

Fact Sheet

About Act.Now



Founded	December 2015
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Websites	www.act-n-o-w.com www.now-conference.org
Line of business	We initiate projects fostering a respectful, appreciative and caring social coexistence with a focus on international conferences.
Who we ARE	Act.Now is an enterprise based on a private initiative of its founders acting internationally and above party lines. Our office is located in Vienna.
What we WANT	In a time of profound social changes that bring about challenges to societies and democracies we want to stimulate public discourse and enhance public awareness about social solidarity and integration focussing on youth, refugees and migrants as well as locals.
What we DO	Act.Now supports people to take on more responsibility in their respective environment. Act.Now connects people and initiatives to raise the effectiveness of projects aimed to strengthen social cohesion. Act.Now provides information about social change and its impact on society to promote new solutions. To achieve its objectives Act.Now employs processes that are both cognitively and emotionally effective.

About International Institute for Peace (IIP)



President & Vice-Presidents	Hannes Swoboda, Angela Kane and Klaus von Dohnanyi
Managing director	Stephanie Fenkart
Websites	www.iipvienna.com www.facebook.com/IIPVIENNA
Who we ARE	The International Institute for Peace is an international, non-governmental organization (NGO) with headquarters in Vienna. The Institute (IIP) has consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and to the United Nations Organization for Education, Science, Culture and Communication (UNESCO). It operates on the basis of Austrian law as a non-profit association.
What we WANT	The IIP aims at conducting peace research but is also intended to function as a platform to promote non-violent conflict resolution in different areas of the world and to a wide range of people – scholars, military staff and civil society but also to students and people who are interested into topics concerning peace and peaceful approaches to existing conflicts.
What we DO	Work relating to requirements and conditions for sustainable peace is wide-ranging, and investigates the subject from many angles. In order to meet those challenges, the IIP is collaborating with various national and international institutions and organisations. The IIP – alone or in cooperation - organizes lectures, conferences and symposia on issues which are dealing with peace and/or peaceful conflict-resolutions. Research projects in cooperation with Austrian and international experts as well as with leading scholars also provide findings in the fields of economy, society and peaceful conflict resolution to governments and international organizations. The IIP is also publishing articles and books on relevant topics.





About NOW Conferences

NOW 4 - Kampala, September 2017

At the 4th International Conference NOW on „African Youth and Migration“ Act.Now in cooperation with the International Institute for Peace (IIP) brings together participants from more than 10 Sub Sahara African countries as well as European experts and politicians. During the three days of conference we aim to raise awareness for the situation and the perspectives of the African youth, migrants and refugees. The key findings and recommendations will be collected in a report and communicated to the 5th EU Africa Summit in November.

NOW 3 - Vienna, January 2017

The 3rd NOW Conference was dedicated to children. Major challenges facing refugee children and children on the move are a.o. violence, exploitation, trauma and lack of access to education. Many of these challenges are also faced by local children and youth in our own societies. Act.Now believes that social cohesion, protection, safe spaces for discovery, personal development, real chances for experiencing community, access to quality education and health, concerns all children - those who came as refugees, as well as local children in our own countries. Our aim is to contribute to developing a holistic approach to address the needs, identify areas of interventions and share good practice solutions for a better future of all children. The conference was curated by Viola Raheb, educationalist, theologian, activist for peace, gender equality and assistant at the Institute for Religious Studies at the University of Vienna and curator of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue.

NOW 2 - Athens, July 2016

The implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement to handle migration flows poses huge challenges for local communities in border regions. Mayors from affected municipalities in Greece, Turkey and Italy met at the second NOW-Conference to assess this agreement, together with representatives of NGOs, members of the European Parliament, experts and refugees. The conference was hosted by Hannes Swoboda, former MEP, and currently a board member of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue in Vienna.

NOW 1 - Vienna, January 2016

The first International Mayors' Conference NOW was held in January 2016 in Vienna. At that gathering, Mayors from local authorities along refugee routes (Middle East, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Austria, Germany), representatives of NGOs and people who had been forced to flee their homeland met for the first time to discuss practical solutions at local level.

For details see:

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