

# Nobel Peace Laureates Share Lessons for Today's Troubled World (12/11)

On 1 December 2004, five Nobel Laureates will talk about how to win the war against conflict and bloodshed in the 21st century. The event, a panel discussion hosted by the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) takes place on third evening of the historic Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World.

The panel includes six individuals and organisations recognized by the Nobel Committee for their extraordinary contributions to a better world. They are:

- **Wangari Maathai** who will receive her award in Oslo on 10 December 2004;
- **Shirin Ebadi**, advocate for democracy and human rights from Iran and last year's winner;
- **Jody Williams** who won the prize together with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines in 1997;
- the **United Nations**, whose agencies have been awarded the prize several times and most recently in 2001, the UN and Secretary-General Kofi Annan received the award jointly;
- the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**, whose founder was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901, and which subsequently received the prize three times (1917, 1944 and 1963), will be represented on the panel by its President, Dr. Jakob Kellenberger.

The discussion focuses on the theme " **Linking Humanitarian, Development, and Disarmament Responses to War**". More than reflecting on the lessons from the successful movement to eliminate antipersonnel landmines, the occasion will be an opportunity to look at how best to tackle the broader problem of violent conflict. Different tools used to advance human rights, promote sustainable development and strengthen human security will be examined. The **strengths and weaknesses of existing multilateral approaches** and new ways for civil society, government and international institutions to work together more effectively will be explored.

The discussion amongst these acclaimed peace-workers and with the audience on the evening aims to challenge thinking, provoke discussion and stimulate new action. The Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World is an historic conference which will celebrate achievements of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty or Ottawa Convention in international law, disarmament and humanitarian affairs and chart the course to its full implementation.

**WHEN:** 1 December, panel discussion: 19:00 & shy; 20:30

**WHERE:** Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, downtown Nairobi

The panel discussion will be followed by a reception by invitation, hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

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