in Somalia,

Uganda, the Philippines, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, and Niger and marked the inception of what we hope will be a wider programmatic effort in strengthening youth resilience and leadership in addressing environmental and social fragility.

The findings and recommendations of the report have been presented by our colleagues and our young partners in international forums

including COP29 in Baku and the 2024 Paris Peace Forum, as well as during Geneva Peace Week. Having demonstrated our capacity to bridge the gap between the lived experience of young people in difficult settings and international policy makers, we plan to develop new partnerships and deepen our work on climate, peace and youth.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE RESEARCH ON PAGE 22.



Bridges to Peace - Uganda

PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN UGANDA



One of the Bridges to Peace Youth Interfaith Exhibitions in Uganda in 2024.

Since 2021, Uganda has been experiencing increased terrorist attacks by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). The security situation further deteriorated in 2023 following the ADF's attack on the Lhubirha Secondary School in Western Uganda in June 2023 that killed 38 students and the numerous terror attempts that have been foiled.

In response to this concerning situation, the Kofi Annan Foundation and its partner Prospect (formerly UMYDF), with financial support from the European Union, carried out a series of interventions over the course of 18 months to strengthen local capacities for peace in the areas most affected by violence. Using training workshops, testimonies of victims and of former ADF members, radio drama programmes, knowledge exchange activities, community dialogues, and inter-faith exhibitions, Bridges to Peace sought to decrease the vulnerability of those most at risk of being driven into violent extremism, and to raise the wider community's awareness and prevention response.



LEARN MORE

Trained
68
influencers, media professionals
and civil society leaders
and
132 at-risk individuals
on preventing violent extremism.

Heightened the vigilance against
violent extremism of over
800
community members
through video screening sessions and discussions.

1.5m people listened
to our participatory radio drama "Mifumbi
The Undercover Agent, instigating conversations
about the risks of extremism."

Supported
2,700
people
from all religions to engage with other groups
and worldviews and to promote social cohesion
through youth interfaith exhibitions that
demystified religious stereotypes.



HIGHLIGHT STORY

Building An Environment of Peace

EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, AND CONFLICT ON MARGINALIZED YOUTH TO AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES IN MULTILATERAL DECISIONS AND DRIVE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Although climate and the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda are closely connected, this is often overlooked in international discourse. On the ground, however, young peacebuilders understand the interconnectedness of these issues, and are actively engaging, responding to climate change in their communities and raising the issue at policy levels.

Establishing a framework that recognizes the role of youth is essential to driving systemic change at the multilateral level and reshaping global governance for a more sustainable future.

“Climate change generates conflicts of interest between farmers and herders, as well as conflicts over natural resources.”

– Interviewee, Burkina Faso

In 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation joined forces with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the six organizations leading our Extremely Together Chapters to research the interconnected issues of conflict, environmental degradation and climate change and their impact on youth.

1,000

Our research gained insights from over 1,000 young, marginalized individuals across six countries.



2023 and 2024 witnessed the highest number of active conflicts since World War II, the hottest temperatures on record and the highest number of people facing hunger globally.



1.6 billion

90% of the world’s 1.8 billion youth, i.e. over 1.6 billion young people, live in developing or conflict-affected countries where climate change acts as a serious “risk multiplier” for peace and sustainable development.



The research resulted in 6 case studies – one per target country: Burkina Faso, Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia and Uganda.





“We started planting trees to help our community, but without proper tools and continuous support, it’s hard to keep the momentum going.”

Interviewee, Philippines



The research, conducted with the support of the Global Challenges Foundation, was led by young people and engaged marginalized youth aged 15-30 in Burkina Faso, Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia and Uganda.

The research began a wider programmatic effort to strengthen youth resilience in addressing environmental and social fragility.

“Women are the most vulnerable, firstly because social pressure forces them not to move... Those who do leave often resort to begging.”

Community leader from Yen Radi

Based on the research conducted in six countries, we produced country-specific case studies and a comparative executive summary to highlight young people’s lived experiences of the combined effects of conflict and climate change. In the last quarter of 2024, we presented the key findings at an online event, making them available to a global audience.

[ACCESS THE FULL RESEARCH](#)



Environment of Peace Advocacy Work



COP29 IN BAKU IN NOVEMBER with Extremely Together leader Hassan Ndugwa, we participated in an ITU event as part of the ITU Youth Days at COP29, and in a side event with The Commonwealth at their pavilion, where recommendations from the Environment of Peace report were shared.

PARIS PEACE FORUM ON 11 NOVEMBER with Elman Peace Center researcher Mohamud Farah Rage Jama, who presented the Environment of Peace research findings at a panel discussion on climate security in conflict settings organized by the European External Action Service.



THE GENEVA CENTRE for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue’s annual conference on Climate Change called Empowering Youth, Indigenous Peoples and Small Island States in Promoting Environmental Rights and Climate Justice. As part of the Youth panel, we presented findings and recommendations from the Environment of Peace report.

A PEACE WORKSHOP ON “INSPIRING NEW THINKING: Environmental and Food Security Solutions for Peace” as part of Geneva Peace Week in October. The workshop featured Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security Commissioner Amir Abdulla, Extremely Together leader Arizza Nocum, SIPRI Researcher and Environment of Peace partner Katongo Seyuba, and Ban Ki Moon Centre Youth AgriChampion Halima Sadiya Ahmad.



Youth & Peace: 2025 & beyond

— A SELECTION OF PROJECTS WE PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2025 AND BEYOND —



Youth Leadership for Mental Health in Eastern Africa: The Sawa Project

— INCREASING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FIGHTING STIGMA AND OTHER BARRIERS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN EASTERN AFRICA —

Our work with young leaders around the world has highlighted the urgency around mental health access, information and support.

Mental health conditions account for 16% of the global burden of disease and injury among young people aged 10-19, according to the World Health Organization. In Africa—the world’s youngest continent, with a median age of just 19.7—this challenge is especially pressing. In 2025 and 2026, we will engage with 30 professionals, youth and community organizers active in the field of mental health in Eastern

Africa to equip them with the skills, resources, and networks to build educational programs, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives. The project also aims to engage relevant institutional stakeholders in the region to prioritize mental health and provide further institutional support to mental health professionals working in their communities. It builds on the solid youth leadership development models established by MCW Global, the Kofi Annan Foundation’s youth network in the region and the Africa Alliance of YMCAs expertise.

Peace Beyond Borders

ACCELERATING LOCALLY GROUNDED SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN DRC & UGANDA

Building on our Bridges to Peace project implemented in Uganda and expanding it to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the project will support cross-border collaboration between state institutions, civil society, victims’ groups and at-risk communities to curtail the violence perpetrated by the Allied Democratic Forces – a terrorist group spanning both countries. It will be implemented in the border region between Eastern DRC and Western Uganda, in partnership with the Pole Institute and Prospect.

Rooting for the Future

USING CULTURAL HERITAGE AS A FOUNDATION FOR DIALOGUE & COLLABORATION IN LEBANON

Together with Fight for Humanity, Permanent Peace Movement, the Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement, and the Directorate General of Antiquities of Lebanon, the project aims to create a skilled young workforce to restore a historical site in Tripoli, and increase social cohesion in the area by using the Lebanese shared cultural heritage as a connector and common ground. The project is funded by ALIPH with the financial participation of the Principality of Monaco.

Citadel of Tripoli of Lebanon



Elections & Democracy: our work in 2024

TURNING BACK THE TIDE OF DEMOCRATIC EROSION

Inclusive, transparent democracy provides the basis for good governance, accountability, and respect for human rights and the rule of law, which are the foundations for fair and peaceful societies.

The Elections and Democracy programme advocates for the reforms needed to boost the integrity of electoral processes; we develop tools to alert policy makers to threats to elections and democratic processes, and we support civil

society organisations championing democracy and political rights. Finally, building on Kofi Annan’s dedication to mentoring young people, we nurture the next generation of political leaders who will build democratic and inclusive societies.



“Politics is too important to be left only to politicians. Democracy depends on the lively participation of organised civil society in political life.” – Kofi Annan

Promoting & Supporting Political Leadership The Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize

RECOGNISING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP SHOWN BY YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN DEFENDING, RENEWING AND PROMOTING DEMOCRACY

The second Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize was presented to a young Namibian activist, Omar van Reenen, at the Athens Democracy Forum in October 2024.

The Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize recognizes and celebrates the exceptional leadership shown by young activists in defending, promoting, or renewing democracy. This prestigious award is presented annually at the Athens Democracy Forum, bringing together a global community of young leaders committed to advancing democratic ideals

The winner of the Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize receives a USD 10,000 prize, a one-year mentorship with a renowned democracy expert, and the opportunity to speak at the following year’s Athens Democracy Forum. This remarkable opportunity allows the winner to share their expertise and inspire a new generation of young leaders to join the fight for democracy.



**ATHENS
DEMOCRACY
FORUM**
IN ASSOCIATION WITH *The New York Times*



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Omar van Reenen, winner of the 2024 Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize giving their acceptance speech at the Athens Democracy Forum in October 2024.

WYDE Civic Engagement: Accountability Hubs

Empowering the next generation of African leaders with skills in financial and political accountability, democratic leadership and project management, to jointly push for more accountable and transparent governance and peaceful, inclusive and stable societies.

Despite representing over 70% of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa, young people are often excluded from public affairs, with their needs and ideas frequently overlooked. WYDE Accountability Hubs addresses this gap by empowering youth to take a more active role in governance across the region. Powered by the European Partnership for Democracy and the European Union, the initiative is led by the Kofi Annan Foundation, in partnership with the

Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the Oslo Center, working together to promote a more inclusive and dynamic democratic landscape.

In 2023 and 2024, we selected 40 young leaders (under 35) from 24 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, forming anglophone and francophone hubs. These leaders—already active in governance and youth empowerment—participated in a targeted training and networking programme to strengthen their skills in accountability, transparency, and civic participation. The programme includes online and in-person training over four months, covering Project Management and Financial and Political Accountability, as well as mentoring and seed grants to help implement their own governance initiatives.

In 2024, Hub members gathered in Kenya and Côte d'Ivoire to meet EU Delegations, UN officials, civil society leaders, and other senior figures, gaining insights into ethical and democratic leadership. More in-person events are planned for Tanzania and Senegal in early 2025.

As part of our pilot action grants, participants also receive individual tutoring to develop and launch their own good governance projects. Twenty pilot projects began in 2024, with another 20 to launch in 2025—introducing innovative ways to improve democratic governance and ensure young voices are heard. affairs.

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WYDE ACCOUNTABILITY HUBS ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



The WYDE Accountability Hub Members at the end of their training with the Kofi Annan Foundation, Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the Oslo Center, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in 2024.

Leadership Excellence in Politics

Establishing a global network of institutions building effective and ethical political leadership to respond to current and future governance challenges.

The Leadership Excellence in Politics initiative (LEiP) was launched in early 2024 to bridge the gap between what citizens expect from their leaders and what their leaders do. The project has both training and research components: In May, 15 young aspiring politicians from around the world attended a week-long training course in Geneva to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be effective, ethical leaders in a world facing increasingly complex challenges. Given the lack of research into what skills and attributes make for effective ethical leadership, 2024 also saw the establishment of the LEiP Expert Council, a group of politicians, academics, researchers, practitioners, and media thought-leaders from around the world to help fill the knowledge gap on political leadership.



The LEiP Young Leaders with former Swiss president Simonetta Sommaruga during the training week in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2024

DEEPENING DEMOCRACY

Democracy & Multilateralism Roundtables

— BUILDING AN EVIDENCE-BASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE LINKS BETWEEN MULTILATERALISM AND DEMOCRACY —

Multilateral action and international cooperation and dialogue are hampered by growing polarization, assertive nationalist agendas, and strong ideological divides, which are particularly marked around issues of democracy. How do we address the fraying link between democracy and the multilateral system, and how do answers to this question vary according to the global challenges at stake?

Over a two-year period, the Kofi Annan Foundation and Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy are organising a series of discussions to examine the role of democratic principles, processes, and practices in responding to emerging global challenges. Thanks to the support of the Carnegie Foundation, we convene targeted expert

discussions and produce policy papers on democratic principles, processes and practices in responding to emerging global challenges.

In 2024, we convened two roundtables; the first covered the link between Democracy and Climate, the second focused on Democracy and Artificial Intelligence. The next roundtable on Human Rights, Democracy and Multilateralism will be held at the UN in Geneva in the first half of 2025.

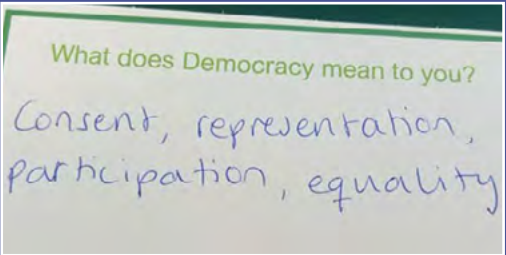
DISCOVER OUR POLICY PAPERS AND THE SUMMARIES OF THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS:



The Roundtable on Democracy and AI in November 2024

Geneva Democracy Dialogues

FACILITATING OPEN, INCLUSIVE, AND INFORMED DISCUSSIONS ON THE CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY.



The Geneva Democracy Dialogues are designed to facilitate open, inclusive, and informed discussions on challenges for democracy, foster collaboration and innovation, and generate actionable recommendations.

The first edition of the Geneva Democracy Dialogue was organised on 23 May 2024 by Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, with the support of the European Union Delegation, and in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation on the theme “How can Narratives help Revitalise Democracy in Europe?”

The second took place in October 2024 on the theme “What does democracy mean to you?” The event was organised by the Kofi Annan Foundation, Caux Initiatives of Change, the Geneva Graduate Institute as part of Geneva Democracy Week.

PROMOTING ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

Electoral Vulnerability Index

In 2023, the Kofi Annan Foundation developed an Electoral Vulnerability Index (EVI). The EVI is a thematic country-level forecasting tool to predict the likelihood of phenomena such as political violence, coups, riots, large-scale changes to political institutions, and adverse regime change.

The index serves to alert national and international stakeholders such as electoral management boards, political parties, observer groups, and ministries of foreign affairs or development of emergent threats, the explicit nature of these digital threats and enable intervention to address them early in the electoral cycle.

In 2024 we released our annual update of the Index.



Electoral Integrity Initiative (EII)



A NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SHARE A COMMON CONCERN FOR THE UNADDRESSED POLITICAL CHALLENGES THAT UNDERMINE ELECTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RECENTLY EMERGED FROM, OR ARE EXPERIENCING, PROLONGED POLITICAL INSTABILITY.

We continue to nurture our community of electoral experts and host meetings twice a year, which provide the opportunity for exchanges of information on country situations and emerging challenges for electoral integrity.

Strengthening Democracy & Elections

In September, we announced the release of the Model Commitments for Advancing Genuine and Credible Elections with International IDEA, The Carter Center, NDI and IFES. The Model Commitments is a resource with specific steps government leaders and democracy advocates can take to help strengthen democracy and elections.



Sharing our expertise

In 2024 we joined Global Network for Securing Electoral Integrity (GNSEI) which convenes election stakeholders around a shared vision: to inspire and inform action to advance electoral integrity in the face of critical threats to democracy.

Specifically, GNSEI brings together leading international electoral integrity actors to establish a broad-based platform to develop, advance, and promote adherence to norms, guiding principles, and codes of conduct that address emerging and long-term threats to electoral integrity.

Within GNSEI, KAF has actively contributed to strengthen the electoral integrity norms with the drafting and dissemination of Principles for Electoral Reform: to inform Election Management Boards, Civil Society Organisations, political parties and governments, about how to implement good electoral reform processes.

Supporting Democracy in Europe

HIGHLIGHT STORY

A review of Generative AI Use in the 2024 European Parliament Elections

Since mid-2023, experts have identified the use of one or more forms of generative AI (GenAI) in nearly every national election. Consequently, it is no surprise that concerns abound around the globe regarding the use of GenAI during elections, whether by malicious actors or as extensions of traditional campaigning approaches.

Unlike most elections where GenAI has played a role thus far, the 2024 European Parliament (EP) elections were among the first where

legislation ranging from the DSA Election Integrity Guidelines to the Code of Conduct for the 2024 EP Elections regulated the use of GenAI both for Very Large Online Platforms and political actors, making it a vital event to examine for insights about the future dynamics between GenAI development and related policy.

In 2024, together with Democracy Reporting International, we published a report that reviewed the use of GenAI in the 2024 European Parliament Elections. In the report, we reflect on the presence, manner

of use, and challenges of countering GenAI during the elections, while also reflecting on the context in which GenAI played a role in these elections, such as public perceptions of GenAI and its potential to manipulate information integrity.

The report was launched in Brussels in a discussion hosted by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Brando Benifei, co-rapporteur of the EU's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act, at the European Parliament.



DISCOVER THE KEY-TAKEAWAYS FROM THE DISCUSSIONS

Forging the European Democracy Shield

In December 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation, the European Partnership for Democracy and International IDEA organised a policy discussion on the European Democracy Shield, hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee.

Through the European Democracy Shield, the new European Commission aims to address threats to democracy such as foreign information manipulation and interference online, by enhancing media literacy, fact-checking, and enforcing the Digital Services Act

and the AI Act. The discussion with representatives of the EU institutions and civil society brought diverse and insightful perspectives which will be instrumental in crafting a truly effective shield.



Photo credit: Bruno Maes

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Reviewing the European Media Freedom Act

On the eve of the European elections, the Kofi Annan Foundation, Reporters Without Borders and the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) organised a roundtable discussion on the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) and the challenges ahead. Stakeholders urged EU member states and the European Commission to implement and enforce the EMFA with determination, and to make press freedom and the right to information a priority for the next five years.

“The European Media Freedom Act is a response to the very real threats to the media in Europe... There can be no democracy without independent journalists”

- Vice-President of the European Commission, Vera Jourova



Elections & Democracy: 2025 & beyond

— A SELECTION OF NEW PROJECTS WE PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2025 AND BEYOND —

Digitalise Youth

The Digitalise Youth Project, part of the Digital Democracy Initiative, seeks to empower young activists and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in 14 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa by enhancing their digital skills and online political engagement. Launched in January 2025, it focuses on enhancing digital skills, promoting civic tech solutions, and raising awareness about online political engagement.

By connecting human rights defenders and the tech community, the project equips young activists and media organisations with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital ecosystem, protect themselves from surveillance, and fight against disinformation. In addition to its capacity-building work, Digitalise Youth’s advocacy efforts seek to promote digital rights at local, regional, and international levels.



Leadership Excellence in Politics

Advocating for the objectives of the Leadership Excellence in Politics (LEIP) programme remains highly relevant in today’s shifting political landscape. The challenges of governance, democratic backsliding, and public distrust in political institutions underscore the continued need to identify essential leadership competencies, rebuild trust in political leadership, and equip young leaders for political participation. While the core objectives remain valid, they should evolve to address emerging

challenges such as digital disinformation, climate governance, and the increasing polarization of societies. The Foundation therefore wishes to allow for periodic assessment and adaptation while ensuring continuity in leadership development efforts.



A portrait of Kofi Annan, an elderly man with grey hair and a goatee, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.

THE KOFI ANNAN WAY – MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

A legacy of effective leadership
and multicultural action.

Our engagements aim to build greater awareness of the strategies, policies, values, and approaches that allowed Kofi Annan to promote multilateral solutions to global problems, and of their relevance to today's challenges. We do this through initiatives such as op-eds, lectures, awards, and exhibitions that commemorate Kofi Annan's life or are named after him, and that convey his values and sustain his influence on contemporary events. We also carry out research, convene high-level panels or participate in discussions on urgent matters of multilateral reform.

**“We stand or
fall together.”**
– Kofi Annan



Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security

As the world faces an historic food and nutrition crisis, the Kofi Annan Foundation, with the support of The Rockefeller Foundation, has established an eminent group of leaders – the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security – to transform the world's food security governance to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Across a 12-month period, the Commission has reviewed the current challenges to the global food architecture to develop policy recommendations and possible models for a transformed global food governance system. Our aim is to mobilize political commitment to adopt a new system that is fit-for-purpose to achieve a world with sustainable, equitable and resilient food security.

“Kofi Annan referred to the lack of food security for almost one billion people as an ‘unconscionable moral failing,’ and ‘a major brake on overall socio-economic development,’” said Elhadj As Sy, Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation. “As both the climate and food crises continue to grow, we hope this new Commission will bring urgent answers in the form of a re energized global governance structure to the persistent challenge of food insecurity.”

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COMMISSION ON FOOD SECURITY ON PAGE 44**

The Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address

A high-level lecture on peace held every year as part of Geneva Peace Week.

In October 2024, we held the fourth edition of the Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address. The Address, watched live by over 600 people, was delivered by Mary Robinson, outgoing Chair of The Elders and first woman president of Ireland. Reflecting on Kofi Annan’s legacy and the current global leadership crisis in peace efforts, Ms. Robinson called for greater respect for humanitarian law and advocated for gender parity in leadership.

“We feel the lack of Kofi Annan’s calm voice, his wisdom and moral authority more than ever in these troubled times.”

– Mary Robinson, during the 2024 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address

The Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address was followed by a panel discussion with Mary Robinson, Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, member of the Elders, President of the International Peace Institute, and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and three exceptional young peacebuilders: Nashiba Nakabira, African Youth Ambassador for Peace; Arizza Ann Nocum, Extremely Together Leader and Maruee Pahuja, Creative Leadership Youth Team at the Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation.



From left to right: Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi, 2024 Award co-laureate Zunzi, Freedom Cartoonists Vice-president Marie Heuzé, Freedom Cartoonists President Patrick Chappatte, 2024 co-laureate Rachita Taneja and CNN Chief International Anchor Christiane Amanpour (photo: Mikal Ahmad, for the Freedom Cartoonists Foundation)

Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning Awards 2024

Honouring extraordinary contributions to freedom of expression made by editorial and political cartoonists.

On 3 May, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, the Freedom Cartoonists Foundation presented the Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning Award 2024 to Rachita Taneja of India, creator of the Sanitary Panels web comics and Wong Kei-kwan, pen-name Zunzi, from Hong Kong.

The Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning Award recognises and honours extraordinary contributions to freedom of expression made by editorial and political cartoonists, often despite the most difficult of circumstances.

Kofi Annan Scholars

We are delighted to continue our partnership with the Weidenfeld-Hoffmann graduate programme at Mansfield College, Oxford, where each year a group of students are chosen to become Kofi Annan scholars. Through these scholarships, Mansfield College aims to inspire and transform the worldview of the recipients in a similar way to Kofi Annan’s recounting of his experience as a student at Macalester College.



The Kofi Annan Scholars, photographed in November 2023. Photo credit: Nicholas Posner



The Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa

— Honoring entrepreneurial start-ups that drive significant social impact through innovative solutions —

The 2024 edition of the Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa honoured three innovative African ventures creating solutions to end hunger across the African continent.

More than 700 applications were submitted by entrepreneurs from 49 African countries. The nine most promising ventures were chosen by a jury of experts to join an innovation bootcamp to compete for one of the three awards.

The award ceremony was held in Vienna in July 2024 where the three winners - Amini, ChipChip and Fresh Networks - each received a prize of EUR 250'000. Congratulations to all the finalists and our winners!



The Kofi Annan Lecture 2024

— An Annual Lecture championing Kofi Annan’s values —

The Kofi Annan Lecture, held annually in New York, explores crucial global themes like peacemaking and peacebuilding, inspired by Annan’s legacy and values.

The Kofi Annan Lecture Series is a joint project of the International Peace Institute, International Crisis Group, Kofi Annan Foundation, and Open Society Foundations.

The lectures, held each year around the time of the high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly, provide an opportunity for speakers to set out new ideas and agendas for international cooperation and diplomacy, recalling Kofi Annan’s role in championing rules-based cooperation and sustainable solutions.



“Kofi Annan is an oasis of quiet in a sea of chaos...That’s the kind of leadership we need right now.”

– Maria Ressa

Maria Ressa, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, delivered the 2024 Kofi Annan Lecture in September 2024 from New York. The Lecture focused on the threats posed by disinformation for democracy and is available on our website.

HIGHLIGHT STORY

How to Fix a Broken Food System

Every year, 733 million people face hunger, despite the world producing enough nutritious food for everyone. The problem? A global food governance system that's outdated and failing to meet today's challenges.

With overseas aid cut drastically, we urgently need to reform food security governance to ensure that it is resilient, equitable, and equipped for today's world.

The Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security, launched in April 2024, has been tackling this challenge head-on. Comprised of seven global leaders in food systems and with the support of The Rockefeller Foundation, the Commission has mapped actionable solutions to address governance gaps and reduce food insecurity worldwide.

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The Commission



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Chair of the Commission

Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation Board, Former Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)



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Commissioner

Former co-lead of the UN Global Crisis Response Group on food-energy-finance and Strategic Director of 4SD Foundation

10 Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1

Enhance the coherence and accountability of food security agencies.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Improve data management and access.

RECOMMENDATION 3

Build peace for food security.

RECOMMENDATION 4

Mainstream social protection for food security.

RECOMMENDATION 5

Fully integrate food systems into climate, trade, and finance governance agendas.

RECOMMENDATION 6

Provide a clear strategy for financing food systems as a global public good.

RECOMMENDATION 7

Governments to cooperate to ensure a more equitable food trade regime.

RECOMMENDATION 8

Engage the private sector for more resilient and healthier food economies.

RECOMMENDATION 9

Empower farmers to create sustainable food futures.

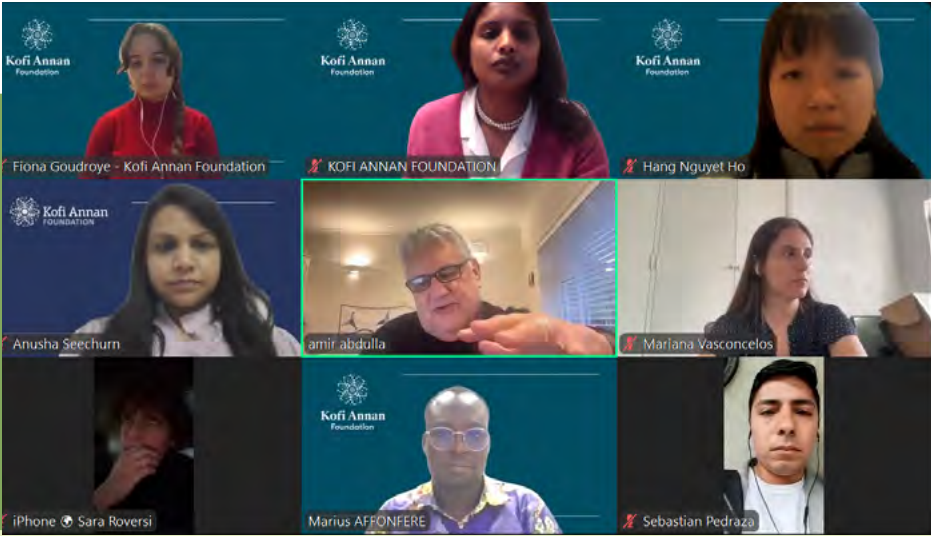
RECOMMENDATION 10

Advance digital and innovative governance approaches to meet the needs of women and youth on an unequal planet.

Bringing a Youth Perspective to Food Security



- ✔ We conducted interviews, focus groups and two online webinars with young leaders from Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa and Small Island Developing States.
- ✔ We received over 500 responses from young people aged 18-35 about their hopes and ideas for achieving meaningful youth inclusion in global food security.



The Kofi Annan Way: Multilateral Cooperation in 2025 & beyond

— A SELECTION OF PROJECTS WE PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2025 AND BEYOND: —



The third edition of the Kofi Annan Road Safety Award

With the primary objective of motivating key stakeholders to develop and implement innovative and outstanding ideas and initiatives to save lives on Africa's roads, the third edition of the Kofi Annan Road Safety Award will be hosted in Ezulwini, Eswatini on 14 – 15 April 2025.

The Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security

In 2025, we will launch the Commission's final report, disseminating widely its findings and advocating for the implementation of its 10 recommendations.



Kofi Annan Lecture 2025

The 2025 edition of the Kofi Annan Lecture will be held in New York and streamed online around the time of the UN General Assembly. The lecture will focus on issues that Kofi Annan prioritized including peacemaking, peacebuilding, and strengthening the international system.



The Kofi Annan Foundation Board

Our Board is made up of prominent personalities from around the world.



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Former Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



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Kojo Annan*

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**Board Member Emerita –
Nane Annan**
Sweden

Nutrition advocate, artist, & former lawyer.
Nane Annan is the wife of the late Kofi Annan.

The Kofi Annan Foundation Team

At the Kofi Annan Foundation, we are driven by a shared passion for making a positive impact on the world. Our team is composed of exceptional individuals with a deep commitment to advancing democracy, empowering youth leadership, and fostering international cooperation.

Each of our team members has shared their favourite quote from Kofi Annan as Kofi Annan’s words continue to inspire us!



Sofia Anton Martins
Programme Manager -
Youth & Peace

“The world is not ours to keep.
We hold it in trust for
future generations.”
Kofi Annan



Alessia Ulfe Bandini
Programme Consultant -
Youth & Peace

“Unless action is taken on climate
change, sustainable development
will not be achieved.”
Kofi Annan

















Adrien Coulon
Communications Associate

“Whatever our differences, in our
interdependent world, we stand or
fall together.”
Kofi Annan









FOR MORE KOFI ANNAN
QUOTES AND SPEECHES,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

	Ayooshee Dookhee Project Manager, Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security	<p>“We have the ability to reshape the global food security system to alleviate hunger, end poverty, and promote sustainable development.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>		Nelly Martin Travel & Administration Coordinator	<p>“To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Fiona Goudroye Project Associate	<p>“The different, the displaced, the refugees are the ones who enrich all our lives, and your tolerance and openness toward them will open new worlds for you, and make you welcome wherever you go.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>		Corinne Momal-Vanian Executive Director	<p>“Each of us must share the pain of all who suffer, and the joy of all who hope.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Genna Ingold Head of Communications	<p>“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>		Declan O'Brien Head of Democracy & Multilateralism Programmes	<p>“There is no single model of democracy, or of human rights, or of cultural expression for all the world. But for all the world, there must be democracy, human rights, and free cultural expression.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Teresa Lévigne Senior Programme Manager - Democracy & Multilateralism	<p>“We will not enjoy security without development, we will not enjoy development without security, and we will not enjoy either without respect for human rights.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>		Linda Peterhans Programme Manager - Youth Leadership	<p>“To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Li Ling Low Head of Finance & Administration	<p>“There can be no long-term peace and security without development. There can be no long-term development without peace and security.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>		Maud Roure Deputy Executive Director & Head of Programmes	<p>“No dispute is so entrenched that it cannot be overcome, and enmity between peoples need not last forever.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>

	Mohammad Shehadat Project Associate – Youth & Peace	<p>“A sustainable peace is of course more than the absence of war.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Anja Tresse Programme Manager - Youth & Peace	<p>“A good leader is a good listener. A good leader is also a good follower.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Valentin Wagee Programme Manager - Democracy & Multilateralism	<p>“You are never too young to lead and never too old to learn.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>
	Karen Zamberia Programme Manager – Democracy & Multilateralism	<p>“All of us, not only Presidents and generals, must play a role in building peaceful and stable communities; and that we cannot be innocent bystanders.”</p> <p>Kofi Annan</p>

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Year ended 31 December 2024

The Kofi Annan Foundation collaborates with a variety of other organisations and operates on a modest annual budget. For the fiscal year 2024, its annual expenditure was 3.1 million.

YOUTH & PEACE

CHF 1,282k | 41%



ELECTIONS & DEMOCRACY

CHF 977k | 31%



MULTILATERALISM: THE KOFI ANNAN WAY

CHF 864k | 28%



2024 Expenses

(AUDITED) IN THOUSAND CHF

TOTAL

CHF 3.1 million

FOUNDATIONS

CHF 1,828k | 62%



GOVERNMENTS

CHF 596k | 20%



PRIVATE

CHF 309k | 11%



OTHERS

CHF 200k | 7%



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2024 Sources of Funds

(AUDITED) IN THOUSAND CHF

TOTAL

CHF 2.9 million



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- Do you have an active interest in an issue that the Foundation addresses?
- Do you want to support our programmes or projects?

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