

Inaugural Conference:  
***The Golden Principle in Cote d'Ivoire***

Presented by  
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**THEME:**  
 "Let's revive The Golden Rule"

**A. OVERVIEW**

**"The Golden Rule directs all people to treat others as one wishes to be treated. Surrounding Earth, it is the human ethic prescribed most universally in diverse traditions of religions, cultures, and philosophies."**

**"The Golden Rule reveals a profound unity underlying the diversity of human experience.**

**It recommends personal decision-making based on humankind's inextricable mutuality, interdependence, and reciprocity -- one-ness."**

The Golden Rule is the cornerstone of religious understanding; it is the most complete expression of the oneness of all people, serving as the foundation for peace and universal goodwill on earth.

**B. OBJECTIVES**

Violent extremism is escalating worldwide, contributing to discrimination and intolerance based on belief or ideology, and this is a serious threat to building a peaceful co existence, reconciliation, non violence culture etc. In today's interconnected society, the teaching of the Golden Rule will enhance comprehensive cooperation among various sectors of society in building a just, sustainable, and peaceful future.

**OUTCOME "A"** : Particular focus was giving to the participants collective opinions to work and achieve the official declaration of The 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 as the International Golden Rule Day Commemoration in cote d'Ivoire, which will serve as a reminder, a pointer and also as a catalyst to ignite human consciousness on the community, state and global level the need and responsibility to practice and teach the Golden Rule principles not just as a religious dogma, but deep and lasting perennial wisdom.

Furthermore, the annual Commemoration of the International Golden Rule day in Cote d'Ivoire will focused on establishing collaborative governance for the development and implementation of the Golden Rule.

During the historical inauguration on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Participants look in-depth discussions on the following topics:

- (1) The need for cooperation between governments and civil societies in promoting the teachings of the Golden Rule in Cote d'Ivoire.
- (2) The value of the Golden Rule, which is a universal principle accepted by all for Global Citizenship Education, and the direction of Golden Rule education for sustainable development;
- (3) The role of media in spreading the Golden Rule principle and ways to build a global media network beyond borders for the popularization of the Golden Rule teachings;
- (4) The standards for determining a trustworthy religious cooperation, which is a common ground that brings different teachings together as a way to foster peaceful harmony amongst religions.
- (5) Implementation of interactive programs that effectively change outlooks and attitudes, such as extended weekend seminars and ongoing study groups (Dialogue Circles)
- (6) Equality of the genders in the decision making processes and activities.



**KPRIE Kouamé Germain presenting UFPACI**



**OFFUH James highlighting on the Preamble, principles and purpose of the Golden Rule**





### C. DEFINITION OF KEYWORDS

**Mission:** To equip young people (youths) with the communication and leadership skills necessary to address the root cause of hatred, discrimination, and violent conflict. We create a safe space for young people to meet face to face with those they have been taught to fear. Together, they develop personal connections based on empathy and respect and the confidence to transform divisive attitudes in their communities.

**Vision:** A more just and inclusive world, where engaged global citizens are fueled by the desire and the skills to come to deeply understand different perspectives, rather than to simply perpetuate their own.

**Goals: To promote Unity Inclusiveness, Gender Equality, Non violence culture, Interfaith Harmony, Intercultural Appreciation, social cohesion, social Justice and eradication of hate speech**

#### **D. OUTCOME “B”**

Under the slogan, “Awakening Human Compassion on others,” participants further develop and adjust an action plan based on the Golden Rule principle. Also, they actively encourage participation from international and regional NGOs, affiliated organizations and activists, policymakers, political leaders, religious leaders, civil society including women’s and youth groups, and the press.

In the spirit of interconnectedness the participants discovered together that the Golden Rule will serve them as a fundamental base for peace building, Conflict Transformation and mediation action in Cote d’Ivoire to achieve a peaceful co-existence, reconciliation, interfaith/Intercultural harmony, non violence culture etc all in one voice shouting “YES” to “Awakening Human Compassion on others” as a new world paradigm for social justice, preventing electoral violence, and atrocities.

#### **“Culture of Kinship”**

*“We won't get anywhere if we don't help each other.”*

~ Dave Letterman

*Helping Each Other with a Diffusion of Sympathy, Empathy, and Compassion*

~Charles Darwin (1809-1882) Darwin's prescription **for continued survival together.**

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**THE GOLDEN RULE**

**BAHA'I FAITH**  
Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.  
*Baha'u'llah, Cleanings*

**HINDUISM**  
This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you  
*Mahabharata 5:1517*

**BUDDHISM**  
Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful  
*Udana-Varga 5:18*

**CONFUCIANISM**  
One word which sums up the basis of all good conduct... loving kindness. Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself  
*Confucius, Analects 15:23*

**ISLAM**  
Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself  
*The Prophet Muhammad, Hadith*

**TAOISM**  
Regard your neighbour's gain as your own gain, and your neighbour's loss as your own loss  
*T'ai Shang Kan Ying Pien, 213-218*

**JUDAISM**  
What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary  
*Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a*

**SIKHISM**  
I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all  
*Guru Granth Sahib, pg. 1299*

**JAINISM**  
One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated  
*Mahavira, Sutakritanga*

**CHRISTIANITY**  
In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets  
*Jesus, Matthew 7:12*

**ZOROASTRIANISM**  
Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself  
*Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29*

**NATIVE SPIRITUALITY**  
We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive  
*Chief Dan George*

**UNITARIANISM**  
We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part  
*Unitarian principle*

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