

**Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk
delivers keynote address March 3 at Nobel Peace Prize Forum**

Former president of South Africa will hold press conference after address

MINNEAPOLIS – Decisions made by today’s leaders will have profound impacts throughout the 21st century on politics, the global economy, environment, and humanity. How leaders navigate these decisions will be part of the focus of a March 3 presentation by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk.

The former president of South Africa, who is presenting the keynote address on March 3 at the 24th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum, also will share how his own difficult decisions were integral to bringing equality and peace to that country, and how the same leadership principles are needed in today’s world.

De Klerk will speak from 9:15-10:15 a.m., March 3, at the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota. A press conference is from 10:30-10:50 a.m., also in Ted Mann Concert Hall. Flash photography is prohibited during de Klerk’s presentation, and the press conference. A mult box will be provided.

The former president also is presenting to K-12 children from 11-11:30 a.m., March 2, in Kennedy Center, Augsburg College, during the Nobel Peace Prize Festival.

De Klerk, who won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela, was the last president of apartheid-era South Africa, serving from 1989 to 1994. He is best known for engineering the end of apartheid, South Africa’s racial segregation policy, and for supporting the transformation of South Africa into a multi-racial democracy. In recent years, his passion for peace continues through his work addressing the complex challenges of the 21st century, such as building multicultural societies, rethinking immigration policy, and understanding global economic forces.

The Forum explores issues related to peacemaking and causes of conflict and war, and includes tracks on business, arts and music, education, and global studies. It runs from March 1-3 on the campuses of Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota. Tickets are available at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/>.

The forum is organized by Augsburg College (<http://www.augsburg.edu/>) in partnership with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and with ongoing sponsorship from the original college partners. The Nobel Peace Prize Forum is the only affiliation of the Nobel Institute outside Norway. It was founded during 1989 through a unique partnership between the Norwegian Nobel Institute and five private colleges – Augsburg, Augustana, Concordia (Moorhead), Luther and St. Olaf.

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