



Dear friend,

We are honored to invite you to join an Aurora Dialogues Online event titled “**Vartan Gregorian. The Aurora Co-Founder,**” set to bring together representatives of the global humanitarian community and commemorate the life of Aurora Co-Founder and member of the Aurora Prize Selection Committee Vartan Gregorian – an outstanding Armenian American humanitarian who was a man of great inner strength and a reservoir of compassion. After his passing in April 2021, **a series of events dedicated to honoring his legacy** was organized in Armenia.

In 2015, together with Noubar Afeyan and Ruben Vardanyan, Vartan Gregorian co-founded the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative on behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviors. His passionate commitment to the power of our common humanity was truly inspiring, and his spirit of gratitude was one of his numerous personal qualities that warmed the heart of anyone who met him. Throughout his life, Vartan Gregorian made a massive difference, and **his loss is mourned around the world.**

The Aurora Dialogues event will focus on Vartan Gregorian’s extraordinary life as Aurora Humanitarian Initiative’s Co-Founder, humanitarian, educator and mentor. The tribute will be hosted by David Ignatius, Associate Editor and Columnist for the Washington Post, with speakers including Aurora Co-Founders, Aurora Prize Selection Committee members and Aurora Prize Laureates.

The event will be broadcast live on the Aurora channels on Facebook in three languages – English, Armenian and Russian and on YouTube English, Armenian and Russian.

SPEAKERS

Noubar Afeyan

Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative; Founder and CEO, Flagship Pioneering

Deana Arsenian

Creative Council Member, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative; Vice President, International Program and Program Director, Russia and Eurasia at Carnegie Corporation of New York

Maggy Barankitse

2016 Aurora Prize Laureate; Founder, Maison Shalom

Tom Catena

Chair, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative; 2017 Aurora Prize Laureate; Medical Director, Mother of Mercy Hospital, Nuba Mountains

Lord Ara Darzi

Chair, Aurora Prize Selection Committee; Director, Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London

Mirza Dinnayi

2019 Aurora Prize Laureate; Co-Founder and Director, Luftbrücke Irak (Air Bridge Iraq)

Shirin Ebadi

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Nobel Laureate; Iranian lawyer and a human rights activist; Founder, Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran

Leymah Gbowee

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Nobel Laureate; Founder and President, Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa

Hina Jilani

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan and a human rights activist; Former UN Special Representative, Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

Bernard Kouchner

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Former French Foreign Minister and former Minister of Health of France; Co-Founder, Médecins Sans Frontières

Samantha Power

USAID Administrator; Former US Ambassador to the United Nations; former Aurora Prize Selection Committee member

John Prendergast

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; human rights activist; Co-Founder, The Sentry

Mary Robinson

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Chair, The Elders; Former President of Ireland and Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ruben Vardanyan

Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative; Co-Founder, Noôdome

Ernesto Zedillo

Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member; Director at Yale Center for the Study of Globalization; Former President of Mexico

MODERATOR

David Ignatius

Associate editor; Columnist for the Washington Post

DATE & TIME

JUNE 5, 2021

10 AM New York | **3 PM** London | **5 PM** Moscow | **6 PM** Yerevan

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