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President's Column – Chaos International

On the international scene, President Trump has continued to cause chaos. On the plus side, he and his team have finally managed to bring a halt to the fighting in Gaza, and a final peace process could be in sight. On the negative side, he seems to be bringing pressure on Ukraine to basically surrender to the Russian invasion – peace at any price, one might say.

Back home, we continue to battle on. Luiz Bispo has continued his series of webinars, the latest one entitled '**Global Democracy for Global Peace**' taking place on October 20th. Speakers included Elsie Mulindi from Democracy Without Borders, Luis Cabrera from Griffith University, and Rosa Green from the Hague University. See later for a full description of the event.

As noted last issue, there have been some changes at our associate organization the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (**IGPSG**). Zeny Edwards has stepped down as Chairperson, and at the recent AGM David DelosReyes was elected as Chairperson, Mai Ni Pham and Keith Suter were elected as Vice-Chairs, and Jason Lijwardi has taken on the roles of General Secretary and Director of Operations. Charlene Cai was elected Director for Legal & Community Engagement, while Zeny retained a position as Director for International Engagement. We must give Zeny our warmest thanks for all the energy and commitment she has given both our organizations over the past few years. The IGPSG committee has continued to organize the **Model Global Parliament** program this year at school level. David and Jason have recently insisted that the IGPSG should now remain an entirely separate organization from the WCAA, to which we must concur.

Our associated transnational working group, the Coalition for a World Security Community (**CWSC**) has had to give up its 'D10' campaign for the time being, following the Trumpian fiasco at the last G7 Summit in Canada. We are looking around for a new focus for our campaign, in which context the new 'Coalition of the Willing' to aid Ukraine is of great interest. Again, see later in the Bulletin for more on this.

Finally, we are now gearing up for the visit of Bob Flax in January next year. Bob was formerly Executive Director of the Citizens for Global Solutions in the US, and is a big wheel in the World Federalist Movement, see below for more details.

Chris Hamer



World Citizens Webinar Series – Luiz Bispo

Recordings available via our website: <https://www.wcaa.org.au/events>

We have successfully conducted two webinars:

WAYS TO ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE

We have gathered experts to share their expertise on certain topics that can be correlated to the establishment of world peace. 1. Dr Daryl Le Cornu, on "abolishing nuclear weapons"; 2. Maja Groff, Esq., on "international law for Earth system governance"; 3. Dr Richard Mochelle, on "cosmopolitan responsibility and world constitution building"; 4. Peter Davidse, on "overcoming poverty".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TO JOIN THE WEBINAR



14th April 2025
20:30 (AEST)

Via Zoom, Free

WAYS TO ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE



WORLD CITIZENS
AUSTRALIA



DR DARYL LE CORNU
(Educator on Nuclear Weapons Abolition)



MAJA GROFF, ESQ.,
on "International Law
for Earth System Governance"



DR RICHARD MOCELLE,
on "Cosmopolitan Responsibility and
World Constitution Building"



PETER DAVIDSE,
on "Overcoming Poverty"

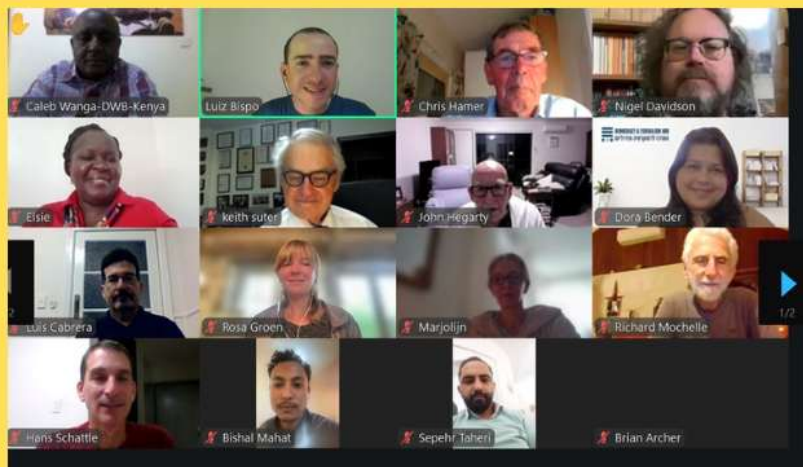


WORLD DEMOCRACY FOR WORLD PEACE

We are all aware that our planet is facing a multitude of crises—ranging from the threat of nuclear weapons and climate change to poverty, inadequate access to education, and the rise of autocratic regimes. To address these challenges, one possible solution is to promote democratic forms of governance across as many nations as possible and to foster global unity in standing against authoritarianism. Speakers: 1. Elsie Mulindi (Democracy without Borders, Kenya); 2. Dr Luis Cabrera (Griffith University); 3. Dr Rosa Groen (The Hague University).

WORLD DEMOCRACY FOR WORLD PEACE

A pathway to unite all nations to protect all of humanity



Watch the recording!



World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM/IGP)

Our umbrella organization recently held the 2025 WFM/IGP Congress. Effective, cohesive, and inclusive global governance is needed more than ever to address today's turbulent times and tomorrow's challenges, according to members of the World Federalist Movement (WFM) meeting at their biennial Congress on November 1 and 2, 2025.

Congress participants discussed implementation of existing programs on international law and global governance, and adopted new policies to support and strengthen current global governance mechanisms including the United Nations, International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court, and to promote adoption of additional global governance mechanisms to safeguard the human rights of current and future generations, prevent corruption, build sustainable peace, protect the environment and manage Artificial Intelligence.

Access the full report via the following link: <https://wfm-igp.org/news/world-federalist-congress-promotes-global-governance-measures-to-meet-challenges-of-today-and-tomorrow/>



Coalition for a World Security Community– Chris Hamer



**Zoom working group meeting
October 8/9th, 2025**

Strategy Discussions

There was general agreement that the failure of the G7 Summit in Canada signalled the end of our *D10 campaign*, at least for the duration of the Trump administration.

There was no agreement on what should come next. Chris presented his argument that the *Coalition of the Willing* on Ukraine presented a new possible basis for our Community, but others objected.

Austin argued that such a group of Western nations would be seen as aggressors by the rest of the world, and referred to a speech by Gustavo Petro Urrego, President of Colombia, at the UN.

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/gustavo-petro-un-speech>

Didier remarked that the COW has no fixed structure and limited aims, and the members are unlikely to agree to anything more. Some sort of economic partnership might be a better starting point?

Titus remarked that climate change might be a better basis for a community rather than security. He has since distributed a very interesting discussion (see at end).on his proposal for a *Global Climate Coalition*, a concept originally developed by **Chris Layton**, a former Chef De Cabinet in the European Community, based on his experience of how six countries laid the foundation for the EU. This is exactly the same strategy as ours! Titus will follow up further on this idea.



ATLAS

Didier reported that a policy platform has been drafted for Colombe Cahen-Salvador in her campaign as candidate for the UN Secretary-General's position. We shall watch her progress with interest.

Visit of Bob Flax

Bob Flax is a former Executive Director of Citizens for Global Solutions in the US, and a major influence within the world federalist movement generally. He is visiting Australia January 14-20 next year.

CV

Bob Flax, Ph.D., Adjunct Full Professor, Transformative Social Change Program, Saybrook University (www.saybrook.edu); Executive Board Member, World Federalist Movement WFM_IGP (www.wfm-igp.org) ; Executive Director (ret.) Citizens for Global Solutions (www.globalsolutions.org); Board Member, Dhammadharini Monastery (www.dhammadharini.net).

Presentations

The World is My Country: Documentary Film Screening & Discussion

The World is My Country <https://www.theworldismycountry.com/> is a documentary that presents the extraordinary true story of Garry Davis, a Broadway actor who became a WWII bomber pilot and then went on to give up his national citizenship and become the first official World Citizen, starting the World Citizens movement and drawing in people like Albert Einstein, Albert Camus and a cast of thousands into an amazing journey that Martin Sheen calls "a roadmap to a better future." The film will be followed by a discussion (80 minute film plus 30 minute Q & A).

Creating a Global Democracy for a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable World Community

In today's world, *all of our major problems have gone global*; including war, terrorism, environmental crises, economic calamities, pandemics, and social injustice. *Many of our human-made systems are global as well. However, the one significant thing that has **not** gone global is **democracy**.* Could that be the cause of our global problems? This stimulating presentation will describe an alternative way to govern our world, where "We the people" are in charge. Many scholars and laypeople agree that only a global democracy can meet today's toughest challenges. We'll explore the history of this idea,



the movement that grew out of it, the paths to getting there, and how it might work (45 minute presentation plus 30 minute Q & A).

We are presently trying to organize some events during his visit, including a Symposium at the ANU and Roundtable discussions in both Sydney and Canberra. Watch this space.

Partnerships

We have joined ***Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance*** (MEGA) as a Participating Organisation.

We have joined the ***Joint Appeal for Nuclear Abolition Day*** organized by the global coordinator Alyn Ware and other colleagues around the world.

[Report on the presentation of the Joint Appeal to the UN and other actions/events on Nuclear Abolition Day](#)

To: Endorsers of the Joint Appeal for Nuclear Abolition Day, September 26

Luiz Bispo

World Citizens Association of Australia

Dear Luiz Bispo,

Thank you for the endorsement of *World Citizens Association of Australia* for the [Joint Appeal for Nuclear Abolition Day, September 26](#). We are thrilled at the number, breadth and diversity of [endorsements](#). More than 560 organizations and 1100 individuals from 98 countries, covering all regions of the world, endorsed the appeal (see the list of countries below). Endorsing organizations are from a range of fields including peace, disarmament, human rights, environment, sustainable development, youth and faith-based organizations. Endorsing individuals come from all walks of life – including parliamentarians, local body representatives, religious leaders, Nobel Laureates, former government ministers and UN officials, academics/scientists, medical professionals, youth leaders, business leaders, educators, retirees and more.

The appeal was presented to UN member States at the [UN High-Level Plenary Meeting on September 26](#) by Dr. Deepshikha Kumari Vijh, Executive Director of the [Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy](#) and Coordination Team Member of [NuclearAbolitionDay.org](#). Dr Vjih was one of only two civil society representatives invited by Annalena Baerbock, President of the UN General Assembly, to speak at the High-Level Session. The other civil society speakers were Satoshi TANAKA, Executive Board member of Nihon Hidankyo, the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations that won the Nobel Peace Prize last year.

Please see [Stop Nuclear Weapons: Leaders of the UN and Member States, Celebrities and Civil Society Called for Action on Nuclear Abolition Day, September 26](#) for a blog report on the presentation of the Joint Appeal to the UN, plus some other actions and events on Nuclear Abolition Day. If you are interested, you can watch the [video of the September 26 UN High-Level Plenary meeting](#). The meeting was opened with speeches by the UN Secretary-General and President of the UN GA, followed by Presidents, Prime Ministers, foreign ministers and ambassadors, with the two civil society reps speaking near the end.

We thank everyone who undertook the Social Media action Stop Nuclear Weapons: Peace is in our Hands. You can see photos at our [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

And we take this opportunity to commemorate a special day today (October 2), the [UN International Day of Nonviolence](#) and birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

Note that we **respect your digital privacy** and will only send one more message to you - an invitation to a Joint Appeal follow-up meeting later in October (date tbd). However, we will continue campaigning on the key calls made in the Joint Appeal. **If you would like to receive campaign updates, including invitations to follow-up events (online or in-person), please subscribe to the UNFOLD ZERO newsletter.**

Finally, we inform you that we will also have an opportunity to present the Joint Appeal to the [First Committee of the UN General Assembly](#) on October 17. This committee, which includes representatives from all UN Member States, considers disarmament resolutions for adoption by the UNGA. The Joint Appeal will remain open for further endorsement until then.

Best regards,

Jackie Cabasso, Jasmine Chen, Marc Finaud, Jonathan Granoff, Chris Guillot, John Hallam, Ann Nicol, Natia Ninoshvili, Rebecca Shoot, Aya Sachi Trebol, Deepshikha Vjih and Alyn Ware

Coordination and Communications Team, Sep 26 NuclearAbolitionDay.org Working Group

Endorsements came from 98 countries, covering all regions of the world

Aotearoa/New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cymru (Wales), Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Egypt, Erub/Yuwibara Territory (Australia), Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, French Polynesia/ Ma'ohi Nui, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Caledonia, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Russia, Rwanda, Samoa, Scotland, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tokelau, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We have been in contact with the ***United Nations Association of Australia – NSW Division*** to explore the possibility of coordinating a joint event next year. In the meantime, we will look into opportunities for collaborative activities in the lead-up to that event.



Bangladesh Aid Project: Building Hope in Char Khabulia

For over 15 years, the World Citizens Association of Australia (WCAA) has brought education and hope to the children of Char Khabulia, a remote and flood-affected village in northern Bangladesh. Despite losing their original school to river erosion, nearly 300 children continue their studies across temporary classrooms, with many advancing to high school—an inspiring testament to community resilience and international partnership.

Beyond education, WNAF's community development efforts—including healthcare, disability support, women's empowerment, and skills training—reflect a shared commitment to sustainable progress. With BADRC's scholarships and WCAA's continued sponsorship, the next step is to empower youth through the creation of an Occupational and Skill Development Training Centre in Char Khabulia. This initiative will offer practical training, promote self-reliance, and open pathways to meaningful employment. WCAA invites friends, partners, and supporters to join this mission—building resilience through education and skills and turning collective vision into lasting change.

Wali Islam

Lorreta's Proposal

Loretta Mitchell attended the meeting and proposed a heartfelt initiative.

The local football club where Loretta live in Sydney has approximately 600-700 jerseys (tops) available for donation. The tops are brand new, as the sponsor's logos are now outdated and can not be worn by the players. The club is very interested in donating these to children (and adults) who would enjoy wearing them and feeling that wonderful sense of belonging that comes with being part of a 'team'. She is also currently contacting other clubs to see if we can find another jersey colour/design available for donation so the teams can play opposite one another (after all, it's hard to play a game if everyone is wearing the same colour!)



Treasurer's Report

In the opinion of the executive council of the Association:

1. The statement of Income and expenditure for the Association gives a true and fair view of the balance of income and expenditure of the fund for the financial year.
2. The Balance Sheet of the Fund gives a true and fair view of the affairs of the fund as at the end of the financial year; and
3. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the fund can meet its debts when they fall due.

Dated in Sydney this 2nd day of October 2025



President Chris Hamer
Treasurer Nil Aktan



World Citizen's Association (Australia) Incorporated
ABN 89 236 706 622

WCAA Account

Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2025

	2023-24	2024-25
Funds carried from previous year	43,328.08	46815.99
Income		
Membership fees and donations	228.00	210.00
Capital gains +distributions	2709.91	4,891.17
Luiz support donations	5500.00	10350.00
Total	8537.91	15,451.17
Expenditure		
Luiz support	5050.00	10,350.00
Donation to WFM-IGP		5000.00
Paypal		164.27
Total	5050.00	15514.27
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	3487.91	[63.10]

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2023-24	2024-25
Assets		
Cash at Bank	2664.44	2710.17
Perpetual Wholesale Fund	44151.55	44,042.72
Total	46815.99	46,752.89
Liabilities		
Net Assets	46815.99	46,752.89
Funds carried forward	46815.99	46,752.89



In the opinion of the executive council of the Association:

4. The statement of Income and expenditure for the WCA Aid Project fund gives a true and fair view of the balance of income and expenditure of the fund for the financial year.
5. The Balance Sheet of the Fund gives a true and fair view of the affairs of the fund as at the end of the financial year; and
6. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the fund can meet its debts when they fall due.

Dated in Sydney this 2nd day of October 2025



President Chris Hamer
Treasurer Nil Aktan

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026 LEADERSHIP

World Citizens Association of Australia (WCAA)

President: Dr Chris Hamer

Vice-President (Bangladesh Aid Project): Dr Wali Islam

Treasurer: Nil Aktan

Secretary: Mr Luiz Bispo

Director of Education: Dr Daryl Le Cornu



REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to join/renew my membership in the World Citizens Association (Australia)

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Subscription Rates: Full	\$40
Juniors, seniors, unwaged	\$10

Funds transferred:

Subscription

Donation to World Citizens Aid Project

Total

Please complete this form and send together with your cheque made out to 'World Citizens Association (Australia)' to:

Nil Aktan, Treasurer, World Citizens Association (Australia),
Unit 506/655 King St,
St Peters, NSW 2044
nilaktan98@gmail.com

Alternative methods of payment: (please still send in the form)

Online via <http://www.wcaa.org.au>, hit the 'Member Login' button at the top of the page, and then either the 'Join Us' or the 'Donate' button (no password necessary).

Or use direct electronic funds transfer to
BSB: 633000, account: 122927916

Enquiries: treasurerwcaa@gmail.com





World Citizens Association of Australia acknowledges Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Nations of this continent and recognises their custodianship and continuing connection to its land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous peoples across the nation.

