



CSVGC-NY

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The Universal Ethics Working Group

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**Special Thanks to:**

Story Bowl Initiatives

**THE SPIRIT OF THE UN:**  
*Global Peace Through Reconciliation*

**Honoring:**

*2009 International Year of Reconciliation,  
2009 International Year of Human Rights Learning,  
and the Decade of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-*

*Opening our Hearts to  
Empathy through Story*

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00pm**  
**Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the  
United Nations**  
**828 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. 21<sup>st</sup> floor**  
**3:00-4:30pm**

**Week of Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns**  
**26-30 October 2009**



### **Welcome**

*Genie Kagawa*

On behalf of the Committee of Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns  
Universal Ethics Working Group

### **Welcoming Remarks**

*Minister Lawrence Obiasakin*

Permanent Mission of Nigeria, Noted Author

### **Story Bowl Initiatives**

*Robert Reiser*

Story Bowl Performers

### **Musical Interlude**

*Eileen Ain on Flute*

### **Storybowl Concert**

*Sekou*

*Laura Simms*

### **Respondents**

*Minister Lawrence Obiasakin*

*Kewaley Kumara, Storyteller*

### **Audience Participation**

*Faciliated by Martha Gallahue*

### **Closing**

*Eileen Ain on Flute*



## **Universal Ethics Working Group Mission:**

"To promote peaceful co-existence...it is necessary to extend inter-civilizational encounter to discourses about ethics." (UNU Workshop on "The Contribution of Ethics in the Dialogue of Civilizations", 24-25, May 2001) To this end, the working group on universal ethics and global concerns seeks to promote ethical conversations of the heart within the United Nations framework. These conversations are designed to promote converging awareness about human dignity, justice, freedom, equality, shared responsibility, care of the earth and non-violence. We will highlight all initiatives and strategies that promote both this discourse and convergence. We hold in respect diversity of ethical perspectives.

Promoting conversations includes research into UN documents, presentation of events, and active engagement in all that promotes ethical global engagement including coalition building. We seek to build a bibliography that will include ethical impact studies of institutional behavior. Through networking, we intend to build civil society's ethical working relationship with the UN system.

## **Discussion Questions:**

