

DECLARATION OF THE 2nd GLOBAL BUDDHIST SUMMIT 2026

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“Collective Wisdom, United Voice, and Mutual Coexistence”

We, the participants of the **2nd Global Buddhist Summit (GBS) 2026**, comprising venerable members of the Sangha, Buddhist scholars, practitioners, policymakers, educators, civil society representatives, and thought leaders from diverse Buddhist traditions and regions of the world, convened at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 24–25 January 2026 under the aegis of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC),

Recalling the outcomes of the **1st Global Buddhist Summit (2023)** and reaffirming our shared commitment to translating the timeless wisdom of the Buddha Dhamma from philosophy into compassionate and ethical action in response to contemporary global challenges;

Guided by the Buddha's teachings on **Paṭicca-samuppāda (Dependent Origination)**, compassion (*karuṇā*), wisdom (*prajñā*), ethical conduct (*sīla*), non-violence (*ahimsā*), and right livelihood, which illuminate the deep interdependence of all beings and the shared responsibility for peace, harmony, and well-being;

Recognising that the modern world faces profound social, political, economic, environmental, and psychological challenges marked by conflict, inequality, alienation, ecological degradation, and erosion of trust;

Affirming that collective wisdom, when nurtured through dialogue, ethical engagement, and mutual respect, generates a united moral voice capable of guiding societies towards harmony, justice, and sustainable coexistence;

Acknowledging the richness and diversity of Buddhist traditions and affirming that unity in the Buddha Dhamma is strengthened not by uniformity but by respectful plurality grounded in shared values and common purpose;

As participants of GBS, we hereby solemnly declare the following:

1. Reaffirmation of Collective Wisdom

We reaffirm that wisdom attains its fullest expression through community, dialogue, and shared ethical aspiration. Collective wisdom, rooted in the Buddha Dhamma, is essential for addressing global challenges and nurturing peaceful, inclusive, and resilient societies.

2. United Voice for Peace and Social Harmony

We commit to strengthening a united Buddhist voice that promotes peace, non-violence, compassion, and reconciliation, while respecting cultural, doctrinal, and regional diversity within the global Buddhist community.

3. Commitment to Mutual Coexistence

We affirm that coexistence of all sentient beings is not mere tolerance but an active, mindful recognition of interdependence. We pledge to advance models of coexistence grounded in empathy, dialogue, and shared responsibility for the well-being of all beings.

4. Interfaith and Intercultural Engagement

We encourage sustained and meaningful interfaith and intercultural dialogue, drawing upon the Buddha's teachings on right speech, good friendship (*kalyāṇamitta*), and peaceful dispute resolution, to foster trust, mutual understanding, and collaborative peace-building.

5. Ethical Livelihood and Responsible Economic Conduct

We endorse the principle of Right Livelihood as a foundation for ethical entrepreneurship, inclusive economic development, and mindful engagement with material progress, ensuring that economic activity serves human dignity and ecological balance.

6. Health, Science, and Sustainable Living

We recognise the growing relevance of Buddhist insights for mental health, healthcare, scientific inquiry, and sustainable living. We encourage interdisciplinary research and practice that integrate ancient wisdom with modern knowledge for holistic well-being.

7. Education and Transmission of the Dhamma

We commit to strengthening Dhamma-centred education that is experiential, inclusive, and adaptive to contemporary realities, enabling future generations to internalise and live the values of mindfulness, compassion, and wisdom.

8. Role of the Sangha and Community Life

We reaffirm the central role of the Sangha as a living embodiment of collective practice, ethical discipline, and spiritual friendship, and support efforts to reinterpret Sangha dynamics in ways that strengthen community resilience and unity in diversity.

9. Global Responsibility and Environmental Stewardship

We acknowledge the urgency of ecological crises and affirm the Buddhist ethical responsibility to protect nature, recognising the inseparable link between human flourishing and environmental sustainability.

Call to Action

We call upon Buddhist institutions, governments, international organisations, educational bodies, and civil society to draw upon the principles articulated in this Declaration and to collaborate in translating the Buddha Dhamma into compassionate policies, ethical governance, and socially responsible action.

Conclusion

Inspired by the eternal teaching that "*hatred does not cease by hatred, but by non-hatred*", we reaffirm our shared resolve to embody the spirit of **Collective Wisdom, United Voice, and Mutual Coexistence**, and to work together for a peaceful, just, and compassionate world for present and future generations.

Adopted at New Delhi, 25 January 2026