



Please join us for a press conference announcing  
**The 23rd UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival)**  
presented online this year  
The theme is **“THE POWER OF EMPATHY”**

**UNAFF 2020** to screen **60 documentaries** for eleven days **October 15-25** spotlighting current events from across the globe including Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Greenland, Guatemala, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Pakistan, Russia, Serbia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, Venezuela, UK, and the US.

Additional topics include:

*Werner Herzog meeting Mikhail Gorbachev gives a fresh insight into one of the most significant happenings of the late 20th Century; how a US value system built on the extreme masculine ideals of money, power and control has glorified individualism, institutionalized inequality, and undermined the ability of most Americans to achieve the American Dream; Wim Wenders about asylum seekers; black food justice movement; redefining policing and its mandate to “keep people safe,” while transforming the ways in which law enforcement approach and help those who suffer from mental illness; how the federal government, with crucial support from medical professionals and civil rights activists, leveraged Medicare funding to bring down the Jim Crow hospital system; Joan Baez learning the power of nonviolence from the Rev. Martin Luther King; young people around the world to put Earth first; how we got to be so overloaded with chemicals; a new generation of startups led by minority women are seeking to solve agriculture’s problems with tech innovation; all over the globe, catastrophic wildfires are threatening not only our homes and our lives, but also the climate and our future.*

**MONDAY, September 21, 2020**

online Zoom presentation

**5:30pm Press Conference**

Introductory remarks by UNAFF Founder and Executive Director Jasmina Bojic, who will present the festival trailer, program, and filmmakers, with special guests

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Press kits and screening schedules  
will be available on the web site after the press conference

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