

An appeal to the world's foundations and philanthropists by the world's environmental prize winners

“Aghast that the Earth is heading for 4 to 6 degrees Celsius of global warming, given current policies on the burning of coal, oil and gas;

Terrified that we will lose our ability to feed ourselves, run out of potable water, increase the scope for war, and cause the very fabric of civilization to crash as a consequence of the climate change that global overheating will bring about;

Devastated that our governments have not succeeded yet in slowing, much less stopping, the flow of greenhouse gases into our thin atmosphere, in the full knowledge of these risks, despite a quarter century of trying;

Aware that the UN Climate Summit in Paris in December 2015 may be the last chance to agree a treaty capable of saving civilization;

Believing that the world's philanthropic foundations, given the scale of their endowments, hold the power to trigger a survival reflex in society, so greatly helping those negotiating the climate treaty;

Recognizing that all the good works of philanthropy, in all their varied forms, will be devalued or even destroyed in a world en route to 6 degrees of global warming or more, and that endowments that could have saved the day will end up effectively as stranded assets;

We, 160 winners of the world's environmental prizes, call on foundations and philanthropists everywhere to deploy their endowments urgently in the effort to save civilization.”

Ibrahim Abouleish, Egypt, Right Livelihood Award, 2003; **Ekwoke Abwe**, Cameroon, Whitley Award, 2013; **Badria Al-Awadi**, Kuwait, UNEP Global 500 Award, 1988; **Martin Almada**, Paraguay, Europa Solar Prize, 2005; **Karl Amman**, Kenya, TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment, 2007; **Dipal Chandra Barua**, Bangladesh, Zayed Future Energy Prize, 2009; **Nnimmo Bassey**, Nigeria, Right Livelihood Award, 2010; **Sergei Bereznuik**, Russia, Rolex Award, 2012; **Heide Bergmann**, Germany, Trophée de Femmes, 2007; **Andreas Bett**, Germany, German Environmental Prize, 2012; **Richard Bradford**, UK, Ashden Award, 2006; **Hildegard Breiner**, Austria, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2004; **Helen Caldicott**, Australia, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2011; **Wang Canfa**, China, TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment, 2007; **Aimee Christensen**, USA, Hillary Laureate, 2011; **Terence Collins**, USA, The Heinz Award for the Environment, 2010; **Stuart Conway**, USA, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2009; **John Corkill**, Australia, The Peter Rawlinson Conservation Award, 2001; **Clive Crouch**, Australia, The Peter Rawlinson Conservation Award, 2006; **Erika Cuéllar**, Bolivia, Rolex Award, 2012; **Åshild Dale**, Norway, Europe - Norway Laureate, 2000; **Franz Daschner**, Germany, German Environmental Prize, 2000; **Juliet Davenport**, UK, OBE for services to renewables; **Patricia Davis**, UK, Future for Nature Award, 2012; **Rolf Disch**, Germany, World Energy Globe, 2013; **Ofir Drori**, Cameroon, Future for Nature Award, 2012; **Desmond D'Sa**, South Africa, The Goldman Environmental Prize, 2014; **Patrick Duffy**, Canada, IAlA Outstanding Service Award, 2013; **Jiří Dusík**, Czech Republic, IAlA Individual Award, 2007; **Raoul du Toit**, Zimbabwe, The Goldman Environmental Prize, 2011; **Michael Eckhart**, USA, Skoll Award, 2008; **Barbara Ehringhaus**, Switzerland, Trophée de Femmes, 2009; **Dieter Ewingmann**, Germany, Adam Smith Prize, 2005; **Malin Falkenmark**, Sweden, The Rachel Carson Prize, 2005; **Volker Finke**, Germany, Umweltpreis Öko Plus, 2004; **Barbara Galletti Vernazzani**, Chile, Future for Nature Award, 2011; **Debesai Ghebrehiwet**, Eritrea, Ashden Award, 2003; **Paola Ghillani**, Switzerland, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2009; **Paul Gilding**, Australia, Tomorrow Magazine Environmental Leadership Award, 1997; **Dener Giovanini**, Brazil, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2003; **Herbert Girardet**, UK, UNEP Global 500 Award, 1992; **Adolf Goetzberger**, Germany, Beccuereel Prize, 1997; **Monika Griefahn**, Germany, BAUM Environmental Award, 2014; **Rainer Grieshammer**, Germany, German Environmental Prize, 2010; **Edeltraud Günther**, Germany, International BAUM Environmental Award, 2008; **Paul Gundel**, Germany, Einstein Award, 2011; **Evan Haigler**, USA, Ashden Award, 2013; **Mathilde Halla**, Austria, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2005; **Marion Hammerl**, Germany, Bruno H. Schubert Prize, 2013; **Harish Hande**, India, The Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2011; **Edeltraud Haselsteiner**, Austria, ÖGUT Environmental Award, 2005; **Klaus Hasselmann**, Germany, Frontiers of Knowledge Award, 2010; **Hans Herren**, Switzerland, Right Livelihood Award, 2013; **Abul Hussam**, USA, NAE Grainger Challenge Prize for Sustainability, 2007; **Claus-Peter Hutter**, Germany, BAUM Environmental Award, 2008; **Dave Irvine-Halliday**, Canada, Rolex Award, 2002; **Wes Jackson**, USA, Right Livelihood Award, 2000; **Bianca Jagger**, UK, Right Livelihood Award, 2004; **Daniel Janzen**, USA, Blue Planet Prize, 2014; **Huey Johnson**, USA, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2001; **Tony Juniper**, UK, Rothschild Medal, 2009; **Danny Kennedy**, USA, Global Green's Corporate Environmental Leadership Award 2013; **Ashok Khosla**, India, Zayed International Prize for the Environment, 2014; **Elias Kindle**, Liechtenstein, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2014; **Karel Kolomaznik**, Czech Republic, Rolex Award, 1998; **Lenelis Kruse-Graumann**, Germany, BAUM Environmental Prize, 2007; **Nadezhda Kutepova**, Russia, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2011; **Frances Moore Lappé**, USA, UNEP Global 500, 1993; **Jeremy Leggett**, UK, Hillary Laureate, 2009; **Daniel Lotoiye**, Kenya, Whitley Award, 2013; **Simon Levin**, USA, Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, 2014; **Louis Liebenburg**, South Africa, Rolex Award, 1998; **Gene Likens**, USA, Blue Planet Prize, 2003; **Peggy Liu**, China, Hillary Laureate, 2012; **Ahmet Lokurlu**, Germany, TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment 2007; **Claude Lorius**, France, Blue Planet Prize, 2008; **Thomas Lovejoy**, USA, Blue Planet Prize, 2012; **David Lowry**, UK, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2001; **Mindy Lubber**, USA, The American Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Environmental, Energy, and Resource Stewardship, 2012; **Angela Maldonado**, Columbia, Whitley Award, 2010; **David Manalo**, Philippines, The St. Andrew's Prize for the Environment, 2007; **Teresa Manera de Bianco**, Argentina, Rolex Award, 2004; **Charlie Mathews**, UK, MIT Climate Colab Popular Choice Award, 2013; **Csaba Mátyás**, Hungary, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Fellow, 2010; **Mardi McBrien**, UK, The Sheila McKechnie Foundation Campaigner Award, 2013; **Bill McKibben**, USA, The Sophie Prize, 2013; **Bernard McNelis**, UK, Robert Hill Award, 2006; **Julien Meyer**, France, Rolex Award, 2006; **Charudutt Mishra**, India, Whitley Award, 2005; **Judith Molnár**, Romania, ÖGUT Environmental Award, 2005; **Sidsel Mørck**, Norway, The Rachel Carson Prize, 1991; **Reuben Mtitu**, Tanzania, Ashden Award, 2008; **Tsetsegee Munkhbayar**, Mongolia, The Goldman Environmental Prize, 2007; **Maggie Muurmans**, Indonesia, Future for Nature Award, 2009; **Nancy Lee Nash**, USA, UNEP Global 500, 1993; **Ramesh Kumar Nibhoria**, India, Ashden Award, 2005; **Louis Nkembí**, Cameroon, Whitley Award 2010; **Placide Nzisabara**, Rwanda, Ashden Award 2011; **Regula Ochsner**, Switzerland, Trophée de Femmes 2007; **Caleb Ofori**, Ghana, Future for Nature Award, 2014; **Antonio Oposa Jr.**, Philippines, International Environmental Law Award, 2008; **Juan Pablo Orrego**, Chile, Right Livelihood Award, 1998; **David Osborne**, UK, Empowering People Award, 2013; **Balgis Osman-Elasha**, Sudan / Tunisia, UNEP Champion of the Earth Award, 2008; **George Outa**, Kenya, The St. Andrew's Prize for the Environment, 2001; **Billy Parish**, USA, Ashoka Fellow, 2007; **Jeunesse Park**, South Africa, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2007; **Daniel Pauly**, Canada, Volvo Environment Prize, 2006; **Stuart Pimm**, USA, Dr. A. H. Heineken Prize for Environmental Sciences, 2006; **Jonathon Porritt**, UK, UNEP Global 500 Award 2000; **Igor Prokofev**, Russia, Whitley Award, 2011; **Dailan Pugh**, Australia, The Peter Rawlinson Conservation Award, 2001; **Franz-Josef Radermacher**, Germany, Goldener Baum 2010; **Denise Marçal Rambaldi**, Brazil, Bruno H. Schubert Prize, 2007; **Florence Reed**, USA, Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service, 2012; **William Rees**, Canada, Blue Planet Prize, 2012; **Eckard Reh binder**, Germany, Bruno H. Schubert Prize, 2004; **Huguette Reynaerts**, France, Trophée de Femmes, 2008; **Uwe Riecken**, Germany, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2010; **Marie-Monique Robin**, France, The Rachel Carson Prize, 2009; **Mario Robles del Moral**, Spain, US Arbor Day Foundation Award, 2000; **Martha Isabel Ruiz Corzo**, Mexico, UNEP Champion of the Earth Award, 2013; **Jamal Safi**, Palestine, Zayed International Prize for the Environment, 2004; **Thomas Scheurer**, Switzerland, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2007; **David Schindler**, Canada, Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, 2006; **Franco Schlegel**, Switzerland, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2008; **Hans-Werner Schock**, Germany, Beccuereel Prize of the European Commission, 2010; **Ignace Schops**, Belgium, The Goldman Environmental Prize, 2008; **Andy Schroeter**, Laos, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2008; **Oliver Schultz-Wittman**, USA, Junior Einstein Award, 2006; **David Schweidenback**, USA, Rolex Award, 2000; **Khop Narayan Shrestha**, Nepal, UNEP Sasakawa Prize, 2011; **Ursula Sladek**, Germany, Goldman Environmental Prize, 2011; **Tim Smit**, CBE, UK, The RSA Albert Medal, 2003; **Ian Smith**, UK, Ashden Award, 2005; **Andreas Speich**, Italy, Binding Prize for Nature and Environment, 2013; **John Spengler**, USA, Heinz Award, 2003; **Heinz Stockinger**, Austria, The Austrian Konrad Lorenz State Award, 1991; **Michael Succow**, Germany, Right Livelihood Award, 1997; **David Suzuki**, Canada, Right Livelihood Award, 2009; **Taro Takahashi**, USA, UNEP Champion of the Earth, 2010; **Tessa Tennant**, UK, Joan Bavaria Award, 2012; **Riki Therivel**, UK, IAlA Global Environment Award 2003; **Jean Thomas**, Papua New Guinea, Future for Nature Award, 2010; **Jim Thomas**, Papua New Guinea, Australian Geographic Conservationist of the Year, 2014; **Casson Trenor**, USA, TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment, 2009; **Samson Tsegaye**, Ethiopia, Ashden Award, 2009; **Sander van der Leeuw**, Netherlands, UNEP Champion of the Earth, 2012; **Els van Lavieren**, Netherlands, Future for Nature Award, 2010; **Carlos Vasquez**, Guatemala, Whitley Award, 2012; **Dale Vince**, UK, OBE for services to the environment, 2004; **Ernst von Weizsäcker**, Germany, German Environmental Prize, 2008; **Tim Wahl**, USA, Environmental Hero Award, 2007; **Paul Walker**, USA, Right Livelihood Award, 2013; **Mingying Wang**, China, Ashden Award, 2006; **Eicke Weber**, Germany, Einstein Award, 2013; **Beate Weber-Schuerholz**, Germany, German Environmental Prize, 2007; **Keith Wheaton-Green**, UK, South West Sustainable Energy Champion, 2008; **Jean Wiener**, Haiti, Erick Eckman Award, 2014; **Ellen Zimmerman**, Canada, Yves Rocher International Foundation Terre de Femmes, 2006.

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