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Kofi Annan in conversation with His Highness the Aga Khan and Global Centre for Pluralism (GCP) Secretary General John McNee in 2013. Mr Annan served on the GCP Board since 2010 and delivered the GCP's Annual Pluralism Lecture in 2013.
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Aga Khan pays tribute to Kofi Annan

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Accra, Ghana, 13 September 2018 - His Highness the Aga Khan, at the invitation of the President of Ghana, His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo, today joined world leaders to pay tribute to former Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. Mr Annan was laid to rest

at a State funeral in Accra, Ghana earlier today.

The Aga Khan, Imam, (Spiritual leader) of the Shia Ismaili Muslims and founder of the Aga Khan Development Network, was accompanied by his daughter Princess Zahra Aga Khan.

Mr Annan was a friend of the family and a valued partner of the Aga Khan Development Network. In 2010, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Global Centre for Pluralism, founded by the Aga Khan in Ottawa Canada, in partnership with the Government of Canada. The Centre was created to advance positive responses to the challenge of living peacefully and productively together in diverse societies.

His Highness thanked the Government of Ghana for bringing together dignitaries, friends and colleagues from around the world to honour Mr Annan's accomplishments.

He paid tribute to Mr Annan's service to the cause of peace and tolerance. "Kofi Annan fought for peace, dignity, and respect, traits which he embodied throughout his life's work. Mr Annan was a unique leader, who, as Secretary General of the United Nations, as a member of the Elders and through the Kofi Annan Foundation, had an impact on world events which will be remembered for their contribution to help bring stability and hope to so many parts of the globe. He was a remarkably generous individual and trusted friend. He will be greatly missed."

Princess Zahra, who served on the Board of Directors of the Global Centre for Pluralism with Kofi Annan, also expressed her deep sadness at the loss of the visionary leader.

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