

Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards give honorees chance to collaborate

Business-leaders from around the world awarded for interfaith work were able to share interfaith and business practices

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, December 11, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>Religious Freedom and Business</u> <u>Foundation</u> and the <u>United Nations</u> <u>Global Compact Business for Peace</u> hosted the inaugural <u>Global Business &</u> <u>Interfaith Peace Awards</u> in Rio de Janeiro this fall. The award ceremony offered a chance for twelve business-leaders from around the world from different faiths to join together and discuss how the business community can bridge cultural and religious divides.

The Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards hosted an award ceremony during which each honoree shared their



A group of honorees and representatives from international organizations gather at a tour of Christ the Redeemer during the Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards.

personal story of using business practices to foster religious and cultural diversity and tolerance in their community. The honorees were able to hear and learn from stories of others promoting religious and human rights.

"What we have done during this conference, is a series of miracles. Twelve of them. Each project, each story, each initiative had an impact," Dr. Mezoui, Senior Advisor for Humanitarian Affairs and Civil Society with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations said.

During the conference, the honorees and representatives from the Religious Freedom and Business Foundation and the United Nations also visited religious and historic sites in Rio de Janeiro. The group visited Christ the Redeemer, a colossal statue of Jesus Christ, that overlooks Rio de Janeiro. The statue is said to be one of the seven modern wonders of the world and an international symbol of Christianity.

"Everyone has shared their experiences, and I think we will leave for home reenergized about doing good things. It feels so good when you really help somebody," Dr. Hanifa Mezoui said.

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