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Subud is an association of people from different religions, beliefs, nationalities and cultures, who have in common a spiritual practice known as the *latihan*. Through this individual, yet collective, practice, each person may discover his or her own truth, human potential, talent and inner guidance in accordance with individual capacity and commitment. The name 'Subud' is derived from the words 'Susila', 'Budhi' and 'Dharma', symbolising surrender to the experience of the divine life force within each person, which can effect inner transformation.

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo from Indonesia, was born in 1901 and died in 1987.

Global and diverse association...

There are Subud members in 77 countries spread across the globe, with group and national organisations in 54. Together they make up the World Subud Association (WSA), which is run on democratic and gender-equal principles, with volunteers active in local, national and international arenas. The diversity and scope of the association is celebrated every four to five years with a World Congress. In 2010 it was held in Christchurch, New Zealand; in 2014, it will be in Puebla, Mexico. Between congresses, business is carried forward by an international executive team supported by the World Subud Council.

A broad range of endeavours...

The association encourages the expression of spirituality in daily life supporting its members to develop their true talent. This gives rise to a diverse range of social, cultural, entrepreneurial, and educational activities. To assist in these endeavours, the association has set up humanitarian and cultural branches: the Susila Dharma International Association www.susiladharma.org – which holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – and the Subud International Cultural Association. In addition it makes use of its global networks to support enterprise and youth activities.

Centres for spiritual practice and community activities...

With the assistance of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation www.msubuhfoundation.org - established by the WSA in 1991 – initiatives are supported towards the acquisition of venues for members to practice the *latihan*, and to create spaces open to the broader community.

Looking to connect and cooperate...

Through participation in international fora such as The Parliament of World Religions, Religions for Peace, and the Coalition for the "Initiative for a UN Decade for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace", the WSA seeks to share, learn and reflect together with the global community, striving towards sustainable human development and peace for all.



Background photo centerfold: Mexico sunset, insert: Colombian dancers: Osanna Vaughn • Youth Meeting, French Pyrenees: Osanna Vaughn • Big Hall, Amanecer Subud Center, Quindio Province, Colombia: Osanna Vaughn • Muhammad Subuh Centre, Rungan Sari, Central Kalimantan: courtesy Muhammad Subuh Foundation • Savill Garden Building, Green Oak Carpentry, UK: Andrew Holloway • Ukraine Congress, Cherkassy, Ukraine: Evheniya Pichugina • Yamba Yamba Band, outside Kinshasa, DR Congo: Julia Hurd • Indonesia 60th Anniversary Celebration, Surabaya: Ami Rasyidi • Australia Gathering and Congress: Hadrian Fraval