

Initiatives of Change International Conference Centre, Caux, Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL CAUX CONFERENCES 2008

Addressing the Root Causes of Human Insecurity

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learning to Live Together
with Difference**

Human security depends not just on freedom from conflict and the threat of terrorism. It also lies in meeting basic human needs for shelter, food and work, health and education – and a sense of self-worth. For millions these needs are far from being met. In a world of plenty, poverty and injustice persist. World peace and security are also threatened by the destruction of the environment and climate change.

How do we respond to such challenges, globally and locally? How can we each play a part in making a difference? How can we rise above our fears and anxieties and take responsibility for the way the world goes?

Initiatives of Change, which runs annual conferences in Caux, has always held that at the heart of civilization lie core values of honesty and integrity, purity of heart and motive, selflessness and courage, love for people – and forgiveness. Such values, lived out, along with fresh inspiration found through times of silent reflection, enable each of us to make a difference. They help us to address the root causes of insecurity and sustain hope for the future. The Caux conferences explore the implications for each one of us.



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Thursday
3 July (16.45)
to Wednesday
9 July (noon)

Global Servant-Leadership: Contributing to Human Security

Human insecurity often starts on a personal level – with the sense of being a victim. It may also be linked with certain fears, superstitions and misunderstandings. Can we find an adequate response? What are the leadership, life-skills and tools that could help us in this process? We invite you to seek and find answers during a six-day progress in 'servant-leadership', in discussions and practice, in Caux.

Friday
11 July (16.45)
to Wednesday
16 July (noon)

Trust and Integrity in the Global Economy (TIGE): Cultivating Knowledge – Generating Action

Diagnosis seems easy, but embedding trust and integrity in our economies is harder. We will address topics such as 'Values and decision making', 'Work for all in the 21st century?' and 'Financing a secure world'. Participants from different disciplines, cultures and generations are invited to focus on actions that generate change. The TIGE conference organized by *Caux Initiatives for Business* explores how positive change in the global economic system can be achieved through a shared commitment to personal integrity.

Friday
18 July (16.45)
to Wednesday
23 July (noon)

Addressing the Root Causes of Human Insecurity

Human insecurity is caused by factors operating on two levels. On the one hand, by social breakdown, war, the destruction of cultures and of whole peoples, by globalization and its retinue of injustices, which are sometimes masked by the growth and wealth it generates. And on the other hand by this solid, tenacious block inside each of us, of bitterness and conflict with others, which kills hope and faith and holds us back from renewal. The underlying cause of insecurity is to be found in society, but also in each and every one of us. The Caux centre encourages dialogue and listening. Through stepping back and discovering the world afresh, each man, woman and young person can see things in a new light and create solutions that will consolidate security.

Friday
25 July (15.00)
to Friday
1 August (noon)

Tools for Change

This conference offers a challenging week of personal development and capacity building to enable individuals and teams to integrate and apply the spirit of Caux in building bridges of trust in a diverse and divided world. An experienced international faculty will lead interactive courses in peace-building, dialogue, communications, the formation of strategic partnerships, and the core values of *Initiatives of Change* as vital resources for community change agents.

Sunday
3 August (16.45)
to Sunday
10 August (noon)

Renewal Arts: Can Artists Mend a Broken World?

Can artists and those who have a passion for the arts make a difference in times of war, violence, devastation and hunger? Renewal Arts recognizes that art has the power to challenge and transform the way people think and behave. We invite people of all cultures and faiths to share a week of interactive creative workshops, discussions with artists, master classes and performances.

Tuesday
12 August (16.45)
to Sunday
17 August (noon)

Developing Cultural Dialogue; learning to Live Together with Difference

We are waking up to the reality that more and more of us live in multicultural societies. We all need to develop the sense of belonging to one human society. The way different groups and communities move towards one another can help to bridge differences and reduce tensions, for example between the West and the Muslim world. This follows on from the 2007 Caux 'Grassroots Dialogue of Civilizations'.

Programme supplements with detailed information about each conference are available through www.caux.ch.

You can order printed versions of these supplements from the Caux Conference Secretariat.

You can also subscribe to an email update service on the Caux website www.caux.ch.

Conference in Community

A special characteristic of the Caux conferences is the communal life of the assembly:

- Participants are invited to join communities of between 12 and 20 people in which topics can be discussed in an atmosphere of confidence and mutual respect.
- These groups also take part in the running of the house (dining-room service, vegetable preparation, cooking, housekeeping, etc.). This offers everyone a chance to serve, as well as to learn from one another.
- The conference schedule also allows time for quiet reflection.
- The programme includes meetings, seminars, lectures and cultural evenings, with simultaneous translation. There are also opportunities for outdoor exercise.
- Families are welcome, and there will be a children's programme for ages 3–12 during conference hours.
- Everyone is requested to be sensitive to the presence of people from different cultures and generations, and to respect the house rules.

The Conference Centre

Looking out over Lake Geneva from an altitude of 1000 metres, the Caux centre can accommodate up to 450 people. Formerly the Caux-Palace Hotel, in 1946 it became an international meeting place, thanks to the generous contributions in time, talent and money of many volunteers.

Most bedrooms have a bathroom or shower and two beds, so participants may be asked to share rooms. Please indicate if you particularly require a single room.

The rooms can be reached directly by phone; there is no radio or TV. There is an Internet room available for a small fee and some public parts of the building are equipped with a wireless network and internet access. In Caux, it can be quite chilly; you may want to bring some warm clothes.

Travel

Caux is 1½ hours by car or train from Geneva and 25 minutes from Montreux. Direct trains run from Geneva Airport to Montreux every half hour. For exact departure times and connections to Caux, consult: www.rail.ch.

Application and Further Information

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CAUX – *Initiatives of Change* President Bernard de Riedmatten (top right) with guest-speaker Mgr Joseph Roudit and conference participants in Caux, 6 July 2007

Your Contribution to the Cost of Your Stay

The amounts indicated below cover full board, participation in plenary sessions, seminars and group discussions. They also include simultaneous translation in various languages and cultural events.

Per person per day **CHF 132.– (€ 83*)**
including a voluntary contribution to the maintenance costs of the conference centre

Per person per day **CHF 92.– (€ 58*)**
without contribution to the maintenance costs of the centre

Children up to 5 years **free**

Children from 5 to 15 years **CHF 46.– (€ 29*)**

Young people (16 to 23 years), students **CHF 55.– (€ 34*)**

Contributions above CHF 132.– help to pay for the stay of students, families, unemployed and of those from countries with weak currencies.

Please indicate on the application form the exact amount of your own contribution. If you are unable to cover the total cost personally you are requested to add the name of the person or the organization who will be responsible to pay for the rest of your dues.

Please make your payment before or within the first 24 hours of your arrival in Caux. Payments in advance can be made to:

Foundation CAUX – *Initiatives of Change* CH-6002 Lucerne

Postfinance Account: 60-12000-4

Bank Accounts: Credit Suisse, Lucerne:

Account in €: 249270-62-3

Account in CHF: 249270-61-5

IBAN CH58 0483 5024 9270 6200 3, IBAN CH38 0483 5024 9270 6100 5

Swift code CRESCHZZ60A

In Caux, payments can be made with all usual credit cards and debit cards or cash in Swiss Francs, Euros and US\$, as well as with traveller's or bank cheques.

We appreciate your open-handed contribution and your awareness that the Caux conferences are only possible thanks to the generosity of many.

* Exchange rate applied: 1 € = CHF 1.60; rate may vary by the time of payment.

About Us

Initiatives of Change (lofC) is a diverse, global network committed to building trust across the world's divides. Active in over 60 countries, it comprises people of many cultures, nations, beliefs and backgrounds transforming society through change in individuals and relationships, starting in their own lives.

In 1938 as Europe prepared for war, Frank Buchman, its originator, launched a campaign for 'moral and spiritual re-armament' as the way to build a 'hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world'.

Following World War II, Moral Re-Armament (MRA), as it became known, worked for reconciliation between France and Germany, and between Japan and some of its Asian neighbours. It was involved in the process of decolonization, and in forging industrial teamwork and harmonious race relations. It was also active in inter-religious relations and in the struggle for the rights of indigenous peoples.

In all these cases, what made the difference was the reality that each person, whatever their situation, has a role to play. Through changes in behaviour and mindsets, individuals and groups in conflict found a way to bridge their divides. Change isn't easy and a spiritual dynamic is required to overcome inertia. Daily quiet times to seek inner inspiration and a commitment to ethical practice can provide that dynamic.

Aims

As a diverse global network, lofC initiates programmes aimed at:

- Healing the wounds of history that sustain cycles of revenge, especially where cultures and civilizations meet.
- Strengthening the moral and spiritual dimensions of democracy, so challenging selfish interests and corruption.
- Helping individuals and families to counter the climate of blame and selfishness with a culture of care and personal responsibility.
- Strengthening the motivation of care and moral commitment in economic life and thinking, in order to create jobs, correct economic and environmental imbalance, and tackle the root causes of poverty.
- Rebuilding a sense of community and hope in cities and tackling the causes of racial and communal discrimination.
- Forging networks among people from different cultures and faiths based on a shared commitment to work for reconciliation, justice, and peace.



lofC International President Mohamed Sahnoun with former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in Caux, 8 August 2007

Structures

CAUX – *Initiatives of Change* is a charitable Swiss foundation based in Lucerne, Switzerland. The foundation, in addition to sharing the aims of the network, owns and manages the conference centre in Caux, putting this meeting place at the disposal of conference participants from all over the world. The foundation is a founding member of *Initiatives of Change International*.

Based in Caux and with its main office in Geneva, *Initiatives of Change International* is the umbrella body federating the national legal bodies of *Initiatives of Change*. It has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), and Participatory Status at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Funding and Accounting

lofC is financed by a combination of individual contributions, grants from corporations, foundations and governments, as well as income from invested funds, mostly received from bequests.

The Swiss foundation is financed by the contributions of conference participants and of national legal bodies of *Initiatives of Change*, by special donations, and legacies, as well as by the lease of the conference centre to the Swiss Hotel Management School (SHMS) for nine months of the year. Annually audited accounts are available on the website of the foundation: www.caux.ch

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Application

Thank you for applying as soon as possible, but no later than six weeks before your arrival.

We are grateful if you are able to apply on-line via the Caux Web site (www.caux.ch). This is the easiest way for us to handle your application.

If you are filling in this application form, please do so in **CAPITAL LETTERS**, and with a black pen. Use one application form per person. Please photocopy and fill in separately for accompanying family members or ask for more forms from the Conference Secretariat. It is recommended that the length of stay in Caux covers a whole conference. We will send you an e-mail message or a letter confirming that your application has been accepted.

The fields marked * are mandatory.

Name

* Male Female * Family name: _____ * First name: _____

Accompanied by: Family name: _____ First name: _____

Address

Permanent address

* Street: _____ * City: _____

Postal code/ZIP code: _____ * Country: _____

* Address for correspondence and confirmation

same as above

separate address, namely: _____

Telephone (please fill in with country and regional codes)

* Private: _____ Office: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ e-mail: _____

Personal data

* Date of birth: day _____ month _____ year _____

Profession: _____ * Citizenship: _____

* Languages: mother-tongue: _____ others: _____

* Previous visit to Caux: yes, year: _____ no

VISA for Switzerland

Please enquire if you need a visa from:

- the nearest Swiss Consulate
- or the Swiss Federal Office for Migration list on their Web site:
www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/Ausweis-_und_Visumvorschriften.html
- or consult your travel agent

yes, I need a visa * Passport number: _____ * Place of issue: _____

* Date of issue: _____ * Expiry date: _____

* Name of the person who invited you/reference person: _____

IMPORTANT: If you require a Swiss visa, your application must reach the Conference Secretariat **at least ten weeks** prior to your arrival in Caux.

Please note that once your visa letter has been issued (copies go to the Swiss Embassy), it is very difficult to change your dates.

NB: The Swiss authorities cannot issue visas for transit through the Schengen states, or any other countries.



Participation

* I would like to participate in the following conference/s:

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Other reasons for participation, please specify: _____

Travel details

* Arrival in Caux: day _____ month _____ year _____ time approx.: _____

* Departure from Caux: day _____ month _____ year _____ time approx.: _____

Arrival by: train car

Arrival at airport: Geneva Zurich Flight number: _____

Remarks: _____

The cost of your stay (please read the programme paragraph on page 3)

* I will contribute CHF/€/US\$/UK£ _____ per person per day.

Please put the name of the person or organization that is sponsoring you, should you not be able to pay CHF 92.– per day yourself:

Remarks: _____

Practical life of the house

Please indicate in which sector of the practical life of the house you would like to have a part:

Dining-room service Cooking Housekeeping Vegetable team Other _____

Meals/Diets

For each meal, the menus include a vegetarian option. Please indicate if you are following a diet:

Kosher Halal

If you have a medical diet, please indicate that here, and bring your medical certificate with you.

Please make yourself known to the diet kitchen on arrival for any of these needs.

The Conference Secretariat will send you a confirmation letter.

I have read your documentation relating to Caux 2008, and I would like to take part in the conference.

With my signature below I give consent for my personal data to be held by the Caux Conference Secretariat for the purpose of communicating with me about my application this year.

Following my stay in Caux in the summer 2008 I wish to receive:

Information about future conferences and other events taking place in Caux. This will be sent to me by the Caux Conference Secretariat.

Information about the next three events organized by *Initiatives of Change* in my country of residence as provided above. This will be sent to me by the national association of IofC in my country. My personal data will not be used for any other purpose than these three send-outs.

Place and date: _____ Signature: _____

