



## **Brief Introduction of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)**

The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP) is an international organization that was established in 2017 by **H.E. Ahmed Bin Mohamed Aljarwan**, its inaugural president. The organization aims to promote the value of tolerance and a culture of peace while fighting against discrimination and extremism through its different main components including the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), and the General Assembly.

The IPTP is a legislative body of the GCTP that provides a platform for national parliament members to discuss and cooperate on issues of contemporary world peace. Its first procedural session was held in the Maltese Parliament in Valletta in 2018. Comprising members from over 100 national parliaments, the IPTP has held ten plenary sessions worldwide, addressing critical issues such as food security, preventing violent extremism, and impacts of climate change impact on future conflicts. The IPTP, since its establishment, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with about 40 national parliaments and regional parliamentary bodies such as the Arab Parliament, Andean Parliament, Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO), Mercosur Parliament (PARLASUR), and the Pan-African Parliament (PAP). The current president of IPTP for 2023-2024 is the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The General Assembly of the GCTP is an annual gathering of universities, civil society organizations, and individuals who are concerned with promoting the value of peace and tolerance around the world.

The global headquarter of the GCTP is in Malta, where the organization is a party to a convention on diplomatic immunities and privileges for its members. The GCTP has branch offices in the MENA region, Europe, Africa, Latin America, and Asia Pacific (Cambodia), aiming for a global presence on every continent. The GCTP has also partnered with the United Nations Population Fund, and signed an MoU with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. The GCTP has an observer status at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).