

World Future Council | Fact Sheet Future Justice: Defending Our Common Heritage

The Challenge

Despite unprecedented knowledge and wealth we are today on a collision course with our own future. All over the world resources are becoming scarce, livelihoods are being destroyed, climate change is taking hold and the gap between rich and poor is getting wider. All of these developments cause fear, insecurity and conflict. All of these developments are interrelated.

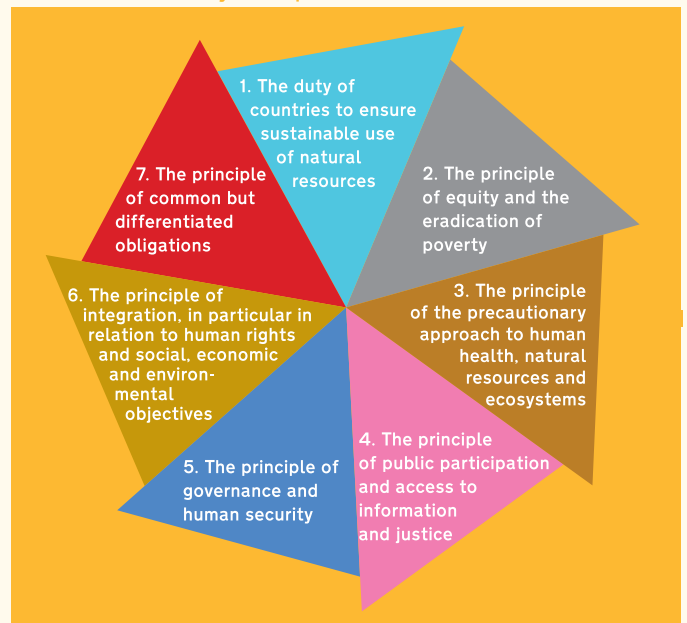
Today's challenges require a bold vision and consistent, reliable guidelines to shift future developments towards human security and justice, ecological integrity and respect for nature, while championing the rights of future generations.

Our Goal

The goal of the World Future Council Future Justice Programme is to expose how current crises result from some fundamental flaws in our assumptions about the inter-relationship between humans, our planet and development. It will challenge these assumptions and promote Future Justice principles and policies that foster respectful cooperation, equitable participation, and fair sharing of resources and benefits of economic, scientific and technological progress. The guiding principle for such



Future Justice Policy Principles



solutions is that they will be promoted if they meet the standard of ensuring justice today whilst safeguarding the conditions for justice in the future.

Our Strategy

The approach taken involves the promotion of a consistent Future Justice vision and a political agenda built around 'Best Policy' and 'Worst Policy' principles: These principles indicate governance solutions which support human security, ecological integrity and peace and those likely to continue our crises respectively. The Future Justice propositions and principles are promoted in conjunction with concrete policy proposals, which urge for systemic change and governance reform on the international, national and regional level and offer central reference points for enacting the policy. The World Future Council tailors its approach for engagement

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with various parties such as the public, educational institutions and business and with policy-makers directly. The development of an online resource with extensive background information and interactive tools to connect coalitions of change globally will complement other activities.

Target Group

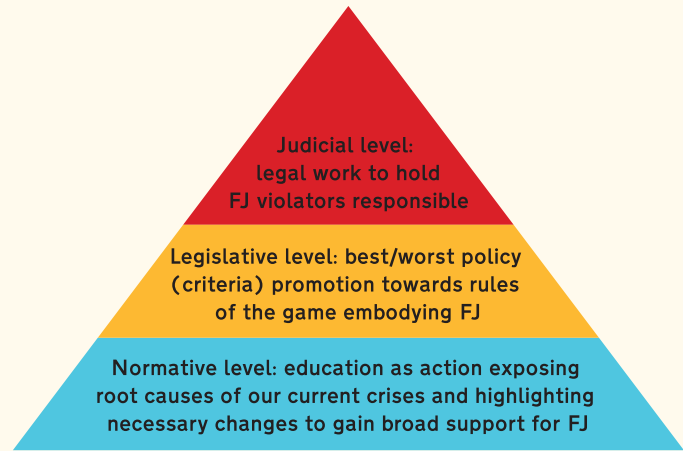
The primary target groups are political decision-makers and policy stakeholders such as opinion leaders, think tanks, civil society activists and regulators. For this programme, we will also reach out to the general public through the media and engage with academic institutions.

Activities

- Advocacy at international conferences and political summits on long term and wide ranging challenges such as climate change, financial systems, water and food security and education
- A manual on Future Justice policy principles made available to policy-makers accompanied by mini brochures outlining concrete policy recommendations
- An online policy platform connecting decision makers with civil society and legal experts to support implementation of Future Justice principles
- Multi-region parliamentary hearings and strategy workshops involving policy stakeholders

Committed Councillors

The World Future Council Commission on Future Justice includes Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (*Director of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law*), Prof. Hans Peter Dürr (*Nuclear Physicist and Peace Activist*), Dr.



The Future Justice Tool Pyramid

Scilla Elworthy (*Founder of the Oxford Research Group*), Bianca Jagger (*Human Rights Advocate*), Dr. Rama Mani (*Scholar, Activist and Policy Analyst*), H. E. Arthur Robinson (*Former President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago*), Count Hans von Sponeck (*Former UN Assistant Secretary General*), Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker (*Dean of the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California*) and Judge Christopher Weeramantry (*Former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice*).

Project Management and Evaluation

The World Future Council strives for excellence in the conduct of its projects and aims for optimum effectiveness, efficiency and improvement. The Project Manager Future Justice will evaluate the goals, activities and budget at regular intervals against specific indicators. An evaluation report will be compiled and reviewed by the Board of Directors of the World Future Council, whose recommendations are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

About us

The World Future Council brings the interests of future generations to the centre of policy making. Its 50 eminent members from around the globe have already successfully promoted change. The Council addresses challenges to our common future and provides decision-makers with effective policy solutions. In-depth research underpins advocacy work for international agreements, regional policy frameworks and national lawmaking and thus produces practical and tangible results.

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