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# 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES



FREIBURG, GERMANY  
9-12 MARCH 2017

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# WELCOME TO FREIBURG



In the name of the City of Freiburg, I extend a very warm welcome to our guests from all around the world. Freiburg is a city where the terms sustainability, future viability and quality of life are all at home. We are proud to host this unique gathering of environmental laureates that offers students from the Freiburg region the opportunity to exchange views and ideas with renowned international experts. It is these young people to whom we pass on the challenge of continuing our work to shape the future in a sustainable way, in the “Green City Freiburg” and all round the globe.

*Dr. Dieter Salomon*

Mayor City of Freiburg;  
Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation



The Board of Trustees of the European Environment Foundation would like to welcome you to our 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Environmental Laureates in Freiburg. Besides stimulating interactions and spirited discussions we plan to jointly prepare a call that denounces

the threats and repressions to environmentalists that unfortunately are increasing in many regions of the world in these challenging times.

*Prof. Eicke R. Weber*

Chairman Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation



In hosting the International Convention of Environmental Laureates and the online platform EnviroNetwork.eu, we aim to support an international and interdisciplinary exchange among leading environmentalists and other

committed individuals who shape global environmental policies. By doing so, a strong network, both personal and virtual, has been set in motion.

*Dr. Bernd Dallmann*

Founder and Chairman, European Environment Foundation

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The fight for the global energy transition is a fight for the preservation of creation. The tasks ahead are tremendous and we have to convince many more people to unite and stand up for it, otherwise we will not reach the Paris climate goals and put future generations at great risk!

*Dorothea Sick-Thies*  
Protect the Planet



Today's environmental challenges are enormous and can only be successfully faced by international cooperation. That's why EWS is glad to support this important conference of international networking, co-working and example-giving.

*Sebastian Sladek*  
EWS Elektrizitätswerke Schönau



Environmental protection is part of our corporate strategy: we use energy and raw materials as sparingly as possible and invest in the best available technology. We encourage our partners in the spirit of this goal and get inspired by them.

On this note, we look forward to the exchange in the Convention and wish the sixth event a lot of success.

*Mario Eland*  
EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg



I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed **patron of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Environmental Laureates**. Faced with a politically changing world, taking the world with some severe crisis by surprise, it is imperative to collaborate and to develop strategic and long-term partnerships. The International Convention of Environmental Laureates connects committed people from various fields of work who join forces to create a better future.

*Prof. Klaus Töpfer*

Patron International Convention of Environmental Laureates;  
Former Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies;  
Former German Environmental Minister; Former Executive Director UNEP

## 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES

The International Convention of Environmental Laureates, which is hosted by the European Environment Foundation, provides a platform for winners of prestigious international environmental prizes and awards.

Laureates include active environmentalists, journalists and human rights activists, scientists, and entrepreneurs. Above all, they are doers, with one thing in common: They have a vision and goals, and they have found ways of implementing them. Every one of them has made a significant contribution in their field towards environmental protection.



*Committed speakers on topics that matter*

**The Convention is the ideal opportunity for building a global network and for mutual learning between the leading players and activists of the worldwide environment movement.** With the exchanges of experiences amongst each other the laureates become multipliers and creators of ideas and initiatives that can be successfully implemented in other areas around the world.

Furthermore the Convention wants to disseminate ideas, initiatives and visions to young people and the interested public. Therefore it includes meetings and discussions between laureates and upcoming researchers, students and pupils, as well as various public events.



*Numerous people following the public lectures*



# CONVENTION PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2017

18:00 ♦ **Public Opening Ceremony** – Historisches Kaufhaus

### Welcome

- *Dr. Dieter Salomon*; Mayor City of Freiburg  
**The important role of municipalities on the road to real sustainability**
- *Prof. Eicke R. Weber*; Chairman Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation; Director, Berkeley Educational Alliance for Research in Singapore BEARS; President, Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centers EUREC  
**Donald Trump's presidency: What is the future of international climate protection?**



### Keynote

- *Prof. Horst Köhler*; Former President of Germany; Former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund; Member of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda (2012-2013)  
**Countering the narrative of decline: The great transformation as a global story of hope**

20:00 ♦ **Welcome Reception** – Historisches Kaufhaus

Buffet with savoury regional dishes

## FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2017

08:00 ♦ **Laureates' Symposium** – Konzerthaus Freiburg  
**A forum for knowledge transfer, mutual learning and interdisciplinary exchange**

### Introduction

 – Runder Saal

- *Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien*; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

08:15 **MASTER CLASS**  
Conference Room 9

### Social Media for small budgets

- **Benjamin Borgerding**  
Digital Campaigner,  
Greenpeace Germany

**LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS**  
Conference Room 2-4

- **Bruno Chareyron, France**  
Improving people education about the radiological impact of the nuclear industry
- **David Lowry, United Kingdom**  
Nuclear power's overlooked insecurity
- **Pinar Demican, Turkey** (*on behalf of Arif Ali Cangı*)  
Environmental challenge against private investments supported by government, e.g. nuclear energy
- **Dipal Chandra Barua, Bangladesh and Bhaskar SenGupta, United Kingdom**  
Solar Home System
- **Vidya Sagar Devabhaktuni, India**  
SKGS Biodigester projects
- **Samson Tsegaye, Ethiopia**  
Lighting Student Homes

08:15

10:00 Short break & networking

10:15

**MASTER CLASS**

Conference Room 9

**Donau Soja – the development of a European standard**

- **Ursula Bittner**  
Secretary General,  
Donau Soja Association

**LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS**

Conference Room 2-4

- **Sonam Wangchuk, India**  
Himalayan Institute of Alternatives
- **Bunker Roy, India**  
Solar Mamas of the World
- **Racheal Chagonja, Tanzania**  
Youth's experience in the U-BAN campaigns; challenges and opportunities
- **Heide Bergmann, Germany**  
Learning to Shape the Future
- **Elias Kindle, Liechtenstein**  
Entrepreneurship in the emerging paradigm
- **Heike Hoedt, Germany** (on behalf of W. Scheffler)  
Combating the current crisis of democracy – Initiative on the participation of the civil society

10:15

12:00

Lunch break - parallel EEF Board of Trustees Meeting -

13:00

**MASTER CLASS**

Conference Room 9

**Cradle to Cradle - a holistic approach towards high quality production**

- **Monika Griefahn**  
Chairwoman,  
Cradle to Cradle e.V.  
Germany

**LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS**

Conference Room 2-4

- **Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, Iran**  
Bone marrow of children living near former U.S. base in Nasiriyah, Iraq is contaminated with toxic metals
- **Sergiy Zibtsev, Ukraine**  
Efforts on long-term reduction of catastrophic wildfire risks in the Chernobyl exclusion zone
- **Marie-Luise Marjan, Germany**  
Vietnam: Future prospects in times of climate change
- **Tsetsegee Munkhbayar, Mongolia:**  
Mongolia – The world's clean water
- **Michel André, Spain**  
Listening to the Deep-Ocean: A global underwater noise monitoring initiative

13:00

14:30

Short break & networking

14:45

**MASTER CLASS**

Conference Room 9

**The Divestment Movement – Establishing a decentralised network of campaign groups**

- **Leandra Praetzel**  
Workshop trainer,  
350.org

**LAUREATES' PRESENTATIONS**

Conference Room 2-4

- **Julia Riedel, Germany**  
Chimpanzees are on the edge of extinction
- **Hotlin Ompusunggu, Indonesia** Healthcare incentives to protect orangutans and endangered wildlife in Gunung Palung National Park, Borneo
- **Karen Aghababyan, Armenia**  
White Storks in Armenia
- **Bertram Verhaag, Germany** Film: CODE OF SURVIVAL or the End of Genetic Engineering
- **Humberto Rios Labrada, Cuba/Spain**  
Agro-biodiversity Management. Travelling from “Subsidies to Business Models”

14:45

16:15

◆ **Laureates call for end to repression against environmental activists**

18:30

**Dinner** in the romantic historic cellar of the Weinschlösschen Freiburg

20:00

◆ **Public Evenig Lecture** – Konzerthaus Freiburg

**Introduction**

- *Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker*; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation; Co-Chair Club of Rome

**Video Message**

- *Bertrand Piccard*; Pilot, Solar Impulse  
**Around the world in a solar airplane**



**Keynotes**

- *Felix Finkbeiner*; Founder, Plant-for-the-Planet Foundation  
**Planting one trillion trees – why we need a trillion more trees**
- *Tristram Stuart*; Author, speaker, campaigner and expert on the environmental and social impacts of food waste  
**The cost of food waste**

SATURDAY, 11 MARCH 2017

09:30

◆ **Young Talents Day** – UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

**Laureates meet young researchers, pupils and students**

*in cooperation with:*

**UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg  
Regierungspräsidium Freiburg  
University of Freiburg**

**Opening**

- *Laurence Nodder*; Rektor, UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

09:40

**Lectures**

- *Femke Wijdekop*; Dutch lawyer, Researcher; Senior Expert Environmental Justice at IUCN Netherlands

**Ecocide law: the duty to care for our common home**

10:10

- *Future Leader: Engajamundo, Brazil*

Winner project of the EnviroNetwork.eu online contest “Youth for the Environment!”

**What is climate change and what do I have to do with it?**

10:30

**Round Table Groups – Discussions**

Prepared by young researchers and students of the University of Freiburg and the UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

*Parallele:* Konzerthaus Freiburg

**ACADEMY**  
Plant-for-the-Planet  
Foundation  
*for Children from 9-12*



12:30

Lunch break

13:30

### Round Table Groups – Interactive session

- Group work by laureates and young talents:  
Kick-off of a social media campaign calling on young people worldwide to take action!

15:30

### ◆ Communicative walk for laureates

### MUSIC & MARKET

starting 12:30

- Exhibit of local environmental projects and initiatives
- Music performance by UWC students



19:00

### ◆ Laureates' dinner – restaurant “Feinhaid”

The restaurant “Feinhaid” is located in the M10 Solar Campus and offers contemporary fresh and regional food

#### Wine & Dine with dinner speeches:

- *Gregor Reddemann*; Director, M10 Industries AG
- *Sebastian Sladek*; Board, EWS Elektrizitätswerke Schönau eG
- **Roadside Radiation – a documentary about everyday life in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone**  
Trailer and talks with director Moritz Schulz and producer Michael Sladek

## SUNDAY, 12 MARCH 2017

08:30

### ◆ Farewell Breakfast – Konzerthaus Freiburg

#### Closing remarks

- *Dr. Bernd Dallmann*;  
Chairman, European Environment Foundation

### A sustainable Convention:

- The **power supply** of the venue consists of **green energy**
- The catering company “Genusswerkstatt” is a **certified organic caterer** and **uses mainly regional and seasonal products**
- Coffee & tea are **fair trade certified**
- We reduce transportation by choosing **venues and hotels which are accessible by foot**
- Not only to provide more information about the participants but also **to avoid unnecessary use of paper**, participants and their work are displayed on the online platform [www.environmentwork.eu](http://www.environmentwork.eu)

# SPEAKERS OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



**Ursula Bittner,**  
*Austria*

Secretary General,  
Donau Soja Association

Ursula Bittner manages the Austrian Soya Association and the Donau Soja Association since 2011. She holds a degree in International Development and a MBA degree. She is specialised in agriculture,

European agriculture policy, right to food and food sovereignty. She advocates a sustainable, regional and GM-free protein supply in Europe and a healthy and plant-based diet.



**Engajamundo,**  
*Brazil*

Winner of the online contest "Youth for the Environment!" by the European Environment Foundation & EnviroNetwork.eu

Engajamundo is a Brazilian youth-led NGO aiming the participation of young people in important decision-making that affect their present and future. Their current work is about climate change, sustainable development, gender, biodiversity and urban development. They demand more access and representation for young people in international political processes to gain more space to articulate their demands in all policy areas. Their network currently involves over 1,800 members and 120 volunteers across 22 states in the five regions of Brazil.



**Monika Griefahn,**  
*Germany*

Chairwomen, Cradle to Cradle e.V. Germany / Board of Trustees European Environment Foundation

Monika Griefahn is a founding member of Greenpeace Germany and was Co-CEO 1980-1983. 1984-1990 she worked on the board of Greenpeace Int. 1990-1998 she was Minister of the

Environment in Niedersachsen. Her main focus lay on the phasing out of nuclear power. After working as Member of the German Parliament for 11 years, she founded the Institute for Media, Environment, Culture (2012) and works as sustainability consultant.



**Leandra Praetzel,**  
*Germany*

Workshop trainer, 350.org

Leandra Praetzel, currently living and working in Münster, has been involved in the Divestment movement since the very beginning of the German Fossil Free campaign in 2013. She is participating in the local campaign as well as preparing

and conducting workshops for other campaign groups. Besides her commitment she is doing research on greenhouse gas emissions from inland waters.



**Benjamin Borgerding,**  
*Germany*

Digital Campaigner,  
Greenpeace Germany

Benjamin Borgerding is a Digital Campaigner working for Greenpeace Germany, based in Hamburg. He is co-responsible for social media planning, content creation and digital campaigns to combat environmental

mischief and holds a MA degree in Media and Theatre Studies and English Studies from Goethe-Universität.



**Felix Finkbeiner,**  
*Germany*

Founder,  
Plant-for-the-Planet Foundation

At the age of 9, Felix Finkbeiner presented his vision in a speech on the climate crisis: "Let us plant one million trees in every country on earth!" Children from over 100 countries founded the children's and youth initiative Plant-for-the-Planet. In one-day academies, children train other children as "ambassadors for climate justice". The goals for 2020 are: one million ambassadors and 1,000 billion new trees – 150 per person. The UNEP gave the children the responsibility for the "World Tree Counter", which already comprises 14 billion trees.



**Horst Köhler,**  
*Germany*

Former President of Germany

Horst Köhler served as President of Germany from 2004-2010. Before that he was State Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, President of the German Savings Banks and of the EBRD and Managing Director of the IMF. He was a member of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and continues to hold honorary positions in national and international organizations.



**Laurence Nodder,**  
*South Africa / Germany*

Rektor, UWC Robert Bosch College  
Freiburg

Laurence Nodder is the Rektor of UWC Robert Bosch College. Prior to coming to Germany, he was Principal of UWC Waterford Kamhlaba for 13 years. Coming from Apartheid South Africa, his interest has always been

creating circumstances where people divided by law or by race, economic status, culture, religion or nationality are brought together to learn to see the world through the eyes of the "other".



# SPEAKERS OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



*Bertrand Piccard,  
France*

Pilot, Solar Impulse

Bertrand Piccard is the initiator behind Solar Impulse, the first airplane capable of flying perpetually without fuel. One year he and André Borschberg flew around the world without a single drop of fuel: 40,000km, clocking up world records

and bringing the cause of renewable energies to the forefront of people's minds. He and his wife Michèle conceived Solar Impulse as a platform to raise public awareness and encourage political actions in favor of clean technologies and energy efficiency.



*Tristram Stuart,  
United Kingdom*

Founder, Feedback/Toast Ale Ltd

Tristram Stuart, founder of the charity Feedback and Toast Ale Ltd, is an international award-winning author, speaker and campaigner on the environmental and social impacts of food production. He won the Sophie Prize in 2011. He is an Ashoka Fellow,

a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and a Champion 12.3 for the UN Sustainable Development Goal of halving food waste and reducing food loss globally by 2030.



*Eicke R. Weber,  
Germany / Singapore*

Director, Berkeley Educational Alliance for Research in Singapore BEARS / President, Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centers EUREC / Chairman Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

Eicke R. Weber was Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy

Systems ISE (till Dec. 2016). Since January 2017 he serves as director of the Berkeley Education Alliance for Research in Singapore BEARS. The focus of his recent research is the development of low-cost Si and Si wafer technology for photovoltaic applications.



*Femke Wijdekop,  
Netherlands*

Senior Expert, IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands

Femke Wijdekop works as a Senior Expert in environmental justice for the program 'Defending Environmental Defenders' at IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands. Previously, she worked as a researcher

in the fields of international and constitutional law at the University of Amsterdam. For the past several years, she has been working with End Ecocide in Europe and Polly Higgins to make ecocide the fifth crime against peace. Her published writings have focused on such issues as the emerging ecocentrism in law and the Urgenda climate case, in which she is a co-litigant.



*Dieter Salomon, Germany*

Mayor City of Freiburg  
Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

Dieter Salomon took up office as Mayor of the City of Freiburg in 2002 and was reelected for a second term in 2010. Since 2006, Salomon has served as a member of the ICLEI World Executive Committee (International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives). He has also

been a member of the Presiding Board of the German Association of Towns and Cities (Deutscher Städtetag) since 2002 and a member of the Board of the Association of Towns and Cities of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg since 2002.



*Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien,  
United States / Germany*

Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien has 25 years' international experience in the areas of energy and climate change at the interfaces between policy and finance, also at city level. She worked for the United Nations

Environment Programme in Paris as Head of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century, and of UNEP's Sustainable Energy Finance Initiative. Earlier, she led the climate program of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.



*Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker,  
Germany*

Co-President, Club of Rome/Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker is Co-President of the Club of Rome. He was Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel. He was Founding President of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy.

He worked as professor for Biology; also he was the founding president of the University of Kassel. He has been a Member of the German Parliament; SPD for seven years, he was Chairman of the Bundestag Study Commission on Economic Globalisation.



# LAUREATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



◆ **Karen Aghababyan**  
Armenia  
Assistant Research Professor  
**Whitley Awards**

Karen Aghababyan has completed his PhD in Biology in 2001. He was working in the Institute of Zoology of Armenian NAS until 2003, and works in environmental research center of American University of Armenia up to present. He is the National Coordinator in Armenia of "European Breeding Bird Atlas 2", an expert of two national foundations and IUCN SSC. He has received 20 grants, one scholarship, and one award. He has published over 50 papers and is a co-author of two books.



◆ **Mathew Akon**  
Papua New Guinea  
Senior Project Officer, Tenkile Conservation Alliance (TCA)  
**Whitley Awards**

Mathew Akon is Senior Project Officer of the Tenkile Conservation Alliance, a NGO established in 2001 dedicated to the conservation of the remote Torricelli Mountain Range, a 250,000 ha area which is rich in wildlife. The Tenkile is one of several endangered species in the remote Torricelli Mountain range in Papua New Guinea.



◆ **Leonard Akwany**  
Kenya  
CEO, Ecofinder Kenya  
**Whitley Awards**

Leonard Akwany is an environmental scientist and entrepreneur working on environmental management, policy, governance, communication and entrepreneurship domains. He possesses a wide experience in East Africa and the Sub-Saharan Africa. He is the founder and coordinator of Ecofinder Kenya. Currently he is working with the Nile Basin Initiative in Entebbe, Uganda, as regional wetlands expert.



◆ **Michel André**  
Spain  
Professor, Technical University of Catalonia, BarcelonaTech (UPC)  
**Rolux Awards**

Michel André's research involves the development of Acoustic Technologies for the control of noise pollution in the marine environment and the study of the biological and pathological impact of noise pollution on marine organisms, particularly marine mammals and invertebrates.



◆ **Dipal Chandra Barua**  
Bangladesh  
Founder / Chairman, Bright Green Energy Foundation  
**The Ashden Awards**  
**Right Livelihood Award**  
**Zayed Future Energy Prize**

Dipal Chandra Barua was the Founding Managing Director of Grameen Shakti and the Co-Founder & Former Deputy Managing Director of Grameen Bank. Back in 1996, he has introduced an innovative financial model which has made Solar Home System affordable to the rural people at the price of kerosene. He is replacing currently used traditional hazardous diesel pumps with solar powered irrigation pumps in the remote areas of Bangladesh, which reduces dependency on weather and grid electricity.



◆ **Heide Bergmann**  
Germany  
Co-founder, Oekostation  
**Trophée de femmes**

Heide Bergmann is an educator and gardener based in Freiburg where she co-founded the Oekostation Freiburg in 1986. The Oekostation is an educational center for sustainable development which is supported by the BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany). In 1987 she initiated the Green Classroom for schools and kindergartens. In addition, she teaches workshops, gives lectures and writes books on organic gardening, on how to grow an herb garden and on gardening with children.



◆ **Andreas W. Bett**  
Germany  
Deputy Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE  
**Becquerel Prize**  
**German Environmental Prize**

Andreas W. Bett is physicist. For more than 25 years he works at Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, ISE. He is deputy director of ISE and heading the division "Materials – Solar Cells and Technology". He is co-founder of the company Concentrix Solar, today Soitec Solar, which manufactures and installs CPV systems.



◆ **Maritta R. von Bieberstein Koch-Weser**  
Germany  
Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**Trophée de femmes**

Maritta R. von Bieberstein Koch-Weser has a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in international development, as anthropologist and environmentalist. She has led major environmental & social assessment tasks, as well as investment programs in the environment, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and urban-industrial sectors. She is Founder and President of Earth3000, a NGO founded in 2001 to support strategic innovations in governance for environment and development. Winner of the Medalha Ambiental do Governo de Sao Paulo "Joao Pedro Cardoso" 2012



◆ **Claus Biegert**  
Germany  
Presenter,  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Claus Biegert is a freelance writer, radio journalist, film maker and book author. Since 1973 he has intensive collaborations with Native Americans in Canada and the United States. Biegert is lecturer at the German School of Journalism, Advisory Board Member of the Society for Threatened Peoples, Founder of the World Uranium Hearing (1992) and since 1998 director of the Nuclear-Free Future Award.



◆ **Oleg Bodrov**  
Russian Federation  
Chair, Green World  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Oleg Bodrov is an engineer-physicist and environmentalist. From 1980 till 1993 he was head of a group of the Regional Ecological Laboratory of the Khlopin Radium Institute, St. Petersburg. Since 2005 he has been one of the initiators and head of an international NGO project for the promotion of safe decommissioning of the Russian nuclear power plants and final disposal of the radioactive waste, spent nuclear fuel on the basis of the best international practice.



◆ **Hildegard Breiner**  
Austria  
President, Nature Conservation Vorarlberg,  
Vice-Pres. N.C. Austria  
**Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Hildegard Breiner is co-founder of the Austrian and Austrian-Swiss / Austrian-German networks against nuclear power. She is working for renewable energies, against fracking and in relation to nature conservation.



◆ **Racheal Chagonja**  
Tanzania  
National Coordinator,  
HakiRasilimali  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Racheal Chagonja is the National Coordinator of HakiRasilimali, a platform working on strategic issues around the extractive sector in Tanzania. The platform is affiliated to Publish What You Pay, a global membership-based coalition of civil society organizations in over 40 countries. HakiRasilimali's membership to PWYP is an institutional commitment to global transparency agenda and jointly influences oil, natural gas and mineral resources policies, laws, regulations and practices.



◆ **Bruno Chareyron**  
France  
Director, CRIIRAD laboratory  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Bruno Chareyron is an engineer in energetic and nuclear physics with a Master in Particle Physics. Since 1993 he is the director of the NGO Commission for Independent Research and Information about RADiation (CRIIRAD) laboratory. It's mission is to make independent radiation monitoring in the environment and use this data to improve people's understanding of the issues of radiation contamination and the protection against it.



◆ **Milkyas Debebe**  
Ethiopia  
Founder / Executive Director,  
New Life Ethiopian Resident Charity  
**The Ashden Awards**

Milkyas Debebe received a certificate on contributing to clean indoor air worldwide from PCIA in Bangalore, India and Training on Indoor Air Pollution measuring techniques by CEIHD at the University of California Berkley. Debebe is co-writer of a paper on "Clean energy for development: The environmental and socioeconomic benefits of ethanol as a household cooking fuel in Ethiopia" and participated in a research report "Will African Consumers Buy Cleaner Fuels and Stoves?" prepared by SEI.



◆ **Pinar Demircan (on behalf of Mr. Ari Alif Cangri)**  
Turkey  
Project Coordinator, Nukleersiz  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award (for Ari Alif Cangri)**

Pinar Demircan represents Arif Ali Cangri. Mr. Cangri reported about illegal deposits of nuclear waste near Gaziemir/Izmir and acts as legal counsel in three lawsuits against the construction of the Akkuyu nuclear power plant. Ms. Demircan is an anti-nuclear activist. She is project coordinator of Nukleersiz.org, which is an informative website with efforts of specialists and supported by scientists.



◆ **Vidya Sagar Devabhaktuni**  
India  
President, SKG SANGHA  
**The Ashden Awards**

Vidya Sagar Devabhaktuni is responsible for building about 145,000 biodigesters. This is the highest number by a single organization in the world. The result is the emission reduction of more than one million tons of carbon dioxide every year.

# LAUREATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



◆ **Barbara Ehringhaus**  
Germany  
President, ProMONT-BLANC  
**Trophée de femmes**

Barbara Ehringhaus served as consultant for environmental education and programmes for the World Scout Bureau, for WWF-Switzerland and WWF International. During the 90's she set up the internship for young indigenous leaders with the UN Human Rights Committee liaising them with environmental and development organizations. Since 1997 she presides a tri-national umbrella NGO for alpine protection in cooperation with the Alpine Convention, IUCN, UNESCO, CIPRA and the Mountain Partnership.



◆ **Farwiza Farhan**  
Indonesia  
Chairperson, Forest, Nature and Environment Aceh  
**Future for Nature Award**  
**Whitley Awards**

Farwiza Farhan works in the Leuser Ecosystem in Sumatra, Indonesia. Leuser Ecosystem is the last place on earth where rhino, elephant, tiger and orangutan still roam together in the wild. The main focus of her work is on policy and advocacy element, from strengthening and empowering communities to conserve, protect and restore the Leuser Ecosystem to advocating for policy changes through legal challenge.



◆ **Duquesne Fednard**  
Haiti  
CEO of D&E Enterprises  
**The Ashden Awards**

Duquesne Fednard has over 12 years of professional and entrepreneurial experience encompassing finance, management, operations and engineering in developed and developing countries. Past positions include Director of NYE Business Solutions at Wildcat Service Corporation, Global Trade Associate at Citigroup, Consultant at CCT Solutions, Vice President at perfection Machine Shop (Haiti) and Founder of Impremerie SA and Micro Mutual Funds.



◆ **Debesai Ghebrehwet**  
Eritrea  
Energy Designer, specialized in biomass and gas stoves  
**The Ashden Awards**

Debesai Ghebrehwet is a renewable energy specialist, who won the Tech Museum award, the ENERGY GLOBE award etc. He invented, refined and disseminated highly efficient, clean and smokeless improved stoves. The net carbon sequestration per installed stove is about 2.5 tonnes per household per year. The stoves are applicable to overcome the existing cook stove challenges and hence to be disseminated in East Africa.



◆ **Monika Griefahn**  
Germany  
Chair Right Livelihood Award Foundation / Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**

Monika Griefahn is a founding member of Greenpeace Germany and was Co-CEO 1980-1983. 1984-1990 she worked on the board of Greenpeace Int. 1990-1998 she was Minister of the Environment in Niedersachsen. Her main focus lay on the phasing out of nuclear power. After working as Member of the German Parliament for 11 years, she founded the Institute for Media, Environment, Culture (2012) and works as sustainability consultant.



◆ **Rainer Grießhammer**  
Germany  
Executive board, Institute of Applied Ecology Freiburg / Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**German Environmental Prize**

Rainer Grießhammer is a chemist, member of the executive board of the Institute of Applied Ecology in Freiburg and director of the future heritage foundation (Stiftung Zukunftserbe). He is specialized in product development and assessment. Founder of the product information campaign EcoTopTen. Developer of the PROSA, Product Sustainability Assessment method.



◆ **Cornelia Hesse-Honegger**  
Switzerland  
Artist  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Cornelia Hesse-Honegger worked as scientific illustrator for the University of Zurich. Illustrations of Drosophila flies, wild and mutated forms. After the accident of Chernobyl, she began her own field studies in Chernobyl fallout areas: in Sweden & Switzerland, and since then in self-financed field studies around nuclear installations in Europe & USA. Her studies show that widely accepted ionizing radiation emissions of nuclear plants cause terrible deformation to true bugs and other insects.



◆ **Heike Hoedt**  
Germany  
Vice President, Solare Bruecke / CEO, Simply Solar  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Heike Hoedt is board member of Solare Bruecke for over a decade now and has guided numerous projects around the world. She was working extensively with the Afghan Bedmoschk Solar Center, implementing renewable energy in Afghanistan. She is an advisor to the India One Solar Powerplant in Rajasthan, India. In 2010 she initiated Simply Solar, an engineering and consultancy company that clubs together the efforts of various people in the field of alternative solar technologies.



◆ **Michaela Hogenboom Kindle**  
Liechtenstein  
Facilitator of change towards sustainability, Symbiose  
**Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**

Michaela Hogenboom Kindle's mission is to foster a connected and sustainable society in Liechtenstein and beyond. As co-founder of Symbiose she puts this mission in practice through consulting and community projects. She has been the Dutch Youth Representative on Sustainable Development to the UN and she worked as a Process Coordinator for Sustainable Development at HAN University of Applied Science.



◆ **Auke Idzenga**  
Philippines  
CEO, Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI)  
**The Ashden Awards**

Auke Idzenga studied Marine Engineering. With three colleagues he founded AIDFI in the Philippines, where they, beside community work, develop technologies for basic needs. Over the years they designed, manufactured and installed some 15 technologies on water (drinking, irrigation), latrines, renewable energy (biogas, hydro power, wind energy) and agro processing. They also work on technology transfer to Afghanistan, Nepal, Colombia, Mexico and India.



◆ **Shawn Iserhoff**  
Canada  
Cree Youth of Mistissini  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Shawn Iserhoff is currently the Coordinator of Strategic Planning and Projects for the Cree School Board in Quebec, Canada. He is also an elected Councillor to the Cree Nation of Mistissini. In 2014, Shawn completed a successful term as Youth Chief of the Cree Nation of Mistissini, where the youth and Youth Council initiated the Fight Against Uranium in Eeyou-Istchee back in 2012. In October of 2014, Shawn was honoured to represent the Cree Nation at the International Uranium Film Festival in Germany for the premier of the documentary "The Wolverine".



◆ **Abdullah Al Islam Jakob**  
Bangladesh  
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Abdullah Al Islam Jakob became Deputy Minister in 2014 and is holding the portfolio of the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. He also served as a member of parliament in the 9th National Parliament. As a Member of Parliament he served as the member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Power, Energy & mineral Resources.



◆ **Makala Jasper**  
Tanzania  
Executive Director Mpingo Conservation / MCDI  
**Whitley Awards**

Makala Jasper is a dedicated and passionate conservationist. In 2004, he co-founded a local NGO, Mpingo Conservation & Development Initiative, with which he pioneered community-based forest management in Tanzania. MCDI supports communities to secure ownership over local forests and to responsibly harvest and market forest products. In 2009, MCDI was awarded the first Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certificate for natural community forests in Africa. Winner of the National Geographic Society/ Buffett Awards.



◆ **Kristin Kaschner**  
Germany  
Research Associate / Lecturer  
**Zayed International Prize for the Environment**

Kristin Kaschner is a marine biologist, member of the IUCN Cetacean Specialist Group & Marine Mammal Task Force on Protected Areas. She has worked for UN FAO, UNEP and WCMC providing advice about global marine conservation issues and contributed to the 2005 Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the UN Ocean Assessment. With her students at the United World Robert Bosch College in Freiburg she is trying to initiate a variety of grass root sustainability projects around the world.



◆ **Elias Kindle**  
Liechtenstein  
Founder / project leader, Symbiose Association / Dreiklang general partnership  
**Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**

Elias Kindle's focus at the moment lies on supporting the transition towards a connected and sustainable society in Liechtenstein and beyond with different projects. His heart beats for education towards unfolding potential of children. In the past he studied Environmental Engineering on a Bachelor's level before doing the Master's study in Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability. Kindle founded two organizations to foster change within companies and society.



◆ **Maarten Kooiman**  
Belgium  
Co-founder, Tapazz  
**The Ashden Awards**

Maarten Kooiman is Co-Founder of a software platform named Tapazz. The platform is about carsharing and takes care of the verifications, booking flow and payments. One shared car can replace up to 12 other cars, which means less material, less emissions and less space are wasted. Kooiman wants people to stand together for sustainable mobility.

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◆ **Nadezda Kutepova**  
Russian Federation  
President, NGO The Planet of Hopes  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Nadezda Kutepova is a human rights defender and sociologist. She is working as an advocat of nuclear victims of the secret nuclear accident in 1957 in Mayak, Russia, and the dumping of nuclear waste into the Techa river. She won more than 70 cases, including two in the Equality and Human Rights Commission. She was accused of espionage in Russia because of her work and is now living as a political refugee in France.



◆ **Edward Loure**  
Tanzania  
Programme Coordinator, Ujamaa Community Resource Team  
**The Goldman Environmental Prize**

Edward Loure pioneered an approach that gives land titles to communities – instead of individuals – of pastoralists and hunter-gatherers, ensuring the environmental stewardship of their land for future generations. In the northern rangelands of Tanzania, pastoralists and hunter-gatherers have sustainably lived off the land for generations, in coexistence with migrating native wildlife. The Ujamaa Community Resource Team is a grassroots organization committed to bringing positive change in their communities.



◆ **David Lowry**  
United Kingdom  
Senior research fellow, Institute for Resource and Security Studies, USA  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

David Lowry is an independent research consultant with specialist knowledge of UK and EU nuclear & environment policy. He was a member of the UK Energy Secretary's Geological Disposal Implementation Board from 2012- 2014. In 2014 he wrote a briefing for the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) in Vienna on the security of dry storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF); in 2016 he has prepared a briefing on Nuclear Insecurities in the UK. He is currently a senior research fellow at the Institute for Resource and Security Studies in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.



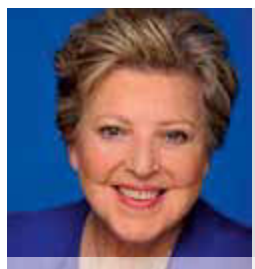
◆ **Joachim Luther**  
Germany  
Director Emeritus, Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE  
**TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment**  
**German Environmental Prize**  
**Becquerel Prize**

Joachim Luther's main focus areas are: solar electricity generation, solar and energy efficient buildings and sustainable energy systems. Since 1993 he was full professor for solid state physics and solar energy at the University of Freiburg and in parallel to this director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE.



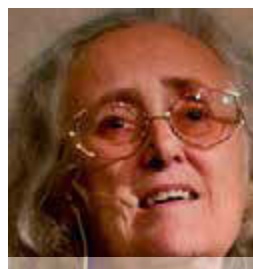
◆ **Mohammed Hasan Mahmud**  
Bangladesh  
Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh

Mohammed Hasan Mahmud is Member of the Parliament, Bangladesh and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh, since 2014. He was Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (2009 - 2014) and State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (2009).



◆ **Marie-Luise Marjan**  
Germany  
Founder, Marie-Luise Marjan Stiftung  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**

For 25 years, the actress and founder Marie-Luise Marjan supports children world-wide. On her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday she founded the Marie-Luise Marjan foundation under the roof of the foundation Stiftung Hilfe mit Plan in 2010. With its interest she funds projects by Plan International. She for example supports scholarships in the North of Thailand, a project against child marriage in Bangladesh and a health project in Laos.



◆ **Marilyn Mehlmann**  
Sweden  
Head of Development & Training, Global Action Plan (GAP) International  
**The Rachel Carson Prize**

Marilyn Mehlmann works for Global Action Plan International, an international network working to empower people to live and work sustainably. Her experience combines empowerment with action research to co-create new methods and tools for personal and professional development, including a "Learning for Change" methodology offered together with SWEDESD. She is also a Vice-President of the Union of International Associations (UIA), and member of several advisory boards.



◆ **Golden Misabiko**  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Human Rights Defender / Consultant Researcher on Natural Resources  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Golden Misabiko is a university graduate in economics and English. He has interests and expertise in human rights, social economic and cultural rights, economy, good governance, peace building, conflict resolution, enforced disappearance issues transparency, democracy and public policy analysis, natural resources and corporate social responsibilities.



◆ **Tsetsegee Munkhbayar**  
Mongolia  
Chairman, United Movement of Mongolian Rivers and Lakes  
**The Goldman Environmental Prize**

Tsetsegee Munkhbayar formed a NGO named Ongi River Movement to bring water back to rivers, which dried up because of gold mining activities in their headwaters, and to stop destructive operations. Furthermore he build the United Movement of Mongolian Rivers and Lakes, which created a revolutionary law against this operations, but due the economy downfall the government decided to revoke the law to prohibit mineral exploration and mining operations at headwaters.



◆ **René Ngongo**  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
President, OCEAN  
**Right Livelihood Award**

René Ngongo founded "l'Organisation Congolaise des Ecologistes et Amis de la Nature" (OCEAN) and became the national coordinator. He is also the Vice President of this NGO. He worked for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Extractive industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). From 2008 to 2011, Ngongo has been working for Greenpeace to build up the new Greenpeace DRC office.



◆ **Nikola Nikolov**  
Macedonia  
Profesor / Head, Regional Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC)  
**Green Star Awards**

Nikola Nikolov is a full Professor at the Faculty of Forestry in Skopje where he also founded the Regional Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC), which he is leading. He is an expert in the field of forest fire protection and the Coordinator of the UN-ISDR Regional South East European/ Caucasus Wildland Fire Network since 2005.



◆ **Regula Ochsner**  
Switzerland  
CEO, Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire, Suisse-Madagascar  
**Trophée de femmes**

Regula Ochsner is the founder and CEO of the NGO ADES (Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire, Suisse-Madagascar). The objective of this program is to provide solar cookers and efficient stoves. This is an important contribution to stop the deforestation process and thereby preserve the enormous biodiversity of Madagascar.



◆ **Hotlin Ompusunggu**  
Indonesia  
Co-Founder, Alam Sehat Lestari (ASRI)  
**Whitley Awards**

Hotlin Ompusunggu is a license dentist and the Co-Founder of the NGO Alam Sehat Lestari in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. It combines conservation and healthcare through community-based projects with a mission to break the cycle between poverty and illegal logging. Hotlin Ompusunggu is exploring ideas for applying the success of the ASRI approach to other communities in Indonesia and world-wide, wherever biodiversity is endangered and human health is likewise threatened.

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◆ **Balgis Osman Elasha**  
Sudan  
Climate change expert, African Development Bank  
**Champions of the Earth Award**

Balgis Osman Elasha holds a PhD in Forestry Science, Master in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Science. She has more than 17 years' experience in different climate change issues with special focus on vulnerability and adaptation assessment related to African countries and the Middle East.



◆ **George Outa**  
Kenya  
Lecturer, University of Nairobi  
**The St Andrews Prize for the Environment**

George Outa is currently pursuing an interest in how the international environmental law regime can part offer possibilities and solutions for sustainable environment management in the light of sovereignty and other pressing global challenges; including the menace of climate change.



◆ **Marion Pancur**  
Germany  
Presenter,  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Marion Pancur is managing director of the Nuclear-Free Future Award Foundation (NFFA), a nonprofit organization based in Munich. Since 1998 the Nuclear-Free Future Award honors people worldwide who create a world free of nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The central message: Leave the uranium in the ground! She also works for the City of Munich. She is responsible for public relations regarding unaccompanied underaged refugees.



◆ **Denise Marçal Rambaldi**  
Brazil  
Director of Biodiversity and Forests, Rio de Janeiro State Government  
**Bruno H. Schubert-Prize**

Denise Rambaldi is a forest engineer, lawyer and holds a Master of Environmental Science. She worked with the golden lion tamarin and made an important contribution to the creation of the Golden Lion Tamarin Association. In 2011 Rambaldi took a position at the Environmental Institute of the Rio de Janeiro State Govern - INEA, and in 2014 she assumed the Office of Biodiversity and Forests of the State Secretariat for the Environment. Winner of the National Geographic/Bufett Award for Leadership in Latin American Conservation (2009).



◆ **Mohammed Rezwan**  
Bangladesh  
Founder / Executive Director Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha  
**The Ashden Awards**  
**UNEP Sasakawa Prize**

Mohammed Rezwan is Founding Executive Director of Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha and invented "floating education system" to ensure access to year round and quality education in flood-prone regions. Now floating schools are in operation in eight countries. Rezwan served on international advisory committees dealing with education, technology, and environment. He regularly presents at global conferences on his innovations, climate change, green energy, and education.



◆ **Julia Riedel**  
Germany  
Assistant, Wild Chimpanzee Foundation  
**Trophée de femmes**  
**The St Andrews Prize for the Environment**

Julia Riedel is a biologist with special interest in primatology and conservation. Professor Christophe Boesch, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, is her P.h.D. supervisor and she is working at the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) Head Office in Leipzig. The WCF goal is to enhance the survival of the remaining critically endangered chimpanzee populations and their habitat, thereby participate in saving the behavioural diversity of this fascinating species.



◆ **Humberto Rios Labrada**  
Spain  
Regional coordinator Latin America, ICRA  
**The Goldman Environmental Prize**

Humberto Rios Labrada created teams of researchers, professors and NGOs across Cuba to establish agrobiodiversity learning centres with farmers. The teams encouraged farmers to continue experimenting and slowly gained the attention of decision-makers and the international community. This work carried out in Cuba had a strong potential to improve food security not only in the island but also in many countries where plant breeding had been organised in a top down model.



◆ **Bunker Roy**  
India  
Founder, Barefoot Colleges  
**Blue Planet Prize**  
**Environmental Heroes**  
**The Ashden Awards**  
**The St Andrews Prize for the Environment**  
**Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement**

Bunker Roy is the founder of the Barefoot Colleges. Currently he is training illiterate rural women – called Solar Mamas – from non-electrified villages all over the world to be confident and competent solar engineers in 6 months in the Barefoot College in India. They go back and solar electrify their own villages without any help from "outside". Today over 750 Solar Mamas have been trained from 78 of the Least Developed Countries benefiting nearly 500,000 people all south of the Equator.





◆ **Jamal Mohamed Safi**  
Palestinian  
Chairman, EPRI, Gaza  
**Zayed International Prize for the Environment**

Jamal Safi is Professor at Al-Azhar University-Gaza and Founder Chairman of the Environmental Protection & Research Institute, Gaza, since 1989. He has 25 years' experience in chemistry and toxicology of pesticides and their impact on human health and the environment. In addition he has wide and professional experience in teaching, research and development in the fields of environment, public health and agriculture.



◆ **Mozghan Savabieasfahani**  
Iran  
Environmental toxicologist,  
University of Michigan  
**The Rachel Carson Prize**

Mozghan Savabieasfahani works intensive to improve public awareness on the devastating effects of war on the environment and on public health. In particular she has brought public attention to the increase in levels of birth defects in Iraq and how these defects can be associated with chemical contamination during the 2003 war. She is a dedicated scientist who has published extensively in scientific journals, within the field of environmental toxicology.



◆ **Wolfgang Scheffler**  
Germany  
President, Solare Bruecke  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Wolfgang Scheffler holds a masters degree in physics. Inventor of the Scheffler parabolic Reflector. Since 2001 active in promoting better decision making processes: "If only our common decision-making could be improved worldwide, there would be less mess to clean up from all the problems we create by decisions which don't meet the real needs". In 2015 he made a superbly effective participatory decision-making process eligible to the German voters by forming a new political movement around it.



◆ **Bhaskar Sen Gupta**  
United Kingdom  
Professor in Water Technology  
Heriot-Watt University  
EDINBURGH Campus  
**The St Andrews Prize for the Environment**

Bhaskar Sen Gupta is Professor in Water Technology at the Heriot-Watt University, EDINBURGH Campus. He specialises in community water supply to resource poor communities. His work on arsenic remediation from groundwater in the Ganges and Mekong delta has received international recognition. Apart from teaching and research at Heriot-Watt University, he is involved in setting up community water supply plants in many parts of Asia.



◆ **Junichi Shimizu**  
Japan  
Presenter,  
**Blue Planet Prize**

Junichi Shimizu is director of commendation at the Blue Planet Prize by the Asahi Glass Foundation. The award is presented to individuals or organizations worldwide in recognition of major contributions to solving global environmental problems. They also conduct to issue a report, "The Environmental Doomsday Clock" as the result of "The Annual Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind". It has been summarized environmental specialist's sense of crisis felt about the continuous of human race since 1992.



◆ **Khop Narayan Shrestha**  
Nepal  
Executive Director, MDI Nepal  
**UNEP Sasakawa Prize**

Khop Narayan Shrestha is the Executive Director of MDI Nepal (Manahari Development Institute-Nepal). He is active in promoting responsible agroforestry systems in the degraded lands affected primarily through slash and burn practices in sloping hills of Nepal. Shrestha co-founded MDI Nepal in 2001.



◆ **Hammarskjöld Simwinga**  
Zambia  
Executive chair, Foundation for wildlife and Habitat Conservation  
**The Goldman Environmental Prize**  
**TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment**

Hammarskjöld Simwinga lives and works in the northern part of Zambia. For the past 20 years his work has been supporting rural communities with sustainable livelihood alternatives among the households living along protected reserves. In the recent years, Simwinga has been working with community leaders to protect traditional land that has become under threat for commercial agriculture enterprise.



◆ **Andreas Speich**  
Switzerland  
Conservator of Forests retired,  
private consultant forestry and climate change  
**Binding-Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**

Andreas Speich studied chemistry and forestry at the ETH Zurich. He globally contributed to the planting of around one billion trees. With his retirement in 1995 he became an activist in eco-tourism. At present he is working on the promotion of globally operating Air Forest Fire Fighting Fleets. He became a laureate due to his successful initiative to convert a large part of the old growth City Forest of Zurich to a strict nature reserve.

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◆ **Tristram Stuart**  
United Kingdom  
Founder, Feedback/Toast Ale Ltd  
**The Sophie Prize**

Tristram Stuart, founder of the charity Feedback and Toast Ale Ltd, is an international award-winning author, speaker and campaigner on the environmental and social impacts of food production. He won the The Sophie Prize in 2011. He is an Ashoka Fellow, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and a Champion 12.3 for the UN Sustainable Development Goal of halving food waste and reducing food loss globally by 2030.



◆ **Samson Tsegaye**  
Ethiopia  
Country Director, Solar Energy Foundation  
**The Ashden Awards**

Samson Tsegaye is working as leader for different organizations. He is the Country Director of Solar Energy Foundation since 2006. The foundation established the first solar village in Ethiopia and installed over 30,000 solar lighting systems for rural parts of the country.



◆ **Bertram Verhaag**  
Germany  
Director / Producer, DENKmal Film  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**

Bertram Verhaag established in 1976, together with Claus Strigel, DENKmal, a film production company. For over 30 years, he has been making documentaries through his own production company. As a filmmaker, he sees himself as an active participant in the movement towards more humanity, greater respect for nature and sustainability. He encourages his audience to think, to engage – and to act.



◆ **Paul Walker**  
United States  
Director, Environmental Security & Sustainability, Green Cross International / Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**Right Livelihood Award**

Paul Walker is the International Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS) Program for Green Cross International (GCI). The ESS Program is an international effort to facilitate the safe demilitarization, nonproliferation, and remediation of weapons stockpiles and high toxic waste. He is a former Professional Staff Member of the Armed Services Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.



◆ **Sonam Wangchuk**  
India  
Founder, SECMOL  
**Rolax Awards**

Sonam Wangchuk is a mechanical engineer turned education reformer. He is the founder of SECMOL, which aims to reform the government school system in Ladakh. He has been teaching innovation at the SECMOL Alternative School and designed together with the students solar heated buildings. His conviction is, that problems can be turned into opportunities using the simplest principles of science and technology to help fellow human beings and to heal the mother earth.



◆ **Eicke R. Weber**  
Germany  
Director, BEARS / President, EUREC / Chairman of the Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**SolarWorld Einstein Award**

Eicke R. Weber was Director of the Fraunhofer Institut for Solar Energy Systems ISE (till Dec. 2016). Since Jan. 2017 he serves as director of the Berkeley Education Alliance for Research in Singapore BEARS. The focus of his research is materials research of Si and compound semiconductor materials, especially the development of low-cost Si and Si wafer technology for photovoltaic applications.



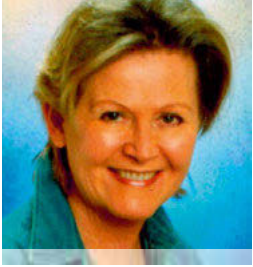
◆ **Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**  
Germany  
Co-President, Club of Rome / Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation  
**German Environmental Prize**

Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker is Co-President of the Club of Rome. He was Co-Chair of the International Panel on Sustainable Resource Use. He was Founding President of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy. He worked as professor for Biology; also he was the founding president of the University of Kassel. He has been a Member of the German Parliament; SPD for seven years, he was Chairman of the Bundestag Study Commission on Economic Globalisation.



◆ **Keith Wheaton-Green**  
United Kingdom  
Climate Change Officer, South Somerset District Council  
**The Ashden Awards**

Keith Wheaton-Green has been since 1999 an excitement organiser in his role with South Somerset District Council and in his independent and voluntary work. Wheaton-Green has been a key driver in the formation and development of the South Somerset, Stour and Vale and West Dorset Hydropower Groups of site owners. He has helped and encouraged enthusiasm to install small run of river hydro in England and writes for a South West UK magazine.



◆ **Jutta Wiesenthal**  
Germany  
Presenter,  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Jutta Wiesenthal has worked in various countries organizing art, charity and sport events. She is project manager of the award ceremonies of the Nuclear-Free Future Award Foundation. The Chernobyl disaster in 1986 made her a devoted activist against nuclear power. Since 1992 she is a team member of those, who honour activists worldwide, struggling to end the nuclear age: The Nuclear-Free Future Award.



◆ **Joachim Wüning**  
Germany  
General manager, WS Wärme-prozesstechnik GmbH  
**German Environmental Prize**

Joachim Wüning is an entrepreneur from the Stuttgart area. His company is developing, producing and selling low pollutant and highly efficient gas burners for heating high temperature industrial furnaces. Besides running the company, the engineer is involved in combustion research and actively participates in several national and international research projects regarding clean and efficient combustion.



◆ **Tjan Zaotschnaja**  
Germany  
Presenter,  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**

Tjan Zaotschnaja was born in Kamtschatka. 1980 shortly before the Olympic Games in Moscow she was expelled from the USSR due to her engagement with the Human Right Movement. Since 1990 she supports different initiatives of Indigenous people in Russia, establishing contacts to Indigenous organizations in and out of Russia. In 1992 she was responsible for the Siberian representatives at the World Uranium Hearing Salzburg. She is member of the Organisation of "Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker".



◆ **Sergiy Zibtsev**  
Ukraine  
Head, Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC)  
**Green Star Awards**

Sergiy Zibtsev's specializations are forest fire science, policy and management and forest radioecology. His work experiences are: research in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (1993 - current), sustainable forest and fire management in the ChEZ, experience of working in international R&D projects. Zibtsev is a member of IUFRO, of Forestry Academy of Science of Ukraine and of the National Working group on FSC National Standards.

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The main projects of the EEF are the “International Convention of Environmental Laureates – ICEL”, held annually since 2012 in Freiburg, Germany and the Online Platform EnviroNetwork.eu which was established in 2015 as a virtual meeting point for environmental laureates and other people working and caring for the environment. Under the umbrella of the EEF the environmental laureates adapted several declarations addressing current pressing challenges, including the Rio+20 Declaration (2012), the Appeal to the world's foundations and philanthropists by the world's environmental prize winners (2014) or the Laureates Call for a CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Tax (2015).

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