

## **Press Release: The World Future Council calls for a future for all life on earth in the Pontresina Declaration**



***At the World Future Forum, held on August 28-29 in Pontresina, Switzerland, the World Future Council adopted the Pontresina Declaration to call for the regeneration of ecosystems, the stabilization of climate, economic transformation, sustainable peace, and the delivering on the rights of children, youth and future generations.***

*August 30, 2022* In light of growing pressures on nature and societies from ecological devastation, pandemics, poverty and armed conflicts, the Council met to to identify solutions to secure our common future.

Therefore, the World Future Council adopted the Pontresina Declaration which urges the UN system and the international community to step up efforts to secure the universal right of all life to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. The WFC demands to make peace with nature in our political, legal and economic systems, to end support for fossil fuels and to cut greenhouse gas emissions at least in half by 2030, to transform economics and economies, to resolve conflicts peacefully, eliminate nuclear weapons and shift military budgets to peace and human security. The call to action also focuses on the pressing issues of ensuring that fundamental human rights asking for all people to have their basis needs met including access to quality public health services and for meaningful participation of children and young people and further implementing transformative education for co-creating regenerative futures.

Luc Gnacadja, Councillor and former environment minister of Benin said *“Our call from Pontresina is an emergency message, a wake-up call to stop engineering the collapse of life and instead to make the choice to preserve and enhance it by regenerating our ecosystems, transforming our economics and economies, as well as bringing the DNA of our businesses into alignment with peace making with the Earth in order to end inequalities, uphold the right of the disenfranchised and that of the future generations”.*

Alexandra Wandel, Management Board, World Future Council: *“The World Future Council strongly believes that policies are crucial to co-create a better future for all life on earth. We have already awarded exemplary policies from Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe and North America with our Future Policy Award. The Future Policy Award honours the policies creating better living conditions for current and future generations. This proves that all over the world leaders, policy makers and civil societies are ready and willing to take action and adopt promising political decisions for a better future. Given the collapse we are facing at the moment, we need urgent action from policy makers, and the Pontresina Declaration aims to draw attention to solutions”.*

Ashok Khosla, Councillor and President of Development Alternatives summarises: *“The Pontresina Declaration adopted by the World Future Council raises awareness about the most critical issues that people face today: the urgent imperative to transition to renewable energies, need to stop armed conflicts and demilitarize the world, meeting the basic needs of all and creating a healthy, prosperous and fulfilling future for all humanity and life on our planet”.*

You can find the whole text of the declaration under the link:  
<https://bit.ly/3QZ6RrZ>.

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#### **About the World Future Council**

The World Future Council envisions a healthy planet with just and peaceful societies - now and in the future. To achieve this, we identify, develop, highlight, and spread future-just solutions for current challenges humanity is facing and award them with our unique Future Policy Award. Our Council consists of 50 eminent global changemakers from civil society, science, politics, and business. They meet annually at the World Future Forum to discuss the most urgent challenges and policy solutions to them. Jakob von Uexkull, the Founder of the Alternative Nobel Prize, launched the World Future Council in 2007.

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