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## **PRESS RELEASE: WORLD EXPERTS FOR A TOXIC-FREE WORLD WITH A FOCUS ON CHILDREN FORM JURY OF FUTURE POLICY AWARD 2023**

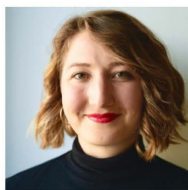
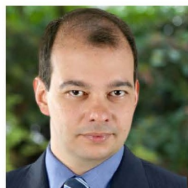
*Hamburg, 9 June 2023* – Today, the World Future Council announces the names of experts forming the jury of the Future Policy Award 2023. The Global Award, with special recognition of policies from the Global South, will be celebrating future-proof and effective policy solutions that protect our environment and guarantee a toxic-free world, especially for our children.

"We as a society are facing a series of crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. Contributing to pollution, toxic substances are added to almost all products we use in our daily life, even in toys of our youngest. We have to take it very, very seriously and especially protect children from it", says Alexandra Wandel, Chair of the Management Board of the World Future Council.

The eight renowned Future Policy Award 2023 Jury members are:

- Dr. **Lilian Busse**, Acting Vice President and Division Head for Environmental Health and the Protection of Ecosystems, German Environment Agency (UBA)
- Prof. Dr. **Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger**, Visiting Chair of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, University of Cambridge, Senior Director, Center for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), Professor of Law at the University of Victoria, Canada, and Founding Councillor, World Future Council (WFC)
- Dr. **Andre Luiz Dutra Fenner**, Public Health Researcher at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brasília, Coordinator of the Health, Environment and Work Promotion Program at Fiocruz Brasilia, he was a Technical Analyst of Social Policies at the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management (ATPS/MPOG), working at the Secretariat for Strategic and Participatory Management at the Ministry of Health (SGEP/MS)
- **Neshan Gunasekera**, educationist, lawyer, Councillor, World Future Council, Sri Lanka
- **Hanna-Andrea Rother**, PhD, Professor, Head -Environmental Health Division, Deputy Director - Centre for Environmental & Occupational Health Research (CEOHR), School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Nikil Seth**, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

- **Bea Albermann**, medical doctor, planetary health advocate, Youth:Present representative World Future Council, Switzerland
- **Leonardo Trasande**, MD, MPP, professor in pediatrics and population health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, and health policy at the NYU Wagner School of Public Service, USA



"Chemicals are an essential part of our society and, when used correctly, bring important benefits in sectors such as medical and consumer products. However, their responsible management is crucial to avoid risks to human health and the environment, as well as significant costs to the public", explains Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

The announcement of the winning policies, as well as the award ceremony will take place on the 28th of September 2023 in the context of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) in Bonn, Germany.

In 2023, the World Future Council is working in partnership with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) as well as the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), the German Environment Agency (UBA) with the support of the Michael Otto Foundation to highlight policies for a toxic-free world, regulating the use of hazardous chemicals in products, with a focus on children and their environment.

**More Information on our Future Policy Award 2023**

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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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