



**“Peace at Home, Peace in Our Community”**

**Peace Conference Schedule**  
**Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort & Casino**  
**Cable Beach, Bahamas**

**Tuesday September 18:** Opening Ceremony 6.30 -8.30 pm  
Keynote speaker: Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie  
Prime Minister  
Commonwealth of The Bahamas

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**Wednesday September 19:** Conference –Day 1

**Independence B**

Invocation: 9 am

- ✚ Opening Remarks: **Hon. Bernard Nottage**  
Minister of National Security
  
- ✚ **Key Note Speaker:** “Ending Gender-Based Violence: Creating Partnerships and Solutions to Transform our Homes and Communities”  
**Ms. Anita Botti**  
Chief of Staff  
Secretary’s Office of Global Women’s Issues  
U.S. Department of State  
9.30-10.00
  
- ✚ Plenary 1: “Teaching Violence, Expecting Peace”  
**Dr. Michael Neville**  
Consultant Psychiatrist  
Sandilands Rehabilitation & Doctor’s Hospital  
Bahamas

10.15- 11.15

✚ Plenary 11: “Choosing to live in Discovery rather than being a Victim”

**Dr. David Allen**

Psychiatrist

Renascence Institute

Bahamas

11.30 – 12-30

✚ Lunch 12-45 – 1.45

### **Rum Runner**

Special Session: Stewards of Children 2.00 – 5.00 pm

**Marilyn Conolly**

Authorised Facilitator/Trainer

Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children

Cayman Islands

Concurrent Sessions: 2.00-3.15 pm

A. Session 2: **Independence A**

‘Hearing the Silent Voices’: The Plight of Children Exposed to Violence

**Dr. Novia Carter-Higgs**

Senior School Psychologist

Ministry of Education

Bahamas

B. Session 3: **Independence C**

Healthy Relationships Programme

HEART: Having Enjoyable, Affectionate and Real Togetherness

**Michelle Koonin**

Counsellor/Curriculum Developer

USA

C. Session 4: **Independence B**

“Journalism with a Conscience”

**Media Panel** (Teej Grant, Taneka Thompson, Noelle Nicolls)

Bahamas

D. Session 5: **Arawak B**

“The link between the harm of non-human animals and domestic violence in The Bahamas”

**Mr. William J. Fielding**

Director of Planning

College of The Bahamas

Bahamas.

E. Session 4: **Arawak B** 3.30– 5.00  
Reports from Regional Crisis Centres

F. Special evening session for Men: **Independence B** 6.00 -9.30 pm

Opening Remarks : **Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald**  
Minister of Education

“Engaging Men in Advocacy”

**Nathaniel Cole:** Consultant, N.OVATION  
Men Can Stop Rape Organization 6.30 – 7.30  
USA

**Thomas Holmes:** President, CariMAN (Dominica) 7.30 – 8.15  
Dominica

**Lt. Mark Wynn:** Consultant Trainer in Gender Based Violence  
Prevention  
Peace at Home: Beyond the Obvious  
USA  
8.15-9.00

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**Thursday September 20:** Conference – Day 2  
**Independence B**

Invocation:

Opening remarks: **Hon. Allyson Maynard-Gibson**  
Attorney General

Keynote Speaker: “Rising above the Scars”

**Johnetta McSwain** MSW, Ph.D. Candidate  
Empowerment Speaker, author and coach  
USA

9.30 -11 am

Concurrent Session 1 11.15 -12.45

A. **Independence B**

- i. "Blood Separation and Sensual Solutions: Engendering Harmony with Rastafari Households".

**Dr. Jahlani Niaah**

Doctor of Philosophy/Lecturer  
University of The West Indies  
Jamaica

- ii. "The Church: Pain or Peace"

**Pastor Barrington Brennen**

Counseling Psychologist & Marriage and Family Therapist  
Bahamas

- iii. "Gender Based Violence and Spiritual Healing"

**Theodore Tsavoussis**

Traditional Healer  
Bahamas

B. **Independence A**

- i. "The Relevance of International Treaties to National Development"

**Ms. Gabrielle Henderson**

Programme Specialist  
UN Women Sub regional Office for the Caribbean  
Barbados

- ii. "Due Diligence and State Obligation to End Violence against Women: global standards and good practices".

**Ms. Janine Moussa**

International Human Rights Lawyer  
Co-director of the Due Diligence Project  
USA

C. **Independence C**

"Beyond the Obvious: Investigating for Power and Control - Assessing the Threat to Victims and Police Officers"

**Lt. Mark Wynn**

Consultant Trainer in Gender Based Violence Prevention  
USA

Lunch 12.45-1.45

**Rum Runner**

Special Session: Stewards of Children Training 2.00 – 5.00 pm

**Marilyn Conolly**

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Cayman Islands

Concurrent Session 2 2.00-3.15

**D. Independence A**

“If you love me so much, why do you hurt me so?”

**Dr. Ada Thompson**

Physician

Bahamas

**E. Independence C**

“Living Precarious Lives: Protecting trafficking victims through the prevention, suppression and punishment of trafficking in persons”

**Mrs. Missouri Sherman-Peter**

Adviser, Ministry of National Security of The

Bahamas

**F. Taino**

i. “Peace at Home: What the Law Provides”

**Mrs. Cleopatra Christie**

Attorney

Bahamas

ii. “Corporal Punishment: A Painful Blow to Children's Rights”

**Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye**

Attorney-at-Law/Child Rights Advocate

Bahamas

**G. Session 4: Taino 3. 30– 5.00**

Reports from Regional Crisis Centres

**Auxiliary Event: Colloquium on Criminality**

College of The Bahamas

Performing Arts Centre

6 pm

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## **Friday September 21: Conference – Day 3**

Invocation: Rev. Angela Palacios

### **Independence A**


Opening Remarks: **Hon Fred Mitchell**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs & Immigration

Special Recognition: **International Peace Day –Peace Ambassadors**


Guest Speaker: Personal Peace-where the shift occurs (9.45 – 10.30)  
**Mrs. Helen MacMillan**  
Wholistic practitioner, Mind body expert  
Jamaica/USA

10-30-10-45: Lighting Candles for peace

### **CREATING PARTNERSHIPS**


 Session 1: 11.00-11.45


“Creating Partnerships for Peaceful Solutions”  
**Audrey Ingram-Roberts**

 Session 2: 12.00 – 1.30

i. Forming Partnerships (Group Deliberations)

- Regional Partnership
- Local Partnerships

 Lunch 1.30-2.15

 Session 3: 2.15 – 3.15  
Resolutions from group deliberations

 The Way Forward: **Dr. Sandra Dean-Patterson** 3.15- 3. 30

Conference Closing

 **Independence A**

Special Evening for youth and youth leaders 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Opening Remarks: **Hon. Daniel Johnson**

Minister of Youth, Sports & Culture

“Love is not Abuse”: Healthy Teen Relationships

**Roslyn Parker**

Social Entrepreneur and Humanitarian/USA

**Tyson McKenzie**

President of the National Youth Council/Bahamas