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Report: Event A New Shape / United Nations 2.0.

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Peace SOS and World Solar Fund are very enthusiastic about the idea of trying to solve global issues by remodeling global cooperation. We are very concerned about all the wars and violent conflicts in the world (e.g. Burundi, Iraq, Syria, South-Sudan, Mali, Yemen), the way we deal with the earth and the people (e.g. Yemen) dying of starvation. There are 795 million undernourished people in the world today. To address the issue of starvation: the United Nations World Food Programme pointed out that there is enough food in the world to feed everyone and no scientific breakthroughs are needed. Today's knowledge, tools and policies, combined with political will, can solve the problem.

In short, the preliminary idea of our team is to mobilise and support all 'soft' powers that can contribute to address the global issues.

Underneath you will find the report that describes the event 'A New Shape or United Nations 2.0.' It was organized by Peace SOS and World Solar Fund on February 1st 2017. The participants were encouraged to think about remodeling global cooperation. The 9 participants came from the 'freethinkers' committee of Mensa Netherlands, the High IQ Society.

I will also include a photo of the participants which was made during the event. If you want to have more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "m.m. Meijer".

May-May Meijer
Chair Peace SOS

Report A New Shape

Introduction

This report describes the event 'A New Shape or United Nations 2.0.' that Peace SOS organized on February 1st, 2017. The participants were encouraged to think about global cooperation. This is important in order to tackle worldwide issues such as wars, terrorism, extreme poverty and climate warming.

Title of the event: United Nations or A New Shape

Date: February 1st, 19.00 till 21.30

Number of participants: 9

Participants are coming from the 'freethinkers' committee of Mensa Netherlands, the High IQ Society

Location: Seats2Meet Amersfoort, the Netherlands. This location was sponsored by Seats2Meet, a partner of Peace SOS. Seats2Meet Amersfoort believes in people and in supporting each other on our way of success.

Program

19.00 – 19.05 Introduction by Seats2Meet

19.15 – 19.25 Introduction by May-May Meijer of Peace SOS

19.25 – 19.35 Charles Dickson, World Solar Fund about renewable energy in Africa

19.35 – 20.30 Presentations and discussion in 2 groups about a new global structure

20.30 – 20.45 Break

20.45 – 21.15 Preliminary model of May-May Meijer and reactions of the participants

21.15 – 21.30 Closing remarks

Description of the first discussion session

In the introduction May-May Meijer mentioned the worldwide challenges humanity faces. In addition, she mentioned some of the difficulties within the current structure of the United Nations. In the first discussion session, participants were not given any further information about the criteria of A New Shape. They were just asked to think about a new global model in 2 teams and they had to present the results of their team to the others. The idea is that this would stimulate free thinking.

Results of discussion session 1 of Team 1

This team mentioned the goal 'worldpeace' on top of their paper. Here are some other important keywords from their presentation:

- World peace should be focused upon.
- A new global structure should not be the aim, but can be a result.
- They outlined several issues: poverty, education, climate and terrorism.
- As important values they mentioned: connections, knowledge, acceptance, safety, tolerance, trust and communication.
- Team 1 mentioned the importance of handling out of love and intrinsic motivation.
- They also mentioned the 'pay it forward' concept, the idea that you do a good deed for someone without expecting anything from that person in return.
- Diversity should be embraced
- Nations focus on borders and differences, there should not be an us -them
- Communities can be fluent and virtual.
- Enjoy differences and cultivate them
- Positive news stimulates
- The 5 permanent member of the UN Security Council are having veto rights, which makes decisions hard
- The importance of listening, serving leadership, facilitating leadership
- Structure and power of large companies
- Let go of power and capital
- The importance of non-violent communication
- Mention 'world citizen' in every passport. Is it necessary to have a passport?
- Circularly thinking
- Talent oriented education – mind, body, feeling, needs
- Having space for love
- Positive news: simulating, free from fear [peace journalism]
- Take care of peace in yourself

Results of discussion session 1 of Team 2

- Children do not want war
- Nearly all wars have to do with religion or power
- Bad communication leads to fights/war
- Socratic model, 'talking stick method' -> listening without interfering. [A method derived from Indian culture]
- Preferred model is: United Nations 2.0. All countries are together, the UN is an established organization, you are taken seriously
- Problem of veto-right
- Get control back from governments to people in the nation
- A world platform of people who can talk -> voluntary, citizenright, in public
- Examples of world platforms: Second life, We Meetz (in development), [Bit Nation]

[...] means that it is added by May-May Meijer

Results of session 2

In this session May-May Meijer presented the preliminary model and participants were invited to react. The preliminary model is outlined underneath.

Preliminary model

Core values	Universal Declaration of Human Rights, love and care for each other, constructive, openness.
Decision making capacity	<p>Fast. Depending on cooperation.</p> <p>Executive Board meetings every month?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacebuilding • Poverty and Human Rights • Climate • Economy, creating jobs together with businesses • Media (films, balanced news about wars etc) and Sharing best practices • Care, education and science • Finance • Organizing elections for after the incubator time 8 years <p>Supervisory Board meetings: 2 a month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations, business • someone from a least developed country • Diversity, women, men, youth • Children as motivational speaker
Effectiveness	<p>Informal leadership</p> <p>Importance of mayors (think of Mayors for Peace)</p> <p>Importance of sharing best practices via film (example of footpath introduced in Uganda after the mayor saw it in The Hague)</p>
Resources and financing	<p>Starting with: voluntary tax for TNC (whom we want to help to become social companies) and voluntary gifts</p> <p>For the board members a low or modal salary</p>
General security	<p>Sharing care and knowledge</p> <p>peacebuilding, mediating</p>

	<p>Providing food and jobs</p> <p>No army → the world already spends 1,6 trillion dollars on the military industry. In addition, we think that people ‘fear’ a powerful global structure if it is not build upon care for each other and trying to support.</p>
Flexibility	<p>The mission of the organization (to contribute to world peace) should be leading, not the structure itself</p> <p>Agile business model</p> <p>No buildings</p>
Accountability	4 or 8 years starting. After democratic elections

Remarks and questions:

- What do you mean with informal? Executive board sounds formal. Use other words such as servant leadership. Take also a look at spiritual leadership
- Focus on children -> new generation, new world citizens, new platforms
- Possible job descriptions: connector, interventionist, facilitator or coordinators
- Elections sound like a formal system. They have the disadvantage of being controlled by people with large amounts of money. They also stress differences between candidates. Do not organize elections. Do not replace the whole team in once, but a small part at the time
- Crowd funding can collect a lot of ideas
- World communities and platforms, production as a result of intrinsic motivation
- Use social media
- Deep democracy
- Nonviolent communication
- The smallest minority should have a voice, inclusive
- Self-steering teams
- Difference between war and non-peace

Remarks of May-May Meijer

It was a very inspiring evening and several good suggestions have been done. What a coincidence that we came up with the same idea that the guiding system should be to take care for each other, or love. This is very important because I believe that people do not want to be 'controlled' by a powerful hierarchical global governance structure. We see this for example in the erosion of the support for the EU. In addition, the worldwide spending on military expenditures is already huge (1.6 trillion dollars per year). The idea behind this model is to enforce soft powers such as mediation, science diplomacy etc. To gain goodwill and a positive spirit by sharing best practices.

Intrinsic motivation is key. In next documents, I will mention this explicitly. The participants are right that a job description like e.g. 'minister' would not fit in. The leadership is serving and coaching indeed. I called that 'informal leadership' but maybe servant leadership is a more appropriate term. After reading the draft version of this report, a participant remarked if spiritual leadership would fit in. That fits in exactly and that is what inspired me to work for peace. The main idea of taking care for each (love your neighbor) other also plays an important part in religion.

Children should play an important role indeed. This fits with one of the quotes of Peace SOS: 'Let all children play'. In addition, Peace SOS always put forward that the mission of Peace SOS is most important and not to achieve media attention or other side factors. In that way we agree that a structure of global cooperation should not become a goal in itself and that a focus on the mission is always most important. It was surprising to me to hear that 'elections' are seen as a formal instrument and considered not to be a good idea.

The participants of team 2 pointed out the importance of the United Nations. The strong points of the UN are that all countries are organized in it and that the UN has credibility. I agree, although I also see difficulties in the functioning of the UN security council because of the veto-right of each of the five permanent members. Peace SOS is preparing a next event 'UN 2.0.' with the Dutch Association for the United Nations and Humanity House in The Hague.

Note:

The preliminary model is only a very, very basic draft. I have written several articles in Dutch daily newspapers about nonviolent methods to achieve peace (e.g. science diplomacy) which I will elaborate upon in the final project proposal.