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Dayton Accords: 15 Years

The University of Dayton will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords next week with a banquet and forum featuring officials from the United States, United Nations and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Dayton Peace Accords: The First 15 Years" includes a banquet at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hope Hotel and a forum 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the University of Dayton Kennedy Union Ballroom. The banquet is $45 and the forum is free. Both events are open to the public. To register for either event, call Kate Evans at 937-333-3659 or visit http://daytonpeaceaccordsat15.eventbrite.com.

The Dayton Accords, held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in November 1995, was a major historical achievement that ended four years of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the 15 years since, the nation has confronted many political, social and economic challenges.

The forum will analyze these challenges from multiple perspectives, including Bosnian politics and law; U.S. policy towards Bosnia; the experiences of those who live in Bosnia and of those who have emigrated; organizational support for refugee resettlement and immigrant transition; and lessons to be learned from the Dayton Peace Accords in relation to conflicts and diplomacy around the world.

"The University of Dayton is honored to host this major forum to commemorate the historical significance of the Dayton Peace Accords but also to explore, from both policy and personal perspectives, ongoing challenges to peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina," said Paul Benson, dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences. "Dayton's role in hosting the Peace Accords process gives us the responsibility to continue to learn about the aspirations and needs of the Balkans and contribute academic insight to the region's challenges."

Additional sponsors for the events include Wright State University, Central State University, Sinclair Community College and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

Forum Schedule:

9 a.m.: Welcome, Administrative Remarks: Paul Benson, University of Dayton; Dayton City Commissioner Matt Joseph.

9:15-10 a.m.: Brief on Current Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH): H.E. Sven Alkalaj, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

10:15-11:30 a.m.: Real Life in BiH Panel: A brief discussion of day-to-day life by BiH residents: Moderator: Keith Doubt, Wittenberg University; Panelists: Željko Božić, Miroslav Živanović, Deputy Mayor of Sarajevo.

11:30 a.m.: Lunch and Keynote Address


3:15-4:30 p.m.: Closing panel: Applying Lessons Learned in BiH to Other Conflicts: Moderator: Margaret Karns, professor emerita of political science at the University of Dayton.

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