

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; **Ekwoge 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, IAIA Outstanding Service Award, 2013; **Jiří Dušák**, Czech Republic, IAIA 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 Ewringmann**, 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, Becquerel 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**, 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 Kolomazník**, Czech Republic, Rolex Award, 1998; **Lenelis Kruse-Graumann**, Germany, BAUM Environmental Award, 2012; **Nadezhda Kutepova**, Russia, The Nuclear-Free Future Award, 2011; **Frances Moore Lappé**, USA, Right Livelihood Award, 1987; **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 Mitiu**, 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 Nkembu**, 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 Rehbinder**, 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, Becquerel 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**, Right Livelihood Award, 2009; **Taro Takahashi**, USA, UNEP Champion of the Earth, 2010; **Tessa Tennant**, UK, Joan Bavaria Award, 2012; **Riki Therivel**, UK, IAIA 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**, 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**, 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.