

A LIFE COMMITTED TO WORLDWIDE COOPERATION



Ms. Ghada Fathy Waly, UNODC Executive Director & UNOV Director-General, with Prof. Günther A. Granser during the 2020 UNODC Youth Forum



Ambassador Granser and Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



Ambassador Granser and Dr. Gerd Müller, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



Realizing sustainable development and smart growth is the decisive strategic challenge of our generation, and the tasks of integrating economic development and expansion, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability have become indisputable globally. One of the men who has realized and accepted this complex challenge is Prof. Günther A. Granser, who has devoted more than 50 years of his life to international service and diplomatic as well as economic leadership.

In the late 1960s, Professor Granser assumed responsibility and became the Secretary General of the OïER – the Organization for International Economic Relations. Thus, he laid the foundation for an exceptional career in business management and international diplomacy. Since its formation in 1947, the OïER's main expertise has been to facilitate topics among governments as well as international organizations, business communities, global financial institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

Under the leadership of Professor Granser, chairman of the OïER International Council, the organization focuses successfully on building high-end partnerships and identifying trends in a global context as well as on addressing future-oriented key issues in the areas of innovation, communication, environment, health, energy, and mobility. The OïER maintains worldwide relationships and supports fast growing international networks in more than 65 countries.

Ban Ki-moon and Kofi Annan, both former Secretary Generals of the United Nations, expressed their special thanks in personal meetings in New York, Berlin and Vienna for Prof. Granser's contribution to the lasting cooperation between East and West and the promotion of peace. The President of the 62nd General Assembly of the United Nations, Srđjan Kerim, pointed out that important impulses were delivered by Prof. Granser in very important topics such as sustainability, innovation, corporate social responsibility, and public-private partnerships.



From left: Presentation in New York: Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations; Reception in Vienna: Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations, and Prof. Günther A. Granser, Chairman OïER International Council; UN conference with United Nations Secretary General António Guterres

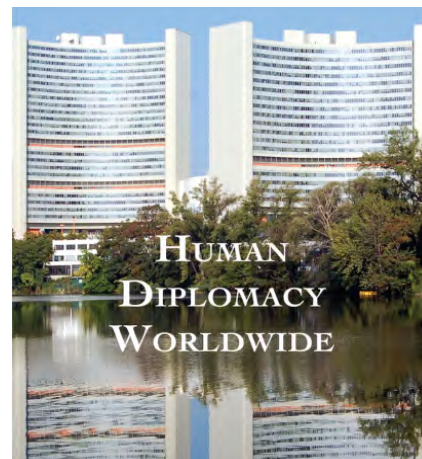
A special subject, which is dear to his heart, has always been humanitarian diplomacy and worldwide disaster relief. For more than 25 years, Professor Granser has served as Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta. Currently working as the Head of the Order's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office, IAEA, UNIDO, and other international Organizations in Vienna, he oversees worldwide humanitarian activities of the Order's indefatigable efforts in helping the poor, the underprivileged, and the people in need in general. With more than 950 years of impressive history as a independent state, the Order of Malta, recognized as a sovereign subject of international law, has bilateral diplomatic and official relations with more than 116 countries and multilateral relations on ambassadorial level with the European Union, the United Nations and several other international organizations. The Order maintains a neutral, impartial and non-political position and leads worldwide medical and disaster relief programs and humanitarian aid in more than 120 countries through its international aid agency "Malteser International".

With his forward-looking involvement as active patron of numerous cultural and scientific institutions, such as classical music festivals, opera houses, museums, and several universities and schools of higher education

throughout Europe, Professor Granser constantly avails himself of the opportunity to support art and life sciences. Together with his fellow board members of the United Global Academy, and as the president of this well-established research stronghold and its network of universities, he courageously facilitates transcontinental scientific knowledge transfer and leadership in global research. He is the founder of the United Global Academy-Award for outstanding achievements in research. With the foundation of the "Granser-Research Award", he fosters the exemplary strategies in sustainability of the University for Life Sciences – BOKU in Vienna.

In his statement in "Global Challenges 2030" Prof. Granser pointed out that dialogue, communication, education, research, and fair economic actions are the most important sectors for future generations. His personal motivation for his actions is the enhancement and consolidation of a peaceful living together of people, on a basis of growing common prosperity and understanding. This is the motor for the development and organization of his competent network of excellence, which is connecting partners in politics, economy, science and culture. For his truly challenging life-task, Professor Granser has been distinguished and decorated with highest honors by heads of state.

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Ambassador Granser's personal motivation is a consolidation of peaceful living, innovation for future challenges and human diplomacy



"Granser Research Award" at the University of Life Sciences BOKU with President Mag. Erwin Hameseder, Raiffeisen Holding NÖ, and awardee



Opening of Grafenegg Festival with Artistic Director Rudolf Buchbinder



From left to right: Cooperation of UNODC and Sovereign Order of Malta: Youth Initiative and Youth Forum at the UNODC conference; Following an invitation by Prof. Günther A. Granser, from left to right: the Ambassadors of USA, South Africa, People's Republic of China, Turkey, Great Britain and Jordan