



## Kofi A. Annan

Kofi A. Annan of Ghana, the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, served from 1997 to 2006 and was the first to emerge from the ranks of United Nations staff. Mr. Annan was awarded the 2001 Nobel Prize for Peace jointly with the United Nations.

One of Mr. Annan's main priorities as Secretary-General was a comprehensive programme of reform aimed at revitalizing the United Nations and making the international system more effective. He was a constant advocate for human rights, the rule of law, the Millennium Development Goals and Africa, and sought to bring the organization closer to the global public by forging ties with civil society, the private sector and other partners.

At Mr. Annan's initiative, UN peacekeeping was strengthened in ways that enabled the United Nations to cope with a rapid rise in the number of operations and personnel. It was also at Mr. Annan's urging that, in 2005, member States established two new intergovernmental bodies: the Peacebuilding Commission and the Human Rights Council.

Since leaving the United Nations, Mr. Annan has continued to advocate for better policies to meet the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable, particularly in Africa. Mr. Annan serves as the President of the Global Humanitarian Forum and chairs several other initiatives: the Africa Progress Panel, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa and the Prize Committee of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

In 1999, the Faculty of Law at Lund University conferred an honorary doctorate on Kofi A. Annan.

## *The Anna Lindh Lecture 2008*



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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Anna Lindh**

19 June 1957–11 September 2003

Areas of responsibility as Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs

- Foreign and security policy
- Human rights
- The rights and best interests of Swedish citizens abroad

### *Education*

1982 Bachelor of Laws, Uppsala University

### *Positions*

1998–2003 Minister and head of  
the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1994–1998 Minister and head of  
the Ministry of the Environment

1991–1994 Vice Mayor responsible for  
Culture and Leisure Services  
and Chairman of the City Theatre of Stockholm

1984–1990 Chairman, Swedish Social Democratic  
Youth League

1982–1985 Member of the Riksdag (Swedish parliament),  
Committee on Taxation

1982–1983 Court Clerk, Stockholm City Court

1981–1983 Chairman, National Council  
of Swedish Youth Organisations

## *The Anna Lindh Lecture*

2 October 2008 at 18.30  
Lund University Hall

### *Welcome address*

Professor **Göran Bexell**  
Vice-Chancellor of Lund University

### *Address*

Ambassador **Jan Eliasson**  
former Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Chairman of the Anna Lindh Memorial Fund

### *Establishing a Culture of Prevention*

Dr. **Kofi A. Annan**  
former Secretary-General of the United Nations

### *Concluding address*

Ambassador **Hans Corell**  
former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs  
and Legal Counsel of the United Nations  
Chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute Board

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