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**BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS BOUNDARIES**

In observance of **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

4 February 2016, 3PM-5.30 PM, United Nations ECOSOC Chamber

Sponsored by the United African Congress, Give Them a Hand Foundation, Nusantara Foundation, Buddha’s Light International Association and the

International Association of Applied Psychology

in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, and the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations

**PROGRAMME**

**Welcome** Dr. Mohammed Nurhussein, Chairman, United African Congress

**MC** Gordon Tapper, Give Them A Hand Foundation

**Remarks**  H.E. Mr. Dawit Yirga Woldegerima, Charge d’affaires of Ethiopia to the UN

 H.E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN

 H.E. Mr. Muhammad Anshor, Charge d’affaires of Indonesia to the UN

**Keynote**  H.E. Dr. Thomas Gass, UN Assistant Secretary-General Policy Coordination and Inter-

 Agency Affairs, DESA

**Statements** Imam Shamsi Ali, Jamaica Muslim Center Masjid

 Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass, Chief Chaplain, New York Police Department

 Reverend Dionne P. Boisierre, Chaplain, Church Center To the United Nations

 Dr. Uma Mysorekar, Hindu Temple of New York

 Abbess Venerable Yu Rang, Buddhist Light International Association. (BLIA)

 Kevin Ka’nahsohon Deer, Spiritual/Cultural leader of the Longhouse People, Iroquois

**Video Presentation** Dr. Judy Kuriansky, International Association of Applied Psychology

**Musical Interlude**  BLIA singers, followed by Jamaican Haitian Singer, Sheimyrah Mighty.

**Panel Discussion and Q +A**

 **Moderator Milton Alimadi, Publisher and Editor of the Black Star News**

  **Panelists** Rabbi Jill Hausman (The Actors’ Temple), Imam Shamsi Ali, Dr. Uma Mysorekar,

 Reverend Dionne P. Boissiere, Venerable Ru Yang, Kevin Ka’nahsohon Deer

 **Closing** Sidique Wai, President, United African Congress & Senior Advisor to the

 Commissioner of Police (NYPD)

