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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends of the World Future Council,

2015 was a critical year for international development, with governments agreeing to the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and adopting the first-ever universal and legally binding global climate deal in Paris.

While these developments have raised the level of ambition, the gap between words and action is still growing and we are heading for unprecedented dangers and conflicts. We must build on what we achieved in 2015, redoubling our efforts to address climate change, its devastating impacts and to protect precious natural resources. At a time when our decisions and actions will have greater and longer-term consequences than ever before, the World Future Council is playing a key role in spreading policy solutions to build sustainable, peaceful and just societies and realise international commitments.

From promoting renewable energy solutions and respecting the rights of children and future generations to driving policy action on nuclear disarmament and financing climate protection, our work is far reaching and interconnected. Over the past year, we have achieved remarkable successes in helping implement exemplary policies by bringing together change-makers from around the world to reclaim our future.

This report captures the full scope of our work. We are very proud to share these achievements with you and look forward to the journey ahead.

We are often asked how we are able to reach and work with policy-makers. The answer is trust, as our integrated approach has given the WFC a unique convening power. Our work is only made possible through the generosity of our supporters. Spreading best policies worldwide is very effective – but not cheap! Please help us to secure our shared future by supporting the WFC with a donation.

Jakob von Uexkull, *Founder and Chair of the Management Board*
 Alexandra Wandel, *Director and Vice Chair of the Management Board*
 Stefan Schurig, *Member of the Management Board*



IMPACTS

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY | POWER TO THE PEOPLE



We are a leading reference source for Feed-In Tariff (FIT) laws which have accelerated the deployment of renewable energy across the international community. The WFC has contributed significantly to this achievement by working with policy-makers around the world on renewable energy policies.

100+

countries have already implemented renewable energy policies worldwide.

40+

parliamentary workshops and study tours were organized by our team.

AFRICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE (AREA)



In 2009, we founded the African Renewable Energy Alliance (AREA) – a pan-African multi-stakeholder network of policy-makers and representatives from business, civil society, and academia which facilitates on- and offline information exchange and consultation about policies, technologies and financial mechanisms for accelerating the renewable energy transition in rural and urban Africa.

2000+

members

90+

countries

EXPERT COMMISSION ON CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE



We have successfully established the concept of “Regenerative Cities” in the international urban development discourse and advise urban change-makers, political decision-makers and international organizations on tools and best policies for regenerative urban development. In 2015, we opened our office in Beijing, China that focuses on these topics.

1000+

mayors from across the globe committed to transition their cities to 100% Renewable Energy at COP21 in Paris.

Our 5th

‘Future of Cities Forum’ was held in Beijing and in Tianjin in 2015.

ARMS CONTROL EXCHANGE



In 2013, our Future Policy Award highlighted a successful firearms collection policy from Argentina. To tackle the dangers of small arms and light weapons in other parts of the world, we are collaborating with UNDP in Bosnia-Herzegovina on an Arms Control Exchange, bringing together representatives of government, police authorities and civil society from both countries to share best practice in curbing armed violence.

250.000+

firearms have been destroyed in Argentina.

11.500+

weapons have been destroyed in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

FUTURE JUSTICE



We work to introduce Ombudspersons for Future Generations at the international, national, sub-national and local levels and helped to establish a roundtable of independent institutions working for the long-term. The roundtable shares knowledge, experience and good practice, creating a platform for innovative ideas on the institutional protection of future generations and their environment.

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institutions

working to overcome social and political short-termism and protect the interests of future generations are part of our roundtable.

ZERO PROJECT



To counter the widespread exclusion and discrimination of persons with disabilities around the world, we established a long-term cooperation with the Essl Foundation's "Zero Project – For a world without barriers". The project identifies the most innovative and effective policies and practices for persons with disabilities.

3000+

disability experts from over 150 countries are part of our network

240+

innovative policies and practices have been identified that advance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

DISARMAMENT HANDBOOK FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS



Our handbook for Parliamentarians to support Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament is a unique collection of effective policy solutions from around the world. It has been sent to all parliaments and was translated into several languages.

165+

National parliaments have received the handbook.

Contains 50+

examples of good practice from around the world

and 70+

specific recommendations for action.

FUTURE JUST LAWMAKING METHODOLOGY



We developed the Future Just Lawmaking Methodology to provide a practical tool for policy-makers to assist with designing, evaluating and amending legislation. The Methodology is based on the 7 Principles for Sustainable Development Law, presented by the International Law Association and adopted at the World Summit in 2002.

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Principles for Future-Just Lawmaking to assist policy-makers.

PROTECTING AND REALISING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

The Rights of Children (RoC) programme works to ensure that the fundamental rights of girls, boys and young people – as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – are secured, protected and celebrated. We do this by highlighting some of the best policy solutions from around the world that are already effectively securing children's rights. We then promote the spread of these exemplary laws and policies by enabling the exchange of experience between key players in different countries and regions and through offering practical tools for action.

Future Policy Award 2015

In partnership with UNICEF and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), we dedicated our 2015 Future Policy Award to policies that contribute to protecting and strengthening the rights of girls and boys. We received numerous promising nominations from international organisations, NGOs and foundations. After a detailed analysis, we submitted a shortlist of 11 of the best laws and policies to a jury of international child rights experts. In October 2015, three winning policies from



The newfound protection of their rights has strengthened the position of children in Zanzibar. The accompanying community-level child participation process, which educated children about their rights, is seen as exemplary.



FUTURE POLICY AWARD 2015 – THE WINNERS

GOLD: Zanzibar's Children's Act, United Republic of Tanzania, 2011

SILVER: Maryland's Environmental Literacy Standards, United States of America, 2011

SILVER: Finland's Basic Education Act, 1998

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Sweden's Children and Parent Code to prohibit all corporal punishment and other humiliating treatment of children, 1979

Argentina's Supreme Court's Pioneering Judgement on Environmental Rights, 2008

Zanzibar, Maryland (USA) and Finland, and two Honourable Mentions from Argentina and Sweden were awarded at a ceremony during the 133rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva.

Through a series of workshops and study tours we are now working to spread the winning policies worldwide with a focus on Zanzibar's gold-winning Children's Act and Maryland's silver-winning environmental literacy standards. Zanzibar's "Children's Act" was awarded for its effective response to child abuse and violence and its promotion and protection of child rights, especially children's participation, that have led to a marked



Studies show that learning in the environment positively impacts children's social, psychological, academic and physical health. Maryland became the first US state to require students to be environmentally literate as a high school graduation requirement.

societal change in attitudes towards children. The state of Maryland in the US was recognized for becoming the first jurisdiction to require students to be environmentally literate as a high school graduation requirement. Both laws include promising features, suited for adaptation in other countries and regions. With the help of our Councillors, Ambassadors and a growing network of international partners, we want to ensure that children worldwide will benefit from these exemplary legal and policy approaches.

In December 2015, we hosted a charity dinner with 200 guests at Hamburg's town hall under the patronage of the First Mayor of Hamburg, Olaf Scholz to spread

further awareness of these pioneering policies in Germany.

Voices of Future Generations

We work to ensure that the voices of future generations are being heard by encouraging young authors aged 8–12, who are concerned about the global environment, education and children's rights, to write about their visions of tomorrow. Last year, we supported the production of the story "Tree of Hope" written by our Youth Ambassador Kehkashan Basu. The book was launched on the 20th September 2015 in New York at a summit on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN Headquarters.

"The future starts now – with our children and grandchildren, who have a right to grow up healthy, free from violence and develop freely. Good policies and laws and their implementation are essential to secure these rights. That is why we wholeheartedly support this project, which awards and supports exemplary policy solutions."

Janina Otto, World Future Council Ambassador
& **Dr. Michael Otto**, World Future Council Honorary Councillor



COMBATting HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION THROUGH CONCRETE POLICY ACTION

Almost 800 million people still suffer from hunger worldwide. However, it is not the lack of food that is causing hunger, but rather a lack of access to it.

In 2009, our Future Policy Award was given to the food security legislation of the Brazilian city of Belo Horizonte, which is based on the Right to Food for all citizens and incorporates a set of 20 interconnected policies that promote urban agriculture, food banks and school lunches. Over 21 years, Belo Horizonte has managed to considerably decrease malnutrition in the city.

Our Food Security team works to transfer elements of the Belo Horizonte food security system to urban areas of southern Africa. As a result of our advocacy work with government representatives of Namibia, elements of this model are already being transferred to this African country with some notable impacts.



In the Namibian capital Windhoek authorities have already started building a system based on the Brazilian model.

For example, the city of Windhoek is currently implementing the first food bank programme in Namibia. The newly established Ministry for Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare has taken over the urban initiative which will serve as a pilot project for a nationwide introduction. We played a critical role in the consultation period and are closely monitoring this process to ensure that Belo Horizonte's key success factors are realized and implemented in Namibia.

Together with the city of Windhoek we also jointly organised a workshop on urban and peri-urban agriculture, to explore methods for practicing urban agriculture in the face of water scarcity. In a speech, Windhoek's Mayor emphasized that "the city must plan for the future, not only for tomorrow". In face of the continuous years of low rainfalls in Namibia, projects like these show the way forward for food security in the country.



The community garden of Barreiro, Belo Horizonte. During a study tour to Brazil, Namibian mayors were able to witness first-hand the successful implementation of the local food security system.

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

One in three women worldwide has suffered physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence. Our team identifies effective policies and laws that provide support, protection and remedies to victims of violence and hold perpetrators accountable.

Future Policy Award

Our 2014 Future Policy Award celebrated the world's best policies that address violence against women and girls. In 2015, our work focused on raising awareness of these pioneering policies.

Our Future Policy Gold Award was given to an innovative approach to combat intimate partner violence, pioneered by the City of Duluth (Minnesota, USA). Its key feature is the collaboration and cooperation among the justice system and victim support services. As part of our efforts to disseminate this policy, we brought together advocates, law enforcement officers, legal professionals and policy-makers from six different countries for a 10-day workshop in Minnesota to develop an understanding from which to respond to domestic violence in their own communities.

A national law criminalising female genital mutilation/cutting from Burkina Faso is another example of how



Workshop participants from seven francophone African countries adopted an ambitious joint roadmap for the elimination of violence against women and girls in their respective countries.

“The World Future Council is doing exemplary work to locate and support the implementation of great ideas, best practices and policies with a punch. This is what we have all been looking for.”

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka,
UN Women Executive Director



policies can combat violence against women and girls. In 2015, we convened a high-level workshop for parliamentarians at the European Parliament in Brussels, where we presented this effective approach.

Facilitating Policy Dialogue

Another key focus of our work is to raise awareness among parliamentarians on the essential elements of good policy-making. In April 2015, we addressed more than 90 parliamentarians from 50 countries at the G7/G20 Parliamentarians' Conference “She Matters” in Berlin. Following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we co-organised a roundtable at the European Parliament in Brussels to discuss next steps at the EU level.

Our team also facilitates civil society networking to strengthen advocacy for the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention (Future Policy ‘Vision’ Award), as a mechanism for monitoring victims' access to services, protection and justice.

Protecting Refugee Women and Children

Refugee women and children face various security risks at every stage of their journey. In an appeal to the governments and institutions of the world, we called for rigorous measures to protect them from violence. In the coming years we are going to expand our work on this important issue.



OUR GOAL: 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY AND REGENERATIVE CITIES

In order to effectively tackle climate change and ensure sustainable development for all, a paradigm shift in resource consumption and energy infrastructure is necessary. We need to move away from our highly polluting, centralized system based on finite fossil fuels towards a distributed, fair infrastructure based on 100% Renewable Energy (RE) sources to regenerate our ecosystems.

Our team advises governments in cities, regions, nations and international negotiations to catalyze this paradigm shift. By identifying policy solutions and facilitating an international policy dialogue, we build capacity and cross-sectorial networks among policy-makers to improve legislative frameworks for climate protection, regenerative urbanisation and a future-just energy system based on 100% Renewable Energy. In 2015, we hosted and co-hosted more than 30 international events in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.

Renewable Energy

In Canada, we have provided support to the City of Vancouver as well as the County of Oxford in formulating 100% RE strategies. We guided staff on how to ensure public participation and regional development in the energy transition and encouraged Members of the Canadian parliament to support local action and enhance the Renewable Energy agenda in the country.

The support of the World Future Council toward the Oxford 100% RE goal is crucial given the fact we have limited exposure to an international community from which we can learn. The WFC, acting as a facilitator and guide to connect us to others who have accomplished renewable energy targets is irreplaceable."



Jay Heaman, Manager of Strategic Initiatives,
Oxford County



Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, supports our „Global 100% RE“ campaign.



Two countries for 100% Renewable Energy: Workshop participants from Tanzania with WFC staff Anna Leidreiter and Irene García and Councillor Dipal Barua in Bangladesh.



The 5th Future of Cities Forum was jointly organised with the United Nations and took place in Beijing and Tianjin from September 14–15.

One of the key policy tools we have developed is a catalogue of 100% RE criteria which results from in-depth analyses of pioneering jurisdictions. We introduced these guidelines together with our partners, building on platforms such as the Global Learning Forum in Vancouver, the Kassel International Dialogue in Germany as well as the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul.

A key moment in Climate Energy politics was the UN Climate Summit in Paris in December 2015. By initiating a global movement on 100% RE and encouraging other organizations to incorporate this global narrative, the WFC contributed significantly to the historic Paris COP 21 decision to end the era of fossil fuels. This resulted in a further 1,000 mayors joining our movement to support 100% RE at COP21 in Paris.

The host country of the next Climate Summit is Morocco, where we have been working with policy-makers on a Renewable Energy agenda for several years. Our first policy report on 100% RE in Morocco has become one of the key references for experts in this field.

Regenerative Cities

In a rapidly urbanising world, the design of cities determines the future of our planet. With the majority of people living in urban areas, we have to develop solutions to regenerate the ecosystems they depend on. We introduced this vision, referred to as a 'Regenerative City', several years ago. One of our key successes is the establishment of this terminology in the UN discourse leading up to Habitat III, the upcoming UN Summit

which will determine the Urban Agenda for the next 20 years.

To engage local policy-makers we host an annual Future of Cities Forum (FCF), which gathers politicians, international experts and national government officials to develop policy solutions for regenerative urban development. In 2015, the FCF took place in Beijing/Tianjin, China with more than 100 participants from across the globe. This past year also marked the successful start of our Regenerative Cities Programme in China, including the opening of our new office in Beijing. Consulting with more than 30 stakeholders in China, we have identified crucial policy solutions for transforming Chinese cities into Regenerative Cities.



"In light of China's rapid urbanization, I am very happy that the WFC launched its China programme with a focus on the regenerative development of cities. I look forward to seeing what international solutions the WFC will bring in and at the same time I'm excited to see the Chinese experience told to the rest of world."

Wang Yuqing, President of the Chinese Society of Environmental Sciences (CSES) and former Vice Minister at the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) of China

FORESTS FOR PEOPLE

Over 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their daily livelihoods. In Africa, the importance of forests is enormous – for food security, climate and soil health, but also for the supply of raw materials.

For the last four years we have worked with Members of National Parliaments from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to implement best policy solutions to combat deforestation and forest degradation, based on Rwanda's exemplary approach, which we awarded with our Future Policy Award in 2011.

An estimated 90 percent of sub-Saharan Africa's population depend on firewood and charcoal for cooking. However, harvesting of firewood and production of charcoal are a huge and growing threat to indigenous forests and biodiversity. Therefore, our team focused last year's efforts on the topic of woodfuels, steering the discussion away from charcoal as a fuel on its way out, and towards charcoal as a fuel with the potential to transform lives while protecting our forests. Together with leading scientists, we argue that such a transition will require time, resources and cultural change.

In the coming decades, wood energy in Africa is likely to still be the main source of energy for the population and countries need to ensure that woodfuels are



During a WFC workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, policy-makers were trained on effective laws that can help stop and reverse the destruction of forests.



Our handbook "Policy Solutions for Sustainable Charcoal in sub-Saharan Africa" demonstrates that charcoal has the potential to offer opportunities for sustainable green growth and forest management.



produced as sustainably as possible. There are good political solutions along the entire value chain: cultivation, production, transportation and marketing can be made more sustainable, especially if entrepreneurial opportunities are provided for local people.

Therefore, we brought "the hottest topic in forestry" to the agenda of the FAO's first forest conference in Africa, in Durban 2015, where we discussed how policies can make woodfuels more sustainable at a side event organized jointly with the Green Belt Movement and the World Agroforestry Centre.

To highlight the best political measures, to assure parliamentarians and policy-makers of the positive impact they can have and to encourage them to take action – all this lies at the core of our work on "Forests for People".

SHARING DISARMAMENT BENEFITS ACROSS BORDERS

Our Peace and Disarmament programme engages policy-makers and other stakeholders on policy-solutions to the challenges stemming from the continued existence of weapons of mass destruction, the production and trafficking of conventional weapons and the lasting health effects from explosive remnants of war.

Spreading Good Disarmament Practice

Over the years, through our partnership with Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we have engaged parliamentarians across the globe on pursuing such policies through workshops, briefings and practical tools. In 2015, we organised a series of events in parliaments and at international conferences around the world, including in the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States, covering topics such as nuclear weapon-free zones, phasing out the reliance on nuclear deterrence and supporting multilateral nuclear disarmament initiatives.

In 2013, Argentina's 'National Programme for the Voluntary Surrender of Firearms' won our Future Policy Award on Disarmament for reducing the number of firearms while promoting a culture of peace. To tackle the dangers of small arms and light weapons in Bosnia-Herzegovina, we are collaborating with UNDP on an Arms Control Exchange project that brings together representatives of government, police authorities and

“By recognising proven policies for sustainable disarmament, the 2013 Future Policy Award provides a roadmap which can inspire policy-makers around the world.”

Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary-General of the United Nations



civil society from Argentina and Bosnia-Herzegovina to share best practice in curbing armed violence. In 2015, we organised a meeting in Sarajevo of government representatives, police authorities and civil society to agree how best to tackle the dangers of gun ownership.

Legal Action Against Nuclear-armed States

Over the course of the last year, we have organised events and briefings in the UK to raise awareness and galvanise support for the cases filed by the Marshall Islands against the nine nuclear-armed states for failing to comply with their nuclear disarmament obligations in the International Court of Justice. As a member of the consortium supporting the cases, we cooperate with the Legal Team representing the country in its action to hold the nuclear powers accountable.



While humanity faces a range of interconnected transnational threats and crises in the 21st Century, climate change and the continued existence of nuclear weapons stand out as the two principal threats to the survival of humanity. At a critical time to tackle the two risks, we released a new report in November 2015 highlighting the interplay between climate change and risks associated with nuclear weapons, facilities and materials. At events in New York and Geneva for government representatives, academics and civil society organisations, we aimed to forge solutions for both threats.

Rob van Riet, Coordinator Peace & Disarmament, and WFC Councillor Alyn Ware

ENSURING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM SERVES THE COMMON GOOD

Sustainable economies require productive and stable financial markets as well as monetary resources for climate protection and implementing the SDGs. Our Future Finance department identifies, develops and disseminates policy proposals for reforming the financial and monetary system and ensuring the interests of future generations are placed above short-term speculation and harmful austerity policies.

Researching Financial Regulation

In partnership with trade unions and civil society, we work with political decision-makers to build financial markets that serve the common good. This includes advising policy-makers on the much-needed regulation of shadow banking – banking that happens outside of normal regulation – and to follow best practices that control the pledging of securities as collateral.

Planned trade agreements such as CETA (EU, Canada), TTIP (EU, USA) and TiSA (EU, Canada, USA & 20 more) have drawn huge public protests. Our work highlights how these new agreements and their harmful aspects are connected to the urgent necessity of financial reforms. As a founding member of the network “Better Regulation Watchdog”, we work to protect the public interest in legislation on financial reform.

Financing Climate Protection and Monetary Reform

We continuously analyse existing proposals for monetary reforms and highlight how minimal changes could lead to vast improvements of current monetary policy.



Sustainable development requires financial stability and money for climate protection. That's why the competent and committed voice of the WFC is so important.”

Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification



Our innovative study “The financial system in crisis”, which showcases how our monetary system of banks and central banks could be improved, is now also referenced within high-level academic debate.

We develop and disseminate concrete policy proposals that highlight how central banks can contribute to financing climate protection. In the run-up to the COP21 in Paris we developed a new climate finance proposal: “Financing the Green Climate Fund – How central banks can contribute to stay below the 2°C benchmark by purchasing Green Climate Bonds”. It has since been updated to reflect the new target of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, which was agreed in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In order to achieve the new 1.5°C target, an estimated \$ 1.500–2.000 billion needed to be invested annually in the development of renewable energy solutions. Our proposal outlines how this sum can be generated through the purchase of the United Nations Green Climate Bonds by central banks. Since our climate finance proposal could also be coined “Quantitative Easing (QE) for the climate”, we started a co-operation with the UK-based campaign “QE4people”, which promotes a similar financing model for the economic recovery of Europe.

A WORLD WITHOUT BARRIERS: ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

One billion people live with a disability worldwide. In May 2008 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) entered into force, highlighting the importance of an inclusive society. We joined the Essl Foundation's Zero Project in March 2011, to monitor the national implementation of the UN Convention and identify policies that create better living conditions for persons with disabilities worldwide.

Each year the project team focuses on a particular theme, publishes a thematic report and organizes a conference around the research results. Held at the United Nations Office in Vienna this three-day event typically brings together more than 500 participants from more than 70 countries. After a thematic focus on "Independent Living and Political Participation" in 2015, our 5th Zero Project Conference in February 2016 focused on "Inclusive Education and ICTs" for persons with disabilities, including policies that promote the access to early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education.

In 2016/2017, the Zero Project will focus on employment, work and vocational education and training. For further information, please also visit www.zeroproject.org



Ten years ago the international community recognized the rights of persons with disabilities. However, much remains to be done. The Zero Project contributes to this process not only by showing the implementation gaps and by promoting innovative practices, but also – thanks to our long-term cooperation with the World Future Council – by identifying examples of successful laws and policies.”

KR Martin Essl, Founder and Chairman of the Essl Foundation as well as consultant to the WFC



A LIFE-CHANGING POLICY

The Story of Dick and Andrea Allen

Our daughters Sydney and Greer both flew through the public school system from kindergarten through grade 12 in a relatively uneventful way. What's exceptional about Greer's experience is that she has Down Syndrome. Years ago, she never would have been afforded the opportunity to follow in her sister's footsteps, but Greer not only attended the same elementary and secondary schools, she also paved her own path and as such is today a capable, confident, and contributing member of our community. Thanks to *New Brunswick's Inclusive Education policy*, Greer was able to participate in even more school activities than her sister.

Many people who have taught Greer have commented on what she had added to the respective group and its dynamics. She has often been acknowledged for adding joy to the group, bringing people together and inspiring others to conquer challenges. We are thankful for Inclusive Education, which has enabled Greer to thrive rather than be marginalized as have many before her and many in other less progressive places.

FUTURE JUSTICE STARTS TODAY

Decisions taken by politicians today will have a major influence on the world of tomorrow. But generations yet to be born cannot stand up for their rights. The Future Justice Commission works to ensure that effective checks and balances are in place to expose the long-term impacts of policies and introduce a shift from short-term to long-term thinking. To achieve this, we work closely with governments, MPs and civil society to place issues in a broader inter-temporal context and encourage policy frameworks that protect the disadvantaged and vulnerable in the present and future.

Guardians for Future Generations

We work to establish Guardians for Future Generations at all levels of governance in order to introduce a long-term perspective into policy-making and act as advocates of present and future generations. Currently, we are working at the UN to establish a High Commissioner for Future Generations and are leading discussions to map out the possibilities of an EU Guardian for Future Generations. Our proposal for a High Commissioner for Future Generations was presented at the UN High-Level Political Forum and during COP21 in Paris.



In September 2015, we co-hosted a high-level hearing in the European Parliament together with Mr Benedek Jávor MEP (Greens/EFA), Ms Sirpa Pietikainen MEP (EPP) (pictured here with WFC Founder Jakob von Uexkull) & Mr Jo Leinen (SnD).



The members of the “Roundtable of Institutions for a Sustainable Future”, a network of 9 institutions working to promote long-term thinking in politics, meet regularly.

In 2015 we held a two day conference in Cardiff, Wales, co-hosted by the Welsh Government and other partners, to discuss “Essential Ingredients for a Sustainable Future”. On the second day of the conference, the Welsh Well-being of Future Generations Act, which we helped to shape, came into law. It is an exemplary legislative solution to create a better world for future generations and includes the appointment of a statutory, independent Commissioner for Future Generations, devoted to this challenge.

How Can Today’s Europe Better Safeguard the Needs of the Future?

We are also working at the EU level to address systemic gaps in policy and the EU institutions. Our commissioned report ‘Establishing an EU ‘Guardian for Future Generations’, written by the Institute for European Environmental Policy, sets out a number of recommendations.

Crimes Against Future Generations

When individuals knowingly harm the long-term health, safety, or means of survival of human populations, they are committing a crime against future generations. Our team works with a number of initiatives to ensure that such acts will be criminalized.

THE ROADMAP TO A FUTURE-JUST WORLD

The Global Policy Action Plan (GPACT)

The Global Policy Action Plan (GPACT) is a set of interlinked, proven policy reforms that together, build sustainable, peaceful and just societies and help to realise international commitments, including the global Sustainable Development Goals. GPACT is not an encyclopaedia of everything that could be done; instead it provides a focalisation point for our resources, limited in finance and time, to tackle the most urgent problems ahead.

Primarily aimed at time-constrained policy-makers, GPACT provides a complementary information manual that brings together working, innovative policy solutions and forward-thinking practical tools, consisting of the minimum policy steps required to enable us to preserve a habitable planet and protect the rights of both present and future generations to a healthy world.

"I did indeed find it extremely attractive, substantive and easy to navigate. I am sure it will provide a very valuable resource for policy-makers around the world."

Anda Filip, Director for Member Parliaments and External Relations at the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Futurepolicy.org

Futurepolicy.org is our specialist online database of exemplary and proven future-just policy solutions that promote sustainable living and have already been successful in one or more countries. It offers helpful tools such as background information, sample legal texts, checklists, case studies and further in-depth research and analysis.



The Global Policy Action Plan (GPACT) brings together working, innovative policy solutions and forward-thinking practical tools to assist policy-makers in the implementation of pioneering legislation.

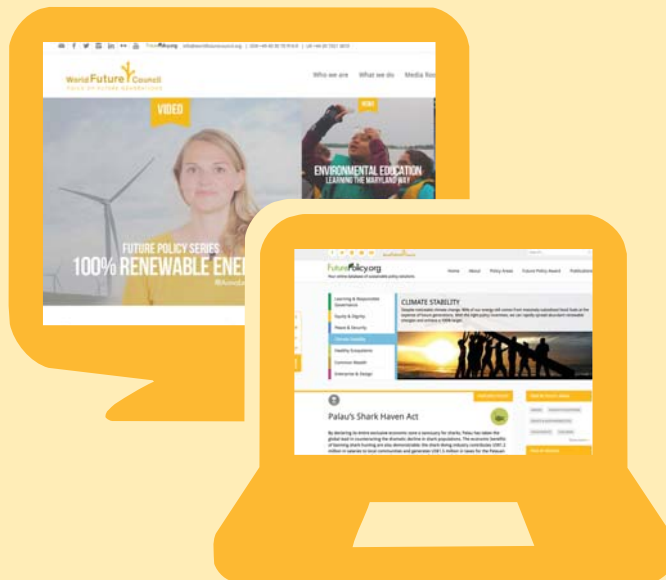
THE WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL ONLINE

Our Website

The year 2015 was dedicated to revamping the main WFC online presence. The new website was officially launched at our Annual General Meeting in March 2016. Visit us online to learn about our work, team members and the dedicated Councillors while staying up-to-date on our activities.

Futurepolicy.org


Our comprehensive online database of best policy solutions has become a popular online tool for policy-makers and experts looking for best-practice legislation.



ONLINE FOLLOWERS **16.000+** 

 **10.000+** **LIKES**
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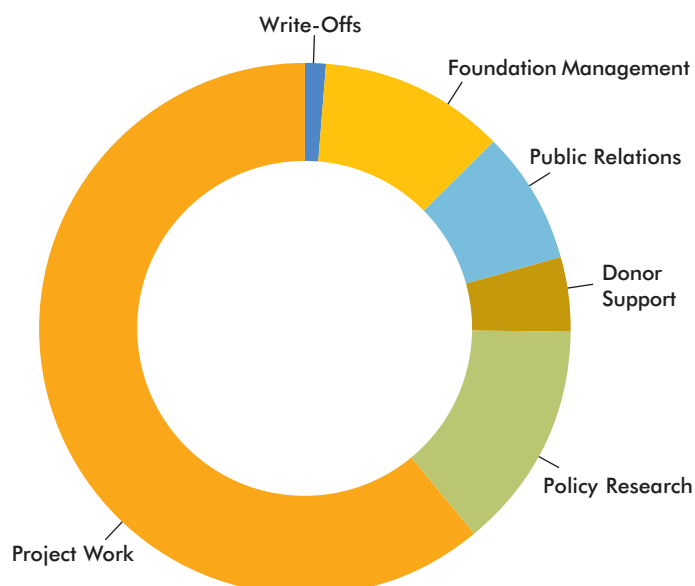
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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

The World Future Council Foundation is an independent charitable foundation. We ensure that all expenditures of the Foundation are spent effectively and efficiently, in line with our statutory goals.

PricewaterhouseCoopers has prepared the Foundation's annual accounts for 2015 and confirms that these meet the legal requirements. PricewaterhouseCoopers compiled the annual financial statement – comprising the balance sheet, the profit and loss account and the notes to the financial statements – of the Foundation in accordance with German commercial law and the supplementary provisions of the charter.



WORK OF THE FOUNDATION	2015	2014
	in thousand euro	in thousand euro
I. EARNINGS		
Donations	907	1.434
Interest Earnings	98	98
Other Income	216	19
Sum Earnings	1.221	1.551
II. EXPENDITURE		
Project Work	1.319	1.331
Policy Research	295	224
Donor Support	96	96
Public Relations	172	171
Foundation Management	217	239
Write-Offs	27	17
Write-Offs	2.126	2.078
ANNUAL RESULTS	-904	-527
RESERVES	1.927	2.831
ENDOWMENT	617	617

All sums are rounded.

“To achieve real and longterm sustainable development now and in the future, it is critical that on a policy-level the participation of children and youth is ensured and that their rights are reinforced. The World Future Council provides future generations with a voice to ensure their interests are taken into account when we talk about the future. That’s why I support their work!”

Auma Obama, Founder and Director of the “Sauti Kuu Foundation”, Board Member of the Jacobs Foundation



“The World Future Council brings the Olympic spirit into politics. It creates a fruitful competition between governments and honours the most sustainable policies with the Future Policy Award. As an athlete I fundamentally support this.”

Carl Lewis, Olympic athlete, FAO Goodwill Ambassador



“I very much appreciate the World Future Council’s work to identify and promote best policy solutions. Spreading good policies is essential to the efforts to protect our ecosystems and the livelihoods of current and future generations.”

Edward Norton, Actor, UN Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity



“Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue. For this, it is most helpful to speak about solutions. The World Future Council’s “best policy” approach is a promising way to promote lasting change for a better future.”

Jane Goodall, UN Messenger of Peace

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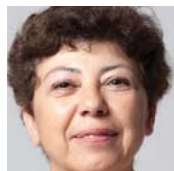
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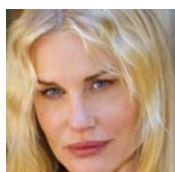
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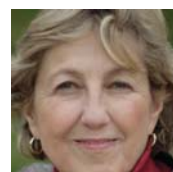
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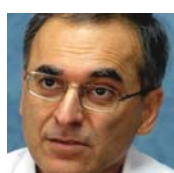
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“The work of the WFC combines a strong vision with a sustainable and hands-on approach. With its work on climate, energy and cities in China, the organization has made a mark in a field, which despite receiving international attention, often fails in the implementation stage.”

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“The World Future Council promotes the implementation of long-term policies that will help transition the world to 100 percent renewable energies. This is the most critical measure for tackling climate change, which is threatening to destroy our livelihoods. Inaction is no longer an option and policy-makers must now act decisively. Therefore I am grateful to the World Future Council for setting itself the task of guiding them along the way.”



Dr. Farhad Vladi, CEO, Vladi Private Islands



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