Giving a voice to future generations and standing up for their rights by providing decision-makers with policy tools to secure a just and sustainable future.
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Dear friends,

Climate change, the destruction of the environment and continued wars are just some of the signs that today’s civilization is living at the expense of future generations. We can and need to initiate an orderly transition to a regenerative, resilient and flourishing future.

Hence, the World Future Council (WFC) was founded ten years ago to speak up for the rights of future generations to a sustainable, just and peaceful world. By setting up alliances for effective renewable energy policies around the world, we have made a significant contribution to the global goal of achieving a 100% Renewable Energy target and contributing to climate protection.

Laws, said Martin Luther King, may not move the heart, but they restrain the heartless. By creating the first-ever international prize for best policies, the Future Policy Award, we have — judging by the reactions from the winners — even succeeded in moving hearts!

The last decade was indeed 10 years of impact for the WFC: Our Global Policy Action Plan, bringing together the best available policy solutions from all over the world, provides an instruction manual on how to build a shared global future.

The WFC focuses on the how, identifying and helping spread the best available, tried and tested policy solutions worldwide. With innovative and integrated solutions benefitting people and planet, transformative changes can happen very quickly.

The World Future Council builds transboundary knowledge on solutions and closes capacity gaps. The unique convening power of the WFC connects policymakers, civil society, academia, business and culture both in our membership and our activities.

We know that a better world is possible for our children and grandchildren. With your support, the World Future Council can continue and expand working on HOW to get there.

Jakob von Uexküll
Chair of the Management Board, Founder

Alexandra Wandel
Director and Vice-Chair, Management Board

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Director Climate, Energy and Cities, Member Management Board

Stefan Schurig
We all hope for a just and peaceful world, a world without hunger, a world in which the rights of children are respected and established, a world of peace and disarmament, a world that pulls together in one direction to take action against climate change. The World Future Council (WFC) is working towards such a world. And it is not enough for the WFC to identify the problems but it is also looking for solutions to these problems. The aim is clear: to change the political framework for the better.

The WFC has achieved a great deal in the past 10 years. One example is their commitment for renewable energies that contributed to the municipalities’ awareness worldwide, that they need to occupy themselves with climate change issues. And – often under direct consultancy through the WFC – they started working on and designing strategies on how to turn away from fossil energies. The WFC therefore may claim for itself to have played a substantial role in the creation of the Paris Climate Agreement.

This year, the World Future Council celebrates its 10th anniversary. And I am especially delighted about this anniversary because the City of Hamburg supported this Hamburg based foundation, which since 2007 remains loyal to the city. I wish the WFC a successful future and considerable perseverance for its work for a better world.

Olaf Scholz
First Mayor and President of the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
2017 marks the 10th anniversary of the World Future Council. As we look into the future – to new challenges and opportunities – we want to take a moment to celebrate the impact and success of the past decade.

Over the past ten years, the World Future Council has developed into a globally recognised organisation spreading best policy solutions worldwide.

The brain child of Jakob von Uexkull who also initiated the Right Livelihood Award, the idea for a global council was first aired on German radio in 1998. In 2007, the organisation was formally launched in Hamburg, Germany on May 10 to serve in the interests of future generations.

The Council consists of up to 50 eminent global pioneers from governments, parliaments, civil society, academia, the arts and business who have already successfully created change. Together, they make politicians aware that they have an ethical responsibility to assess every decision-making process on the basis of how it will affect future generations.

The Councillors meet once a year to decide on a work programme and form expert commissions and working groups. Today, staff members are spread across offices in Hamburg, London, Windhoek, Geneva and Beijing.
TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

In 2007 the WFC was founded with its Head Office in Hamburg and another base in London.

Since 2009, our Future Policy Award celebrates policies that create better living conditions for current and future generations.

We became a partner of the Zero Project to advance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In 2008 we opened our EU office in Brussels and US office in Washington.

Our work on Food Security and Biodiversity began.

The Future Finance commission was launched to reform the finance system to serve the common good.

In 2010 we opened our first Africa office in Addis Ababa.

Our work on Forests began.

The first Future of Cities Forum was held in Delhi, India.

Our department on Climate & Energy was the first programme to be launched.

Our policy database FuturePolicy.org was first introduced.

Our Peace and Disarmament department was set up.
2012

The **Global Policy Action Plan** is introduced.

In 2012, we opened a liaison office in **Geneva**.

2013

In 2013, we launched our work to end **violence against women and girls**.

2014

Our **Climate & Energy** Team kicks off the global 100% Renewable Energy movement.

2015

In 2015, the WFC opened its office in **China** to support regenerative urban development.

Our work for the **rights of children** took off.

2016

We relaunched our main **website**.
We have established the Global Policy Action Plan, a comprehensive best policy guide that brings together 45 innovative policy solutions and forward-thinking practical tools, consisting of the minimum policy steps required to preserve a habitable planet for both present and future generations to enjoy. Our specialist online database “www.futurepolicy.org” provides assistance to decision-makers to uncover existing exemplary policy solutions that promote sustainable living and which have already been successful in one or more countries.

The nexus of themes provides a comprehensive tool for the Sustainable Development Goals, helping policy makers to respond to the interconnected and transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda. Through highlighting these policies, we aim to demonstrate that proven solutions already exist, in order to accelerate action and to go further, faster in implementation.

Since 2009, our award celebrates policies that create better living conditions for current and future generations. Each year, we identify one topic on which policy progress is particularly urgent. In the past ten years, our FPA has highlighted policies and best practices in the areas of Food Security (2009), Biodiversity (2010), Forests (2011), Oceans (2012), Disarmament (2013), Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (2014) and Children’s Rights (2015). The award raises global awareness for exemplary policies and speeds up policy action. It is the first award that celebrates policies rather than people on an international level.

We host an annual international “Future of Cities Forum” that brings together mayors, city councillors, urban planners, researchers, practitioners and representatives of civil society and the private sector to discuss key challenges and solutions for regenerative cities and its hinterland. The aim is to build up a global multi-stakeholder network to operationalise the concept of a regenerative city and explore opportunities for implementation. Since 2011, the forum has taken place in Munich, Kampala, Hamburg, Dubai, Delhi and Beijing.

We are very fond of blaming the poor for destroying the environment. But too often it is the powerful, including governments, who are responsible. We must improve governance. We must enable policy-makers to implement good policies. This is exactly what the World Future Council is about.

Prof. Wangari Maathai (1940-2011), WFC Councillor and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Since its inauguration, the WFC has become one of the leading global organisations in the field of renewable energy and sustainable cities. It catalysed the implementation of powerful renewable energy policies in several countries and states in Europe, North America, Asia and Africa. Over 80 workshops, study tours and events on renewable energy policies and regenerative cities were hosted by the WFC.

Through its influential network, the WFC played a pivotal role in the establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the world’s first inter-governmental renewable energy organisation consisting today of more than 170 member states and candidates. The WFC initiated a global advocacy campaign for 100% renewable energy, a message which is now supported by most of the international Non-Government-Organisations including WWF, Sierra Club, Greenpeace and ICLEI, the world’s biggest network of cities.

**RENEWABLE ENERGIES**

So far, more than 80 countries and states have implemented a successful Feed-in Tariff policy and the WFC is a leading reference source. We shaped a global narrative that proved the feasibility and amplified the global 100% RE movement that is growing around the world. The WFC Climate Energy Team created the necessary policy environment for local Leaders, like the Mayor of Vancouver, to commit to 100% Renewables and helped the government in the Canadian County Oxford to develop a strategy for 100% RE, which now led to the first community wind project, for which 180 members raised a staggering $9 million. Today, more than 300 cities, regions, islands and countries are adopting 100% RE targets.

"The World Future Council is pointing the world to 100% Renewable Energy. Because: Yes, we can choose the world we want.

Frances Moore Lappé, WFC Councillor"

"The support of the World Future Council towards the Oxford 100% RE goal is crucial given the fact we have limited exposure to an international community from which we can learn. 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, Canada"
REGENERATIVE CITIES

In 2014, the WFC opened its office in China to support regenerative urban development in the highly populated country. Within the “Regenerative City Programme”, the WFC developed a new innovative dialogue format: The “Future of Cities Forum”, which has taken place in Germany, China, Uganda, India and the UAE. All mainstream media including CNN, Guardian, BBC, Al Jazeera and the New York Times covered the work of the Climate Energy Team over the course of the last years.

The WFC Climate Energy Team has effectively established the concept of “regenerative cities” in the international urban development discourse. Through workshops, direct advisory mandates and its “Future of Cities Forum”, the WFC has catalysed a policy dialogue about the necessity to move beyond sustainability towards regenerative urban development. Iowa City, Iowa (USA), for example decided to become the first regenerative city, as “we need to change the discussion from merely doing less bad to the environment to actively promoting environmental restoration, improving human health and quality of life by providing carbon free transportation choices, and creating abundant sources of renewable energy”.

“By visiting other countries, I have learnt in the past months that renewable energy can overcome poverty and improve people’s livelihoods.

Doto Biteka, Chair for Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Minerals, Tanzania after the WFC study tour to Bangladesh, visiting WFC Councillor Dipal C. Barua
The combined explosive yield of the more than 15,000 nuclear weapons around the world is enough to destroy life on earth as we know it. Global military spending stands at over US$4 billion a day: Resources withheld from society, and money that could be spent on sustainable projects instead. The WFC works to spread policies that prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons as well as ban their financing.

In 2009, the Peace and Disarmament department was set up with the aim to advance global disarmament by sharing policy-solutions across borders. One of the main tasks of the first two years was the production of a Parliamentary Handbook identifying specific policy-action on nuclear disarmament for the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament. The handbook contains over 50 examples from around the world and plays a vital role in the ongoing work to spread best nuclear disarmament policy.

Since then, the department has undertaken a range of initiatives aimed at engaging, educating and mobilising policymakers on the pursuit of vital disarmament goals, in particular the achievement of a world free of nuclear weapons.

In 2012, we appeared at the UN Summit Rio + 20 with an art project to raise awareness: a tank that was completely covered with bread symbolising the need to redirect military budgets to sustainable development initiatives.

In 2013, we held our Future Policy Award in partnership with the IPU and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. The winning policies originate from across the planet and provide a roadmap of policy-solutions to disarmament challenges, including the blight of small arms, the continued dangers of landmines and cluster bombs and the continuing threat of nuclear weapons. In the follow-up to the Award, we launched the Arms Control Exchange project in 2015, which brings the lessons of Argentina’s anti-firearms law to countries in the Balkans.

Through our Climate-Nuclear Nexus project we have also broadened understanding on how climate change and nuclear weapons interact with each other and how policy-solutions can reduce these dangers.

In 2016, we installed a 3-D street painting of a nuclear missile being fired from the ground next to the German Parliament in Berlin, to further raise awareness of the ongoing threat of nuclear weapons.

The World Future Council has taken a lead in parliaments, inter-parliamentary bodies and at the UN to highlight and spread exemplary disarmament policies. In this way, WFC has assisted in the implementation of policies which are collectively building a more secure, peaceful and sustainable world.

Alyn Ware, WFC Councillor, and Founder and international coordinator of the network Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)
Decisions made today shape our future. The Future Justice Commission seeks to develop a comprehensive legal and policy framework that guarantees human security, ecological integrity, and social equity in the interest of future generations.

Our 7 Principles for Future Just Law-making, provide a methodology to assist policy-makers in designing, evaluating and amending legislation. They also guide the selection process of our own “Future Policy Award”. The methodology is based on the 7 Principles for Sustainable Development Law which were presented by the International Law Association and adopted at the World Summit in 2002.

We have established ourselves as a leading source of expertise on applying the concept of intergenerational equity in policy making. Our research and proactive advocacy on securing the needs of future generations has brought attention at the highest level, at the UN and with governments and parliaments worldwide. We have promoted Guardians for Future Generations: innovative, independent bodies, dedicated to enhance governance frameworks and processes, filling institutional gaps by actively advocating for future generations. Through offering advice, recommendations, and building capacity, such institutions have proven very effective in overcoming short-termism and policy incoherence plaguing the decisions of today, linking citizens with governments, and working as a catalyst for sustainable development implementation.

Our dedicated website www.futurejustice.org is the go-to hub, as a source for information and latest thinking.

We are Vice Chair of the Network of Institutions for Future Generations, a new, innovative platform of existing Guardians and Commissioners for Future Generations.

Our concept of crimes against future generations underlines the need to guarantee human security, ecological integrity, and social equity in the interest of future generations, building upon a number of principles and developments in international law and policy on sustainable development, environment, human rights and international crime.

As a young person I am deeply concerned at the current trend of economic progress being achieved at the cost of the environment. This shortsighted nature of policy making must change and the World Future Council is playing a very important role in influencing decision makers and civil society to adopt a long term approach so that the rights of future generations are not compromised for current gains.

Kehkashan Basu, 16 years old, WFC Ambassador, former Global Coordinator for Children & Youth, UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee
About 1 in 3 women worldwide – 35% – have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime. This violence limits the choices and the capacity for action of women and girls. It thus undermines all efforts to create peaceful and equitable societies. All the more important to focus on the rights of women and girls in order to create a solid foundation for a society. Consequently, it was decided in 2013 to launch our work to end violence against women and girls.

In 2014, in partnership with UN Women and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we identified and awarded the world’s best policies in the field with our “Future Policy Award”. Winners reflect the broad spectrum of measures and approaches that are required to achieve true progress towards an end of violence against women and girls. Since then, we have been working hard to bring these inspiring solutions to policy-makers around the world.

The award ceremony was held with 1200 delegates (including 700 Speakers of Parliament and other MPs) from 170 countries.

- Parliamentarians from seven African countries have committed themselves to ensure a world free of violence for women and girls
- Stakeholders from six countries from Central and Eastern Europe, Asia and the Caribbean received practical training on combatting domestic violence over nine days
- 30 good practices from 13 different countries were presented in a report to protect female refugees and girls from violence
- The WFC met with representatives from four parties to support a criminal law reform on sexual violence which enshrined the principle ‘no means no’ in Germany

The vision of gender equality to become true is a global imperative. We need joint and genuine action at all levels. The good news is: There are already effective and promising policies to address inequalities. For instance, the Burkina Faso law against female genital mutilation/cutting has proven to be effective. By awarding it with the Silver Future Policy Award in 2014, the WFC plays a vital role in promoting the law – which can and will save girls and women from being mutilated.

Dr. María Fernanda Espinosa, WFC Councillor and Foreign Minister of Ecuador
Children are human beings with a distinct set of rights and responsibilities. However, their rights are still not respected in many parts of the world. Our 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.

In 2015 we dedicated our “Future Policy Award” to the best laws and policies that contribute to protecting and strengthening the rights of girls and boys.

We asked over 400 child international rights experts about the most effective laws and policies from their work and regions. Five winning policies were selected which the WFC actively promotes to lawmakers around the world.

The winning policy, Zanzibar’s Children’ Act, introduced in 2011, is a pioneering comprehensive child rights law covering custody, foster parentage, and guardianship, as well as the roles and responsibilities of professionals and institutions in providing services for children. Over 200 Children’s Councils and National Children’s Advisory Boards are creating channels for children and youths to participate and enable them report on child rights violations.

In 2016 we hosted an international workshop in Annapolis/USA for representatives of 16 education and environmental ministries from around the world to explore the positive impacts of Maryland’s Environmental Literacy (E-lit) Standards, recipient of the Future Policy Silver Award 2015.

We are working with five countries to spread environmental literacy and education for sustainable development (ESD).

We contributed official testimony to the UN-Committee on the Rights of the Child’s ‘Day of General Discussion’ on the topic of environment and children’s rights.

We are working to spread exemplary child participation, juvenile justice and child protection laws and practices. Zanzibar’s visionary Children’s Act will be one inspiration for an international event in 2017 for countries to exchange best practice on child rights.

Now I’m in the Youth Council, and now I know many things, for example my responsibilities, my rights. Now I can describe the things or problems we had; I can speak in front of the leaders. And I can lead my fellow youth and even children now. I learnt all this in the Children’s Council.

Asma Makame, 23 years, active member of the Zanzibar Youth Council, previously an active member of the Children’s Council
One billion people worldwide live with a disability, and are facing various forms of discrimination: For instance, they have limited access to healthcare, education and employment. To counter their exclusion and to contribute to better living conditions of persons with disabilities, the WFC set up a working group in 2011 to research and promote best policy solutions in this field.

To counter the discrimination of persons with disabilities around the world, the WFC established a long-term cooperation with the Vienna based Essl Foundation, entitled “Zero Project – For a world without barriers”. Since 2011, the WFC has researched more than 60 innovative policies that have helped to advance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The research, which focuses on a particular theme each year (including employment, accessibility, independent living and education), has been published in a thematic report and our online database. As part of our ongoing work, we have acted as catalysts, presenting our research results to stakeholders at an annual three-day conference held at the United Nations Office in Vienna; an event, which has typically brought together more than 500 stakeholders from more than 70 countries. As of 2017, the Zero Project’s network is composed of 3000+ disability experts from over 150 countries.

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The Zero Project is effecting change – it brings together the leading global disability rights activists annually, to identify and share some of the best policies and practices that will bring sustainable change to the lives of people with disabilities.

Shuaib Chalklen, WFC Councillor, Founder and Chairperson of the African Disability Forum and former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability, South Africa
We regard Food Security — the right to healthy, safe and sufficient food — as a human right. We launched the Food Security programme, in order to spread policy solutions that can end hunger and malnutrition, and to promote a sustainable use of resources and apply ecological principals.

In 2009 we celebrated such solutions with our Future Policy Award. Since then, we have been working to spread the winning policy from the “City that Beat Hunger”, Belo Horizonte in Brazil, which has set up a highly successful system of programmes for food security.

Over the years, we organised study tours for African Mayors so that they could experience first-hand how hunger can be eliminated from a city, before concentrating on spreading the solution to Namibia, especially its capital, Windhoek. Namibia is the driest country in Sub-Saharan Africa and seriously challenged by food insecurity. Our multi-stakeholder project has shown how food can be grown in Windhoek despite these challenges and has fostered co-operation between people from different walks of life.

When I visited Belo Horizonte in 2013 as part of the African Mayors food security tour sponsored by the World Future Council, I went back home motivated to establish relations with the City of Belo Horizonte that has so much to offer. I am very happy with this partnership.

Councillor Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of Windhoek

In Belo Horizonte they care for their people in every aspect. We realise that in Namibia our existing efforts need to be harmonised. I call upon all Mayors of Namibia to take actions in urban food security.

Councillor Ulika Nambahu, (former) Mayor of Walvis Bay

Study tours for Mayors and technical staff to Belo Horizonte

Multi-stakeholder workshops including central governmental representatives and mayors

51 Mayors signed Windhoek Declaration, committing themselves to implement programmes on food and nutrition security

Food Security Committee established in Windhoek

Handbook on policy and practice of “How to grow food in Windhoek and beyond” with Permaculture methods
Due to habitat destruction, pollution and climate change, we are currently losing species 100 to 1000 times faster than what is reflected in the fossil record. To protect biodiversity, like wetlands or wildlife, our Biodiversity Commission partners with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in supporting parliamentary processes on future-just biodiversity laws. In 2010, our “Future Policy Award” was dedicated to this topic and celebrated the world’s best policies for biodiversity in partnership with the UN. The award ceremony was held at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the UN CBD in Nagoya with delegates from over 190 countries.

Since then we have put together training materials for government officials and parliamentarians, presenting approaches for drafting and preparing a future-just biodiversity law and raising awareness of best practices. These were presented at the World Summit of Legislators in Mexico in 2014 as well as at the UN CBD Conferences in Hyderabad, India in 2012 and in Cancun, Mexico in 2016.

We convened inter-parliamentary hearings on innovative biodiversity and marine policies with parliamentarians, government officials and other key experts from academia and civil society in Latin America and Asia.

We are committed to remaining a mega-diverse country. Costa Rica is profiting economically, environmentally and socially from the biodiversity law.

Luis Matrínez Ramírez, former President of the Environmental Commission of the Legislative Assembly, initiator of the Biodiversity Law

Uniformity is not nature’s way; diversity is nature’s way.

Vandana Shiva, WFC Councillor and Right Livelihood Award Laureate 1993, Time Magazine Environmental Hero 2003

Healthy ecosystems are the foundation of healthy lives. They provide us with food, water and medicines. We take all this for free. Yet these precious resources are worth more to the global economy than all industries put together. The WFC promotes a simple, but essential truth: Biodiversity is life – our life.

Dr. Ashok Khosla, WFC Councillor, Chairman of Development Alternatives, former President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel and former Co-President of the Club of Rome
Deforestation, climate change, ecosystem destruction, food and water crises and financial turmoil require courageous regulatory intervention. The WFC chose forests as the topic of our “Future Policy Award” in 2011 on the occasion of the UN International Year of Forest. We aimed to highlight the challenges faced by many of the world’s woodlands and solutions for people who depend on them.

Much of our follow-up work focused on spreading key success factors of Rwanda’s forest policy such as landscape management and policy implementation. We have supported Members of National Parliaments from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to implement policies that ensure the reversal of deforestation and forest degradation, using key tools such as inter-parliamentary hearings, to bring together MPs, experts, activists and youth representatives to discuss and learn from exemplary forest policies. A second focus of our work has since become charcoal, which is turning into the biggest driver of deforestation on the continent.

Inter-parliamentary hearings in Nairobi, Kenya (2014), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2013), Kigali, Rwanda (2012) to exchange key success factors of forest policies and landscape government

We engaged intensively with Members of Parliament, including Leaders of Environmental Committees, from nine countries in East and Southern Africa.

From meetings like this, you learn to understand the things you see every day at home and you learn how to act.

Hon. Anastancia Ndhlovu, Member of Parliament, Parliament of Zimbabwe, Chairperson of the Environment, Water, Tourism and Hospitality Industry Committee, Vice President at World Federation of Democratic Youth
All too often, money promotes non-sustainable projects and fosters the destruction of the environment for short-term profit. Crucial financial market reforms should not be weakened to suit the interests of the financial sector or slowed down by trade agreements.

The Future Finance Commission of the World Future Council identifies, develops and disseminates policy proposals for reforming the financial and monetary system. Sustainable economies require productive and stable financial markets as well as monetary resources for climate protection.

How can we finance the necessary trillions to combat global climate change and enable the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals? The Future Finance commission started with a first finance policy proposal – using the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – at the COP15 in 2009.

Today, our revised proposal (using the capabilities of central banks instead of SDRs) is widely discussed – for example by the "France Strategie" think tank of the French Prime Minister’s Office. Our monetary reform proposals have led to a consultancy request from the Bank of England.

In 2013, we published a pioneering study which looked into the costs of not using potential renewable energy sources. Other research has focused on better financial regulation to serve the people, not the banks.

“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, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), former World Bank Vice President, WFC Councillor
China is the second-largest global economy and the world’s most populous country. With more than 160 cities with a population of over one million, including seven mega-cities with over 10 million inhabitants, China is facing severe pollution problems and other issues of urbanisation, sustainable resource use and environmental protection.

In June 2015, we launched our China programme with a focus on regenerative cities – to promote regenerative urban development for natural resource conservation. In partnership with various key stakeholders, such as the ministries working on sustainable urban development as well as the United Nations organisations in the country, we have successfully held two Future of Cities Forums with a focus on SDGs as well as urban water management for climate resilience and water resource regeneration.

In July 2016, we signed a cooperation MOU with Yuncheng County under the EU-China Urbanisation Partnership, witnessed by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. Guided by the MOU, the WFC China office is now cooperating with Yuncheng government to pilot sustainable urban wetland conservation and regenerative city development with the aim of developing an inspiring example for other cities in the urbanization process and explore better decision making processes to input into national policy-making on sustainable urbanization.

By intensely cooperating with Chinese cities, the World Future Council demonstrates to the world that cities need to IMPROVE and REGENERATE the ecosystem and natural resources they depend on rather than simply reduce the environmental impact. The WFC shows that Regenerative Cities are feasible and practical for cities in all development phases.

Mr. Zhenshan Zhang, UN-Habitat Programme Manager for China
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■ assist policy-makers to learn first-hand from successful sustainable policies and laws in other countries, and help implement them in their own countries,

■ promote best policies and laws globally. We award these with our Future Policy Award. In 2017, we will honour the best laws and policies to combat desertification.

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