



# Santos City Action Plan for Mayors for Peace – 2016/2017



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## Executive Summary

This report represents a new approach to peace in our city. The Hiroshima and Peace summer program and the Mayors for Peace gave a new perspective to Santos city, a perspective focused on hands on activities. This report is a result of a collective effort to make Santos city a reference for the Mayors for Peace on our continent. We have carefully planned activities that will empower new citizens to act in favor of peace and nuclear disarmament.

We begin with the creation of the Peace Commission in our city. This milestone is very important once will provide the voice to our people acting for peace and the space to be heard by its city representatives. The commission is a brand new opportunity to promote the message of Hibakushas to our world.

The media will be also an important partner in this new journey, so we plan to gather all media representatives and share with them the knowledge about peace communication. Education plays a big role in our plan. In partnership with the education office of the city we will be promoting peace talks, events and a workshop to promote the culture of peace and non-violence. The restorative justice has been also a new and amazing way to fight violence at schools, and we will be also supporting such activities

The city calendar is full of opportunities to communicate and share all the knowledge received during the summer program. We will be taking every opportunity to do it, and along with it we plan to plant seeds of peace and reproduce the Hibakusha's testimonials.

Beyond the activities in our city, we plan to enlarge the number of Mayors engaged on this journey against nuclear weapons and in favor of peace. By building important partnerships we plan to talk to more mayors in Brazil and South America, increasing significantly the number of members in the next 6 months.

We hope that with this actions we can achieve our porpoise to promote peace and the Mayors for Peace.

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## Letter from Santos City International Affairs Office

Considering the information brought by the representative of the City of Santos, Mr. Herbert Santo de Lima, from the Intensive Summer Course "Hiroshima of Peace", 2016, about a possible increased scope of work of the International Mayors for Peace Network, we have joined along efforts to different Municipal office representatives in order to promote peace.

We understand, at any time, the importance of the purpose of our network (especially now when we are watching the recent and irresponsible nuclear tests done by North Korea), we know the compromise to promote the awareness about the urgent need for nuclear disarmament on the planet, but also to articulate actions for the culture of peace and non-violence.

On the basis of testimonies of Hibakushas, about the need for "we fight the suffering", we conclude the work of the network can and must be amplified. We can say what that the reality of violence in Brazil is quite different from reality after Japan's suffered the nuclear attack. But the human suffering are common wherever we find ourselves.

Thus, our activities include actions passing by the core of the network of Mayors for Peace, extending to restorative justice programs at the Municipal Department of Education; the formation of the Municipal Commission for Peace with the City Department of Citizenship Defense that gathers the government, private sector and civil society in a single effort; The Wave Movement for Peace, organized by civil society and supported by the city of Santos; "Peace at schools", captained by ABRASOFFA NGO; Establishment of the "Nuclear Disarmament Day", when the city celebrates the tribute to the victims of atomic attacks annually on August 9th, and other activities that promote the culture of peace in our country.

Adding efforts and individual skills we intend to expand our action areas, while maintaining the focus on the promotion of a peaceful world, free of nuclear threats and other many forms of violence that promote the human suffering.

Ms. Paula Quagliato  
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## Thank you letter form Mr. Herbert Santo de Lima

*My life is my message*

*M. Gandhi*

To all Mayors for Peace organization.

It was amazing. I can tell you all for sure that I will remember for all my life the moments I had lived in Hiroshima last summer. During my whole life I have been working for peace, but for the first time I had the opportunity to find so many people that have the same belief as I do: "PEACE IS POSSIBLE, AND THERE IS NO WAY TO PEACE... PEACE IS THE ONLY WAY!".

I am really grateful for all the moments created by the Mayors for Peace organization. I was provided with the state of the art of academic knowledge about Hiroshima and the paths to peace. I have learned more in a week about peace than I ever had in my entire life, and that certainly opened my head and heart to new and insightful ideas that are helping me to achieve better results on my projects to promote peace back home in Brazil.

I have met with amazing students, professors and other people that are acting right at this moment to make the world a peaceful place. I am certainly that I will be working with several of them during my career and as a peace activist. I literally cried and laughed with my fellow students, this is the kind of bond that make us remember that we are all humans, and we are all looking for peace. I also want to thank a person that deserves all my gratitude. Mrs. Paula Quagliato, from Santos City office, thank you very much, since the beginning of this journey to Japan you helped me in every single step. I appreciate all your efforts and from all your staff to make this dream come true. Thanks to Santos City Mayor, Mr. Paulo Alexandre, you certainly is an inspiration to us all. Thanks to all Mayors for Peace staff, you have been so kind (just by remember you all my eyes are dropping tears).

There is no better way than saying thank you all than fulfilling my porpoise on this life. I will honor all the knowledge I have received. I will honor all stories I have heard. I will honor all the happiness that Japanese people have shared with me. I will honor the pain on the Hibakusha memory. I will honor Mayors for Peace invitation. I want to honor all that by showing you my actions in this life, for now own. The fist step to do so, is by presenting you this report that I have written.

Thank you all, may all of us find peace.

Mr. Herbert Santo de Lima

## 1. Introduction to activities

This report has been prepared carefully to make all the activities listed below feasible and sustainable. During the last month all cities in Brazil are really busy due the local elections. These election periods are really turbulent to all public administration and it



*Figure 1 - Meeting with city representatives*

is really hard to schedule meetings to talk about other subjects but elections. Although it is surprising how we managed to engage so many interesting people and to achieve so much on the last 30 days. A proof of that is that we managed to meet with the Vice-mayor of Santos city, the Education Secretary of Santos city and her executive team, the representatives of the

communications office of the city and the Social Development Secretary representative on a very important meeting that validate all the activities on this report. This meeting was a very important mark because it made possible the construction of new partnerships

The planned activities are created envisioning a long term development of the culture of peace in our city. The creation of spaces for discussion and promotion of peace are a great achieving for us all. The activities listed bellow, and for each activity there is a small table with the summary for better understanding and planning.

### a. The Santos Peace Commission

We have great news! After six years and many delays, the city of Santos has created a Commission of Peace. The Commission, with its weekly meetings, is organized to be able to generate impact on public, private and civil society activities of the municipality, with a focus on reducing violence through practices that encourage democratic participation of all citizens of the city. The commission supports actions such as the support of the Mayors for Peace Network, of which the city of Santos is a representative, as well as support activities of civil society, such as the “Paz na ponta do Giz” project of ABraSOFFA that promotes the concepts of peace within schools. The commission will also support meetings and events such as the ceremony in memory for the people killed by the A-bomb, and peace day activities.

A key role of the commission is to make the subject of PEACE a priority on the agendas of all leaders of the city (whether formal, such as the mayor and city representatives, or informal such as leaders that influence citizens' decisions). The idea for the Commission emerged six years ago from an initiative of ABraSOFFA- the Brazilian Association of Folklore Festivals Organizers – a nonprofit organization (NGO) that has always been an activist in the promotion of peace and that has undertaken several works against violence in the city of Santos, Brazil. In 2010 the ABraSOFFA held the 1st Congress of Peace in the Americas, which was attended by several scholars, including Dr. David Adams, who suggested the creation of the Commission for Peace in the city. ABraSOFFA and the Santos City Hall saw the opportunity to improve the promotion of peace and reduce violence in the city with the formalization of a group of people who could have representation and discuss the ways for a more peaceful society. For some time, the formation of the commission was discussed, until finally formalized in a democratic manner, hosting representatives of all civil society.

The next step is to provide the commission with knowledge and empower them to use the information in favor of nuclear disarmament and violence reduction. We are planning a cycle of lectures and seminars with the commission to discuss those subjects.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Knowledge sharing and empowerment
<b>Responsible</b>	Herbert Lima
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	Provide the commission with knowledge about the Mayors for Peace and deliver a minimum of 3 lectures and seminars to citizens in order to deepen the understanding of nuclear disarmament and peace, as a result of the learning process of the program Hiroshima and Peace (2016).
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	October 2016 to February 2017 – Monthly lectures for the Commission, open to public.

## b. The Role of media in peace building panel.

Inspired by the knowledge about the construction of a more peace driven media, we are planning a meeting with journalists and communication professionals in the city of Santos. The main idea is to present the concept of “peace media” and discuss with such professionals the paths to create an environment where it is possible to promote peace.

Santos City believe that this event is important once it will help the violence reduction on the city, and will also create an important discussion agenda for the region. For this event to happen we will count with the participation of local organizations and

the peace commission. The City Hall will offer its communications professionals to participate in the event and will support realization of the event.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Event (discussion panel)
<b>Responsible</b>	Paula Quagliato (Santos City) / Herbert Lima (volunteer)
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	An event to discuss the role of media in the peacebuilding and how it is possible to create a more suitable environment to promote peace.
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	To be confirmed.

### c. The seeds for peace and Hibakushas testimonials.

In partnership with the Environmental Affairs City Office, the Education City Office and the local Japanese association we plan to present the city with the opportunity to plant seeds from Hiroshima, and display the Hibakushas testimonials, as part of the Mayors for Peace activities. Two events are already scheduled to receive the seeds, the first one is to symbolize the beginning of the 2017 school year and the second one is the ceremony in memory of the killed by the A-bomb, that happens every year in Santos in the month of August. The idea is also to make the seeds available to other members of civil society and government to use the seeds to promote peace and disarmament.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Event / Lecture
<b>Responsible</b>	Secretary of Education, Secretary of Environment (Santos City) / Herbert Lima (volunteer) / local Japanese Community association.
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	An event to plant the seeds of peace and to display the Hibakushas testimonials.
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	February (2017) and August (2017)

### d. Paths for a peace education

The idea to inset the concepts of peace building at schools seems to be the most important agenda in order to promote peace. We plan to create an Educational Working Committee for Culture of Peace committee composed of educators in order to carry out a program of Education Training for Peace of 60 hours for professionals from all public basic education units of Santos in partnership with the Education Secretary.

The main objectives of the training are:

- Stimulating new ways of living together and the risk of nuclear weapons;
- Improve the group relations and climate at schools;
- Plan positive changes from the identification of common problems;
- Create communication networks and takes ACTIONS;
- Enable the affective look at the school units and work in common-unity, awareness and preparation of actions for local development
- Work culture for peace education in order to assess, sustain, co-create solutions and view results.

To achieve these goals the training consists of seven modules, two modules. All modules were created through inspirational organizations and methodologies already validated such as:

**Cooperation and Culture of Peace:** A Way of teaching and learning Shared, where each and every one master-apprentices are considered with-living the discovery of themselves and the world, through the encounter with others, before problem situations challenging them to find cooperative solutions to the success of all and for the well-being As-a.

**Pallas Athena:** The Palas Athena promotes agency and incubates programs and projects in the areas of Education, Health, Human Rights, Environment and Social Promotion, in order to improve human society through the approach of cultures and articulation of knowledge.

**Game Oasis:** The Oasis Game is a support tool for citizen mobilization for the realization of collective dreams.

**Hiroshima and Peace Summer Program:** Using the knowledge received during the program, we will be able to reproduce the most recent knowledge about peace and the history of Hiroshima.

**Nonviolent Communication:** supports the establishment of partnership and cooperation relations, in which predominates effective and empathetic communication. It emphasizes the importance of determining actions the basis of common values.

**Restorative justice** is a paradigm not punitive, based on values, which aims to repair the damages caused offense caused to the parties involved - victim, offender and community - and, where possible, the reconstruction of broken relationships.

**Circle Dances:** Promotes group of union, community spirit that is installed from the time when everyone, hand in hand, support and assist fellow and promote interculturalism.

**Psychomotricity:** study man through his body moving and in relation to its internal and external world.

Our plan is to reach 300 education professionals who will compromise to promote a culture of peace within and outside the school walls..

In order to apply such project we will be first looking for partners to fund the program in the city. The program can not be funded by the City Hall, once it is facing high budge costs due the crisis. We will look for private and civil society partners to fund this initiative.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Funding peace education project
<b>Responsible</b>	Herbert Lima (volunteer)
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	Search for funding to the project in order to promote peace at schools.
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	From September on.

#### e. Special Events participation

The participation on special events is one of the activities that will be enriched by the knowledge received during the Hiroshima and Peace program. There are already a list of events that will request the participation of Mr. Herbert Santo de Lima. The main idea is to spread the knowledge about the Mayors for Peace and to advocate in favor of nuclear disarmament. Among the events already scheduled are the seminar to all students representatives of the city, the wave of peace day (event organized by the Social development Secretary of the city), the peace day on September 21<sup>st</sup>, the disarmament day on August 90<sup>th</sup>, and others.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Participation in special events
<b>Responsible</b>	Herbert Lima (volunteer)
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	Participate on the events as a panelist or to advocate in favor of the nuclear disarmament
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	From September 2016.

## f. Map of Peace of Santos

After acknowledging all the peace activities at Santos city we realized the importance to report all them in a single place, in order to create partnerships and to give visibility to all actions in favor of peace. Peace is a very complex and broad subject, and it is being promoted by many different actors in the city. Our goal is to create a task force to report all of those in a single report, showing what we are doing for peace.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Map for peace
<b>Responsible</b>	The Peace Commission
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	Create a report with all peace related projects and activities of the city
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	From September 2016.

## g. Search for new city members for the Mayors for Peace network.

To cope with the goals of the Mayors for Peace secretariat we will be starting a campaign to engage new cities of South America. To promote in a more effective way the new memberships we are counting with a new partnership that will be spreading the information about the Mayors for Peace. The local NGO engaged with culture of peace at the city, ABRASOFFA – which Herbert is one of its members – will be responsible to represent our city. They have been chosen because they have many years of experience working with culture of peace and have an outstanding reputation and contacts with many different countries in South America, since for years they have been organizing festivals related to peace and education. The goal is to invite at least 50 new cities to join until the next semester.

<b>Activity Type</b>	Search for new members
<b>Responsible</b>	ABrasOFFA (NGO) / Mr. Herbert Lima
<b>Summary of the activity</b>	Engage new member cities on the Mayors for Peace network.
<b>Programmed schedule</b>	From October 2016.

## Final considerations

All these activities are planned considering a network of partnerships in order to generate a great impact on the city.

We sincerely hope that the Mayors for Peace secretary have the opportunity to follow our progress during the next year, and we are already inviting all you to participate as protagonists in our projects. We hope to find new ways to cooperate with other cities and to keep this amazing interchange experience we have started.

