

# Claudia Abate-Debat

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**The Foundation for Post Conflict Development’s Founder and Executive Director**, Claudia Abate-Debat, has more than twenty years of international experience with inter-governmental, governmental and non-profit sectors. With thirteen years at the United Nations, and seven as Timor-Leste Prime Minister’s Special Advisor, Ms. Abate-Debat has been a personal witness and participant to democracy in action. The Foundation for Post Conflict Development (FPCD) is a 501(c)(3) public charity and a non-governmental organization associated with the Department of Public Information of the UN. The FPCD’s mission is to spur economic and social rehabilitation after a conflict while abstaining from any judgment on the conflict itself.

In 2004 Claudia Abate-Debat successfully inspired the Monaco Red Cross to engage in a project in Timor-Leste and was subsequently responsible for overseeing the proposal, execution, inauguration and initial operation of what is known as the **Prince Rainer III of Monaco Maternity Clinic**, the first of its kind in Timor-Leste. The landmark project became the government model for sixty-four Maternity Clinics. Since then, an additional maternity clinic, three youth centers, a reforestation and family income project and sandalwood park have been created with Ms. Abate-Debat at the helm.

While at the UN, Ms. Abate-Debat was in service during some of recent history’s most significant summits in the Security Council, General Assembly and world-wide. Ms. Abate-Debat has assumed advisory roles with the 66<sup>th</sup> President of the UN General Assembly and various non-profit organizations. Ms. Abate-Debat is active in civil society and also represents Nobel Peace Laureate Jose Ramos-Horta on PEACEJAM, an international peace education institution.

Ms. Abate-Debat has been noted for several awards, most recently a nominee for the Seoul Peace Prize and recipient of the Global Citizenship Award from Orphans International. Humanitarian, diplomat, project manager, philanthropist, with a Master’s Degree in Social Science, Ms. Abate-Debat was born October 8, 1971, is married and has one child.

Claudia Abate-Debat’s Word Cloud



<b>EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>M.S. Social Science (2000)</b>  <b>Graduate Certificate UN Studies</b>  Long Island University, New York</p> <p><b>B.A. Spanish (1993)</b>  <b>Minor in Political Science/International Relations</b>  Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey</p>
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<b>English, Swedish, Spanish, French. Basic Knowledge of Portuguese and Tetum</b>
<b>CAREER</b>	<p><b>Founder &amp; Executive Director - Foundation for Post Conflict Development</b> (2004-present)  Steer all operations of the 501 (c) (3) public charity established to assist countries emerging from conflict situations with projects necessary for their economic and social reconstruction focusing on maternal health, youth, the environment and veterans.</p> <p><b>Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste</b> (July 2007-March 2013)  Advised the Prime Minister about investment and development opportunities. Liaised with Heads of State and senior government officials on behalf of the Prime Minister. Drafted speeches, talking points, background notes and reports. Portfolio included sport, culture, youth, health, environment, veterans and poverty reduction. Mobilized more than \$1 million dollars of investment. Organized visits to Timor, including for the Prince of Monaco. Opened relations between Monaco and Timor yielding a diplomatic accord. Raised international awareness about Timor through public speaking and organizing events. Worked under unique circumstances including an attempted coup d'etat in 2008 to the successful break of post conflict cycles of violence that have allowed Timor-Leste to succeed in its own development.</p> <p><b>Special Advisor on Post Conflict Development</b> to the President of the 66<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Nassir Al-Nasser of Qatar (2012)</p> <p><b>Advisor</b> to the World Peace Festival, Germany (2011)</p> <p><b>Special Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations</b> (2007-2011)  Diplomatic advice and assistance, including election strategy for the Human Rights Council (HRC) and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).</p> <p><b>Special Advisor to the President of Timor-Leste</b> (2006-2007)  Advised on investment and development; drafted speeches, background notes and reports.</p> <p><b>Notary Public</b>, Commissioned in the State of New York (2003-present)</p>
<b>UNITED NATIONS</b>	<p><b>Meeting Planner, Department of General Assembly and Conference Management</b> (2005-2006)  Organized daily schedule of meetings at UN Headquarter by liaising with UN and diplomatic delegations.</p> <p><b>Conference Officer</b> (March 1994-December 2004)  Coordinated UN Conferences; protocol duties; diplomatic, civil society and press liaison; staff training and supervision; managed World Summits (ie. New York, South Africa, Denmark, Jamaica and Mexico).</p> <p><b>Timor-Leste Independence Day Support Officer (UNTAET)</b> (April-May 2002)  Part of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Timor-Leste. Prepared in daily consultation with government officials, activities and ceremonies marking the restoration of independence.</p> <p><b>Economic and Social Council Servicing Branch/Meeting Servicing Assistant</b> (February-December 2001)  Drafted Chairman's speaking notes and official documents of the Council.</p>

**UNITED  
NATIONS**

**Election Observer, United Nations Electoral Mission in Fiji (UNFEOM)** (August- September 2001)  
Observed electoral/ post-electoral period; met with civil society; reported to the UN General Assembly.

**General Assembly Affairs Assistant** (September –December 1999)  
Maintained “list of speakers” for all General Assembly meetings and Special Sessions.

**Editorial Clerk** (December 1993- February 1994)

**LEADERSHIP**

**Business Leader Survey Participant** (2014-present) **Federal Reserve Bank of New York**

**Dame** (Invested 2013)

**Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, Lieutenancy of the Principality of Monaco**

**Chairperson** (Elected 2013) **and Board Representative for Nobel Peace Prize Winner Jose Ramos-Horta**  
**PEACEJAM** – An International Peace Education Institution united by Nobel Laureates (2008-Present)

**Nominee for contribution to Peace, Seoul Peace Prize** (2012)

**Board Member, US Committee for the University for Peace** (2007-2010)

**Global Citizenship Award, Orphans International Worldwide** (2010)

**Chairperson** (Elected 2004-2006)

**Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management Working Group on Integrity**

**Curator, HUMANITY UNITED ART EXHIBIT** (2004, 2006) Works by Charles Billich at the UN in New York

**Peace Monitor Award**, from the UN Non Governmental Organization Committee for Sports (2004)

**Rapporteur** (February 1996) **UNEP/IOC Conference on Sport and the Environment**, Norway

**Staff Writer** (1995; 1999; 2002) **United Nations Secretariat News**

**SELECT SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS**

***“Monaco is Synonymous with Humanitarian Action”***

On the Occasion of the Ascension to the Throne of Prince Albert II, Singapore, 12 July 2009

***“Sustainable Peace through Reconciliation”***

Panel Discussion at the United Nations, New York, 5 February 2009

***“Inauguration Speech”*** On the occasion of the inauguration of the Prince Rainier III Maternity Clinic  
Timor-Leste, April 19, 2008

***“Approaches to Peace and Sport”***

Organization for Peace and Sport International Forum, Monaco, 6 December 2007

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***Writing Samples, Presentation Samples and References furnished upon request***