

Akaash Maharaj

Chief Executive Officer



Akaash Maharaj is CEO of the Mosaic Institute, and leads our work strengthening pluralism within societies and peace between countries.

Mosaic brings together people, communities, and nations, to foster mutual understanding and to resolve conflict. Our projects have included peaceful co-existence on the Tibetan Plateau, national reconciliation after the Sri Lankan civil war, addressing post-genocide trauma, and landmark research on the perceptions and realities of imported conflict in expatriate communities.

Akaash also serves as Ambassador-at-Large for the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption. He has addressed the United Nations on international prosecution of Crimes Against Humanity, and he has a special commitment to reconciliation in conflict states.

A frequent contributor to international debate, his articles have been published by newspapers in every populated continent, he was a broadcast essayist with TVOntario's "The Agenda", and *Maclean's* magazine named him one of Canada's 50 "most well known and respected personalities".

Outside of his professional life, he was a triple gold medallist at the International Championships of Equestrian Skill-at-Arms. He subsequently led the Canadian Equestrian team and federation as CEO, to the team's most successful Olympics and Paralympics of all time.

Akaash earned his Master of Arts from Oxford University, in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and he was the first overseas student elected President of the student government in Oxford's history. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, of the Royal Asiatic Society, and of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

He has been decorated twice in Canada's national honours, for his work on peace in the Middle East and for services to integrity in international sport. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, the state's highest honour, for his contributions to global affairs.

An active volunteer, he has taught adult literacy, has served as on a range of international and local community boards, and has been particularly involved with UNICEF's efforts on childhood welfare. He is fluent in English and French.

Akaash's personal web site is www.Maharaj.org.