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PREFACE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The World Future Council turns 15 this year. In 2007, our founding congress took place in the Hamburg City Hall. Our founding members were greeted by children and signed a "Commitment to Future Generations", which still is displayed in a large frame at our headquarters in Hamburg.

The world has changed a lot since then. Those children are now young adults who have grown into an engaged generation that continues to inspire us. Some council members and projects have left, new ones have joined. Humanity has experienced many crises over the years, but it has also learnt. Our goal, however, remains firm: We want everyone to be able to live in dignity, health and peace, and we are working to ensure that we can pass on an intact planet to those who come after us.

The war in Ukraine has shaken us to the core. More than two years of pandemic are behind us. In the face of international crises, shaping a better and healthier world should once again be the focus of our attention. Much like our cover photo this year, we are at a threshold where we can leave the past behind and keep our eyes firmly on the goal. Crises are always an opportunity for a new beginning, and can initiate a learning process – giving us courage, hope and ambition for the challenges that lie ahead.

We invite you to learn more about our work in 2022 in this annual report. Here, we share the activities of our Council and our youth project, Youth:Present, our "Policy Oscar" on the topic of protection from hazardous chemicals and our working areas:

- Energy and Just Development
- Rights of Children and Youth
- Ecosystems and Livelihoods
- Peace and Disarmament

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our donors. You, dear friends of WFC, are the cornerstones of our work. With your support, we have been able to accomplish incredible things! We need more people like you who want to change the world for the better. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for this.

Stay connected to us in the future!

Sincerely yours,



Alexandra Wandel

Alexandra Wandel
Chair, Management Board



Franz-Theo Gottwald

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Chair, Supervisory Board

We are working towards a healthy planet with just and peaceful societies – now and in the future.

Our working areas are as diverse as the challenges of our time. Find out what we have achieved in 2021.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS



PROTECTING PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

From 66 nominations, we have selected the five best policies that protect us from toxic chemicals and have honoured them with our “Policy Oscar”. At a high-level awards ceremony and several conferences, we were able to commend them. Read all about the Future Policy Award 2021 on pages 4–5.



WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCELERATE ENERGY TRANSITION

In Nepal, Uganda and Vietnam, we have been working for a transformation to 100 per cent renewable energy with the involvement of relevant local actors. Read more about our multi-actor partnerships in the Global South on pages 8–9 and find out why participatory policymaking is a key success factor.



CLIMATE PROTECTION STUDIES OF THE WFC ARE WIDELY HEARD

The German National Hydrogen Council has adopted recommendations from our study on renewable hydrogen. Another study on the fair distribution of the remaining CO₂-budget was discussed by major German media houses. For more information, see page 7.



A SAFE HAVEN FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUALISED VIOLENCE – SOON ALSO IN GHANA?

For girls and boys who have experienced child abuse, the doors of the One-Stop Centres are open 24 hours a day. We are working to bring this model to Ghana. Our meetings with key decision makers and Ghana's First Lady have brought us closer to this goal. Read more on pages 10–11.





PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS RATHER THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Weapons are useless against the major crises of our time. In the year 2021 we co-organised a number of parliamentary and intergenerational events. We held global webinars and advanced effective policies on various topics including peace and disarmament in cyberspace, disarmament and public health/pandemics, and the climate – nuclear disarmament nexus. Read all about our commitment to peace and disarmament on pages 16–17.



PROTECTING 30% OF THE OCEANS BY 2030

We are working to ensure that the “30 by 30” call is heard at the highest level. Among other things, we have worked towards the German government officially becoming a member of the Global Ocean Alliance (GOA). Around 115 countries are now part of this alliance. You can read more about why ocean protection is so important on pages 14–15.



NAMIBIA: FIGHTING HUNGER THROUGH EDUCATION

Our new project, the Kambashu Institute in Windhoek, successfully runs courses on growing fruit and vegetables for people in the slums. You can read more about how we are providing more food security on page 12.



MOMENTUM FOR AGROECOLOGY IN THE HIMALAYAS

Our aim is to win decision makers to strengthen sustainable agriculture in the Himalayas. To this end, we presented the “100 per cent organic” state of Sikkim at a high-level conference. Find out more on page 13.



THE WFC PODCAST: OUT NOW!

Young activist meets senior WFC Council member – an exchange of expertise, experience, and enthusiasm. Our new podcast “The Good Council” inspires with its intergenerational dialogue. Be inspired on page 18.



THINK FORWARD, TALK SOLUTIONS: OUR WEBINAR SERIES

In our Forward Thinkers webinar series, we discuss pressing challenges and, more importantly, effective policy solutions to tackle them. Exciting topics such as child health, marine protection, pandemics, biodiversity and sustainable agriculture, with high-level speakers, make the webinars a real highlight. Read more on page 19.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO PROTECT FROM HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

How we honoured and awarded the winners of our 2021 “Policy Oscar”.

Glamour for good policies: The virtual awards ceremony

In 2021, we honoured exemplary policies that protect us from hazardous chemicals. This is a special topic that affects many areas of life: the environment, health, children and women, work, and the economy. Together with our partners, we awarded five winning legislations with our “Policy Oscar”.

Unlike in previous years, the 11th Future Policy Award ceremony was celebrated in a virtual ceremony. The event, which took place on July 6th, 2021 in Hamburg, was a great success and we were able to honour the winners with the glittering ceremony they deserved! Distinguished guests attended, around 1,500 people from all over the world watched and inspiring art and music acts made the awards ceremony well worthwhile.

Prof Dr Dirk Messner, President of the German Environment Agency (UBA), and Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, Director of the Economics Division of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), gave the opening speeches. “Chemicals and chemical waste are a big topic, and we cannot treat them as a side aspect if we want to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. We need to have more political attention for the topic of chemicals and chemical waste; the Future Policy Award makes an exciting contribution to generating this kind of attention”, said Prof Dr Messner.



Policies from Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Sweden received awards. These are all effective in reducing hazardous chemicals, thus minimising their negative impact on human health and the environment. The World Health Organisation estimates that, in 2016 alone, exposure to certain harmful chemicals claimed the lives of approximately 1.6 million people and made many more ill. Children in particular are disproportionately affected. Due to the influences of hazardous chemicals and polluted environments, a silent pandemic of disease and disability is spreading throughout their childhood.



More about the winning policies:

www.worldfuturecouncil.org/chemicals

In his praise for the award winner, Prof Dr Michael Otto, co-founder and Honorary Council Member of the World Future Council, commended the Stockholm region for its courageous action against the use of harmful chemicals and for protecting health, especially that of children.

Other highlights were the congratulatory speeches by our Council members Dr Auma Obama, Vandana Shiva, Kehkashan Basu, currently our youngest Council Member, and our founder, Jakob von Uexküll.

FPA 2021
Partners:





Presentation at the highest level: The FPA at the Berlin Forum on Chemicals

We had the honour of presenting the winning policies of this year's "Policy Oscar" at the highest level: Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), presented the FPA 2021 winners at the Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability, which was organised by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV).

Around fifty high-level speakers participated in the forum. These included UN Secretary-General António Guterres, the then German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Virginijus Sinkevičius, the EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, as well as ministers from many countries, chairpersons of important intergovernmental organisations and leading representatives from around the world in the private sector and non-governmental organisations.



Find the recording and more information here:
bit.ly/390jBxA

EXPERT ROUNDS AND CONFERENCES – ALL ABOUT THE FPA WINNERS

We presented the winners of our Future Policy Award 2021 at numerous conferences over the past year, for example at the World Congress on Organic Agriculture. A very special event took place in Hamburg at the end of November 2021: On the occasion of World Children's Day, we organised a high-profile media and charity dinner at the Grand Elysée Hotel in Hamburg to celebrate the winners.

EXPERIENCE GOOD POLICIES ONLINE: OUR WEBINARS

From Children's Health to Public Health and Universal Health Coverage

As part of our Forward Thinkers webinar series, renowned experts spoke about the impact of hazardous chemicals on children and the economic consequences of early childhood exposure to pollution.

Policies for Sustainable & Healthy Agri-Food Systems

We urgently need to make our food systems sustainable. But how? In this Forward Thinkers webinar, we presented, among other things, Sri Lanka's pesticide regulation, which won the special FPA 2021 award and reduced the country's suicide rate by 70 per cent.

Towards a Toxic-Free Future: Success Factors of Chemical Policymaking on the Example of Lead in Paint

We also participated in the first Global Sustainable Chemistry Week with an event! Our webinar highlighted the Philippine Pesticides Act, which was awarded a special prize at the FPA 2021.



Our webinars on toxics and health:
bit.ly/36cvLC3

STRENGTHENING THE WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL

Maria Fernanda Espinosa was President of the UN General Assembly and Minister for Natural Heritage and Foreign Affairs of Ecuador. As of 2014, she has strengthened the World Future Council as a Councillor and is consistently committed to raising global awareness of the WFC further and developing greater global partnerships.



Maria, the World Future Council turns 15 in 2022. What do you think have been some of the greatest achievements of the WFC?

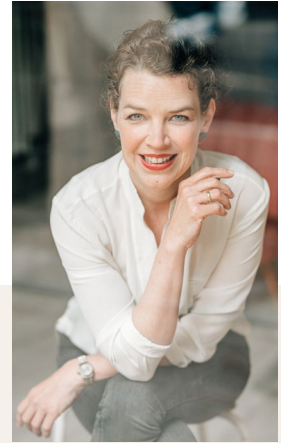
Over the past 15 years, the Council has worked on identifying the best sustainable development policies to ensure that current and future generations inherit a healthy and safe planet. Since 2009, more than 60 exemplary policies from over 40 countries on 11 urgent challenges in the field of nature and environmental protection, human rights and peace have been recognised and popularised in other countries and regions.

We are facing a systematic crisis with climate change, nature loss, hunger and increasing conflicts. What do you think the WFC needs to undertake in the future to contribute to a healthy planet with just and peaceful societies?

I strongly believe that the WFC should use the power and wisdom of its Councillors to multiply the voices for an intergenerational environmental justice and expand the reach of the exemplary nature-positive policies worldwide.

Future Generations have no say in today's politics. What can we all do to ensure that present and future generations can have an impact on their own future?

The participation of young thinkers and changemakers should not be a "nice to have" dimension of social change but a pre-requisite for contemporary democracies, at all levels, from the community to the government, the parliament, to the international multilateral scene. And we are not talking about a tokenistic participation but about power sharing and decision-making.



NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBER, MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Supervisory Board has appointed **Ms Marie Biermann** as new Member of the Management Board as of 1 July 2022. She will replace Theodor Boitor, who has decided to join a systemic consulting company in Hamburg. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him wholeheartedly for his commitment to the World Future Council! His successor Marie is a fully qualified lawyer, and former executive director of a company for sustainable brand management. She also worked for an international environmental organisation in South Africa. Marie will join the World Future Council and focus on foundation management, growth strategy, legal and human resources.

She takes her yoga mat almost everywhere and she likes to drink cold coffee (which her grandmother says is good for one's health).

Welcome to the team!

CLIMATE ACTION:

NEW INSPIRING STUDIES

THE HYPE AROUND H₂: HOW CAN RENEWABLE HYDROGEN BE PRODUCED IN A JUST WAY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH?

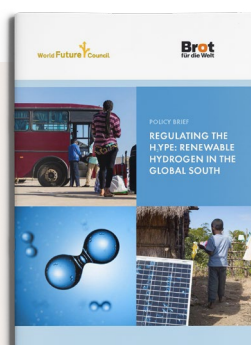
In the context of energy transition, hydrogen is a trendy topic. But what many do not know is that it is only carbon neutral if it is produced with electricity from renewable energy sources. In order to overcome existing inequalities, renewable (green) hydrogen must, however, meet additional sustainability criteria, because only then can local and fair production chains be established and energy poverty in the Global South can be overcome. What are the strengths and weaknesses, the opportunities and challenges around H₂?

Our study **REGULATING THE H₂YPE** looks at precisely these questions and gives clear recommendations and criteria for policymakers to promote the sustainable and equitable production of hydrogen.

Many of our guidelines have been taken up by the German National Hydrogen Council and have been adopted as recommendations by the German government and its hydrogen strategy.



Read here:
bit.ly/3rp6SKK



ENERGY CONSUMPTION: HOW CAN THE REMAINING CO₂ BUDGET BE FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE WORLD'S POPULATION?

In the face of advancing climate change, it is clear that global energy consumption must not only be decarbonised, it must also be stopped in its rapid increase. But energy-hungry convenience uses, such as excessive air travel, are unnecessarily driving up energy consumption in the Global North. At the same time, the Global South has a lot of catching up to do – in building basic infrastructure to achieve the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and in the field of renewable energies.

How big is our remaining global CO₂ budget if we do not want to exceed the 1.5°C global warming limit? And are the resources on our finite planet sufficient to implement a global energy transition? Our study "How can the remaining CO₂ budget be fairly distributed among the world's population?" answers these and other questions. The study was published in German only.

It achieved great media attention in Germany after its publication, for example on "Deutschlandfunk", "Tagesspiegel" and "die WELT".



Read here:
bit.ly/3KyYIMZ

ENERGY AND JUST DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION THROUGH COLLECTIVE DECISION-MAKING

A vision for the future that leaves no one behind: 100 per cent renewable, 100 per cent accessible

A swift shift to a renewables-based energy system can be ensured once broad ownership for the transition is available. Therefore, our focus in 2021 was to strengthen the collective decision-making and participation in policy design. As part of our 100 per cent renewable energy (RE) roadmap work programme, we launched multi-actor partnership (MAP) platforms in Nepal, Uganda and Vietnam over this past year.

Driven by local civil society organisations, we brought together opinion leaders and key stakeholders to accelerate national energy transition. Placing cooperation at the heart of this endeavour, MAP members are empowered to participate in decision-making processes that were often centralised in the past!

Keeping 1.5°C Alive

COP26 talks in Glasgow in November 2021 called out fossil fuels for their role in the climate crisis for the first time ever. The Glasgow Climate Pact reflects the minimum consensus of over 200 states to phase down coal and fossil fuel subsidies in order to still limit global warming to 1.5°C. This also means that we need solutions that phase into renewables boldly and swiftly.



Our goal is to develop holistic solutions to harness the many socio-economic benefits of renewables: cleaner air, local value creation, green COVID-19 recovery and climate action.

In many countries of the Global South, for example, wood is still used for cooking, which is not only harmful to health, but also contributes to climate change and is a cause of unregulated deforestation. Nepal is the largest consumer of wood for cooking in Asia. Disseminating solutions for “clean”, i.e., non-fossil, cooking was a focus of our work. We also looked at local value creation through community energy projects and electrified transport.

This is why the MAP platforms have developed various country-specific policy papers, for example, on the role of renewable energies in COVID-19 recovery or on topics such as clean cooking and gender equality in the energy sector. In this way, they are able to inspire the interest of a broad spectrum of actors and mobilise them to work together for fair energy policy action!



Knowledge Hub:

100re-map.net/knowledge-hub



Our team at COP26 in Glasgow



BUILDING BRIDGES: STRENGTHENING A GLOBAL 100% RE MOVEMENT

Our goal: 100 per cent renewable energy (RE) worldwide. We have been using our expertise and knowledge to enable future-just policies. Our policy research and discussion papers have been fed into a multitude of platforms and initiatives to disseminate future-just policies and accelerate the transition towards 100 per cent RE on a global scale.



Global Renewables Congress

A newly formed partnership with the Global Parliamentary Group of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) yielded high-level policy dialogues with legislators like Ms Loren Legarda, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, and Hon Lawrence Biyika Songa, Chair of the Environment Committee of the parliament in Uganda, discussing how decentralised energy systems can contribute to COVID-19 recovery and how renewables are a cheaper and stronger alternative to coal and fossil gas.

www.renewablescongress.org



IRENA Coalition for Action

As co-chair of the working group “Towards 100% RE” at the IRENA Coalition for Action in 2021 and member of the steering group at REN21, we have been pushing for cutting-edge research on key issues such as sector coupling, the transition of industry towards 100 per cent RE and sustainability criteria for green hydrogen, and exploring the agri-RE nexus.

coalition.irena.org



Success in Bangladesh

Results from our work and discussions have been included in Bangladesh's Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan, which was launched in the autumn of 2021 and was lauded globally for its efforts to overcome the stigma that holds that climate action and prosperity are not two sides of the same coin.

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THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

A SAFE HAVEN FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Our commitment to child protection in Ghana.

An Effective Help Concept to Support Survivors of Child Abuse – Soon Also in Ghana?

For girls and boys who have experienced sexual violence, the doors of the One-Stop Centres are open 24 hours a day. Social workers, doctors and police officers, specially trained in dealing with children and cases of abuse, take care of them here and can take up their cases directly – all under one roof.

We want to bring this model to Ghana, because for the majority of girls and boys there, sadly, violence is part of everyday life. According to official statistics, nine out of ten children are victims of mental or physical violence and almost one fifth is sexually abused.

Meeting with Decision Makers and Ghana's First Lady

In July 2021, we were again able to travel to Ghana to promote the establishment of the One-Stop Centres on the ground. We presented



Decision makers in Ghana want to make the One-Stop Centres happen

THE CONTEXT

In 2015, we honoured Zanzibar's Children's Act with our Future Policy Gold Award for the protection and promotion of children's rights. The One-Stop Centres are part of their child protection system.

In 2017, we organised a conference in Zanzibar to promote this successful policy. Over 100 delegates from African and Asian countries attended the conference. The delegates from Ghana showed a particularly great interest in the One-Stop Centre model.

We have been in contact with the Ghanaian Ministry for Children since 2018. At that time, we also organised an on-site workshop with key child protection actors and professionals from Zanzibar. In 2021, we were able to travel to Ghana in person for the second time.

the One-Stop Centre initiative and its contribution to strengthening the child protection system to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Gender and Children. In addition, the Ministry of Gender Equality, Children and Social Protection invited us to participate in the annual meeting of the National Child Protection Committee.

The highlight of the trip was our meeting with First Lady Rebecca Akuffo Addo, who has been a champion of children's rights since she took office. She has agreed to support the initiative and to work with us on the project.

What's Next?

There is no doubt that there is not only an urgent need for the One-Stop Centre model in Ghana, but also a great interest in it. Our trip gave us the opportunity to spark discussions at the highest level of government in Ghana, to educate about the importance and effectiveness of the model and to inspire legislators to adopt it.

We are hoping to implement a pilot project. From now on, however, the success of our work also depends on our financial resources and the support of our donors.



Working to strengthen child protection in Ghana: Our meeting with First Lady Rebecca Akuffo Addo (left)

CHILD PROTECTION IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

In March, we organised a webinar in which we presented the One-Stop Centres as an effective child protection tool in the African context. Children and young people need special protection, especially during a pandemic. Speakers included policymakers from Zanzibar and Ghana, a Ghanaian child neurologist and our South African Council member, human rights expert Dr Nkatha Murungi. The webinar was part of our Forward Thinkers series. Find out more on page 19.



Watch the webinar:

youtu.be/9b9Ik6_K6M

MORE ACTIVITIES FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Protecting Children from Hazardous Chemicals

Did you know that the WHO estimates that around 1.7 million children died from modifiable environmental factors such as air pollution or water contamination in 2017? Children suffer particularly from the effects of hazardous chemicals. That is why, in 2021, we presented our awards to the best policies that protect people and the environment, with a special focus on children's health. Read more about this on pages 4–5.

Intergenerational Dialogue: The Good Council

Young meets old, new beginnings meet experience. In our new podcast series "The Good Council", a young activist from either our youth forum Youth:Present or a young WFC member talks to one of our experienced Councillors. Learn more about the podcast series on page 18.

Education for Sustainable Development: UNESCO Virtual World Conference

Human dignity and equal opportunities for all people in a healthy environment – this is the only way to achieve sustainable development. Education is central to this. In May 2021, UNESCO launched its new programme for the period until 2030. We participated with a webinar and presented our handbook, "Advancing Education for Sustainable Development".



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ECOSYSTEMS AND LIVELIHOODS

HOW NAMIBIA'S SLUM DWELLERS ARE LEARNING ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR IMPROVED FOOD SECURITY

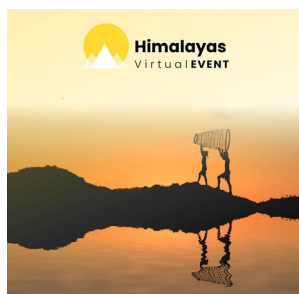
Our new project, the Kambashu Institute, shares knowledge about growing fruit and vegetables with people living in the slums of Windhoek.

There are 2.6 million people living in Namibia, of which an estimated 900,000 live in informal settlements. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to improve their lives. But unfortunately, people who want to do so, often do not have access to the necessary knowledge and creativity. This is exactly the gap we want to close with the Kambashu Institute.

We invite people living in informal settlements to be part of the process of developing new ideas and solutions that can improve their lives. Since the summer of this year, we have been running permaculture and gardening courses there. This semester we have focused on a course on building Food Circles. The concept of a Food Circle is to plant trees around a pit. The waste water, that accumulates in every household, is poured into this pit,

and biomass, dry grass and cardboard are also added. Once the trees reach a certain height, they start using the water and nutrients from the pit. For Windhoek, we recommend a larger tree (mulberry or fig) and closely spaced rows of moringa and papaya. These can be underplanted with spinach, onions and pumpkins, for example.

In the short time that the Kambashu Institute has been in existence, we have already organised 12 courses with local trainers and over 140 participants, almost 70 per cent of whom are women. Most of the participants live in zinc shacks. The feedback has been very positive: The graduates were enthusiastic about the course and many of them went on to successfully build Food Circles in their own homes. Next year, there will be more courses for both beginners and advanced learners.



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: ORGANIC FARMING AND AGROECOCLOGY FOR THE HIMALAYAN REGION

In conversation with decision makers and policy experts to strengthen sustainable agriculture.

In the Himalayan region, we have seen a trend towards sustainable agriculture. Farming families and businesses have increased their income through intensified diversification, integrated traditional farming systems, a reduced dependence on synthetic pesticides and seeds, an increase in climate resilience and the empowerment of women. To build on this momentum, we organised a virtual conference in April 2021 in partnership with the organic organisation IFOAM to discuss and inspire key decision makers through policy measures that support agroecology and organic farming in the region: Himalayas Virtual Event – Scaling up Agroecology in the Himalayas Together.

We were also honoured to present one of our Future Policy Award winners at this conference: the Indian state of Sikkim, which received a Gold Award in 2018. Sikkim practices 100 per cent organic agriculture. Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister of Sikkim, spoke at the event about the state's successful agroecology strategy. Our Council member Vandana Shiva sent a video message in which she spoke about seed diversity and biodiversity. Around 250 people from 64 countries, mainly India, Nepal and Germany, attended.

WHAT CAME NEXT FOR FARM OKUKUNA

If you read our last Path Finder, you will certainly remember Farm Okukuna, which is also an education centre. Here, local residents grow vegetables in their allotments and have the opportunity to earn money, for example, by producing high-quality compost. In addition, further training and workshops on permaculture take place.

After three years of successful project work, the farm has now been handed over to the city of Windhoek. "A project that is so successful that it is taken over by local actors – this is what you want to achieve as a supporter", says Ina Wilkie, Senior Project Manager of the World Future Council. "We wish the city of Windhoek all the best as they continue their work."



Are you familiar with our FPA on agroecology?
Find out more:

www.worldfuturecouncil.org/agroecology



You can watch the recordings here:

Day 1: <https://youtu.be/9tgoqSeNFcg>

Day 2: <https://youtu.be/JMnKuMiZSsU>

PROTECT OUR OCEANS!

Overfishing, pollution, mining, tourism, climate change – these and other human impacts are threatening marine biodiversity. But the oceans are essential for our lives. We are therefore committed to effective marine protection – and disseminating effective solutions.

Call for 30% of the Oceans to be Placed Under Protection by 2030

Human impacts threaten biodiversity and thus our own livelihoods. According to many researchers, 30 per cent of the oceans and, if possible, 30 per cent of the land area must be protected by 2030. This is the only way we can at least partially preserve the diversity of life on this planet.

We engage at the highest level and inform about the global situation and about possible solutions, and try to get decision makers on board to protect large areas of the marine environment.

We have worked to ensure that the “30 by 30” demand is heard at the highest level, both in the federal ministries and at the G7. We have also organised a workshop on this with Arab countries together with our partner organisations. Another workshop is in preparation.



Our work has already shown success: In 2020, the German government officially became a member of the Global Ocean Alliance (GOA). Around 115 countries are now part of this alliance, including the United Kingdom, Belgium and Costa Rica.

Marine Protected Areas: A Matter of Policy

Marine protected areas are a key component of the “30 by 30” strategy. About 64 per cent of the ocean’s surface lies in international waters. Here, in particular, it is important to place large areas under protection. However, there are hardly any areas – except in Antarctica – where this is legally possible. An international agreement must first be created within the structures of the international law of the sea that can provide the framework for these high seas protected areas, among other things. There is also a clear mandate from the United Nations. We are actively working together with a number of other international environmental organisations on such a high seas agreement, for example, in the form of workshops in various regions.



Protecting Antarctica

A next important step is the implementation of Germany's demand for the protection of the Antarctic Weddell Sea. But despite the intensive efforts of Germany and France, Russia and China are blocking the consensus. We call on the German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, and Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock to take action at the highest political level to enable the protection of world's largest planned marine protected area.



More awareness for Antarctica: We presented a book on the protection of the precious ecosystem of the South Pole to the German Foreign Minister

WEBINAR ON MARINE CONSERVATION

On the occasion of UN World Oceans Day 2021, we organised an exciting webinar as part of our Forward Thinkers series. Here, we presented, among other things, the Philippines' Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Act, which received the Future Policy Award. We also talked about the issue of high seas treaties in relation to marine protected areas.



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PEACE, DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN SECURITY

Today, more than ever, we are painfully aware from the climate crisis, ongoing pandemic and the war in Ukraine that is shaking us, that human and common security must be the focus of policy making. Bombs and bullets are powerless in stopping the spread of viruses or preventing climate change. And they are counter-productive in addressing the health and economic impacts of today's crises.

In our Peace & Disarmament project, we work to shift government priorities from militarism to peace and human and common security. This includes to phase out the reliance on the threat or use of force in international relations, promote diplomatic and legal approaches to resolving international conflicts, abolish nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and shift military budgets and investments to instead support public health and sustainable development. To achieve this, we engage with policymakers and civil society actors to adopt and implement exemplary policies and to build international cooperation and peace.

In 2022 the world became even more aware of the humanitarian and environmental impact of militarism and war with Russia's the illegal invasion of Ukraine, followed by their criminal attacks on civilians and their threats to use nuclear weapons if the international community intervened to stop the invasion. The work done by WFC in 2021 on common security becomes even more relevant now in order to address and help resolve the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and other international conflicts, in order to build a sustainable peace.



UNFOLD ZERO: UN APPROACHES TO PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

UNFOLD ZERO is a platform co-founded by the WFC to promote United Nations initiatives to prevent nuclear war and advance nuclear disarmament, along with the common security mechanisms of the UN to resolve international disputes and achieve security without reliance on nuclear deterrence. Some of these common security mechanisms – such as the UN General Assembly and International Court of Justice – have been activated in response to Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.

www.unfoldzero.org

ASSURING OUR COMMON FUTURE: ENGAGING PARLIAMENTARIANS

The WFC co-organised a number of parliamentary events in 2021 in cooperation with our partners Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which followed up on the 2020 publication of “Assuring our Common Future”, an online parliamentary resource with examples of effective policies on disarmament for security and sustainable development. We held global webinars for parliamentarians on peace and disarmament in cyberspace and on disarmament, public health, and pandemics to highlight and promote such policies, as well as national and regional webinars for the parliaments of Sweden, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. In addition, we held a special in-person event on parliament’s role in addressing the risks of diversion in arms transfers at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Madrid.



Handbook:
disarmamenthandbook.org

Webinars:
bit.ly/3xBY6MX
bit.ly/3xju8fA

YOUTH FUSION: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN PEACE, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, CLIMATE ACTION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Youth Fusion is a youth-led initiative that we launched in 2020 in cooperation with the Basel Peace Office and Abolition 2000. In 2021, Youth Fusion launched Nuclear Games – an innovative educational platform exploring six personal stories involving the human impact of the nuclear age, nuclear weapons and nuclear energy.

youth-fusion.org/nuclear-games



Representatives of Youth Fusion at IPB
World Peace Congress in Barcelona

CLIMATE-NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT NEXUS

Our Climate-Nuclear Nexus programme highlights the connections between these two existential threats to humanity and the planet and builds cooperations between the climate action and nuclear abolition communities. We held a number of Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus events during 2021. Two events helped raise awareness for this nexus: “Protect People and the Planet Appeal” and the “Move the Nuclear Weapons Money” campaign, which assists in shifting budgets and investments in the nuclear weapons industry to addressing the climate crisis instead.

www.nuclearweaponsmoney.org

THE GOOD COUNCIL: THE NEW WFC PODCAST



Intergenerational dialogues, stories and food for thought for a common future.

What are the best practices and sustainable solutions for our common future? How can we leave the planet in better shape for future generations? In each episode of The Good Council, you will discover answers to these questions. Our podcast series gives a behind-the-scenes insight into how a revolutionary idea became a reality, from the World Future Council's beginnings to its current agenda. It offers inspiration, food for thought, personal stories and plenty of laughs.

The series brings together some of our most experienced Council members with young activists and changemakers from around the world, who are also part of our youth forum Youth:Present. Founded in 2020, the forum brings together young people who are actively engaged regionally, nationally or globally.

Youth:Present representatives Raina Ivanova and Akinyi Obama-Manners interviewed our Council members Prof Dr Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker and Hafsat Abiola in the podcast series. Other exciting podcast guests were Jakob von Uexküll, Prof Herbert Giradet and Maria Fernanda Espinosa.

YOUTH:PRESENT

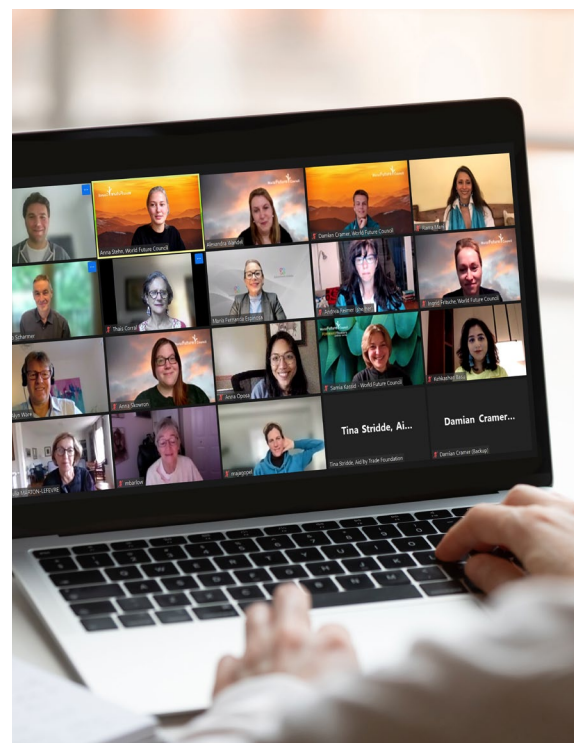


More about our youth forum Youth:Present
www.worldfuturecouncil.org/youth-present

At the beginning of 2022, we published **10 episodes of the podcast**, two in German. Find them wherever you get your podcasts, on YouTube or on our website. The second season began in April 2022!



[www.worldfuturecouncil.org/
the-good-council/](http://www.worldfuturecouncil.org/the-good-council/)



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Members of the World Future Council, FPA winners and renowned experts from UN organisations share their knowledge and expertise.

A SELECTION OF OUR SPEAKERS



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Health:

Prof Ebenezer Badoe, Ghanaian Paediatric Neurologist, Child Protection Specialist; Leonardo Trasande, an internationally renowned leader in children's environmental health



United Nations:

Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); Baskut Tuncak, former UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and toxics (2014–2020)



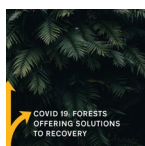
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OUR WEBINARS



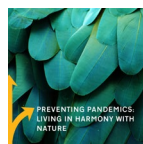
Protecting Children in Africa from (Sexual) Violence During the Pandemic



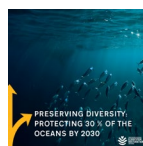
COVID-19: Forests Offering Solutions to Recovery



From Children's Health to Public Health and Universal Health Coverage



Preventing Pandemics: Living in Harmony with Nature



Preserving Diversity: Protecting 30% of the Oceans by 2030



Policies for Sustainable & Healthy Agri-Food Systems

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Councillors of the World Future Council decide on the work programme of the commissions

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INTERVIEW WITH OUR COUNCILLOR VANDANA SHIVA

Vandana, thank you for joining this interview. In this Path Finder, we are looking back on our work and achievements in 2021. How has the year been for you?

2021 has been OK for me and my family. We have stayed well and healthy. Being locked down, we have had more time with each other and grown closer. But COVID-19 and climate disasters have been very harsh on India. Multiple cyclones have caused non-stop flooding in the coastal areas. Every year Himalayan glaciers are losing one and a half feet of snow. This highlights yet again that we need to start acting now.

You have been working with us from day one. Why do you think the world needed us back then, and still needs us now?

I joined the WFC mainly because of two reasons: its visionary founder Jakob von Uexkull and the WFC's vision of a commitment to future generations, which is a commitment to the future of life on earth. As an ecologist, I see the rights of nature, of diverse cultures and of the future as one indivisible right. The world needs the WFC more than ever in our times of multiple emergencies that threaten our future.

At the World Future Council, we are working on solutions for our common future. What makes you hopeful for the future?

For me, hope is cultivated. You grow it with effort and love and care and compassion. Hope is refusal to accept injustice and violence against the earth, her people, and future generations. What makes me hopeful about the future is more and more people waking up to the fact that we are part of nature, not her masters. What gives me hope is that working co-creatively with a living earth, we can address the life-threatening problems of our times.

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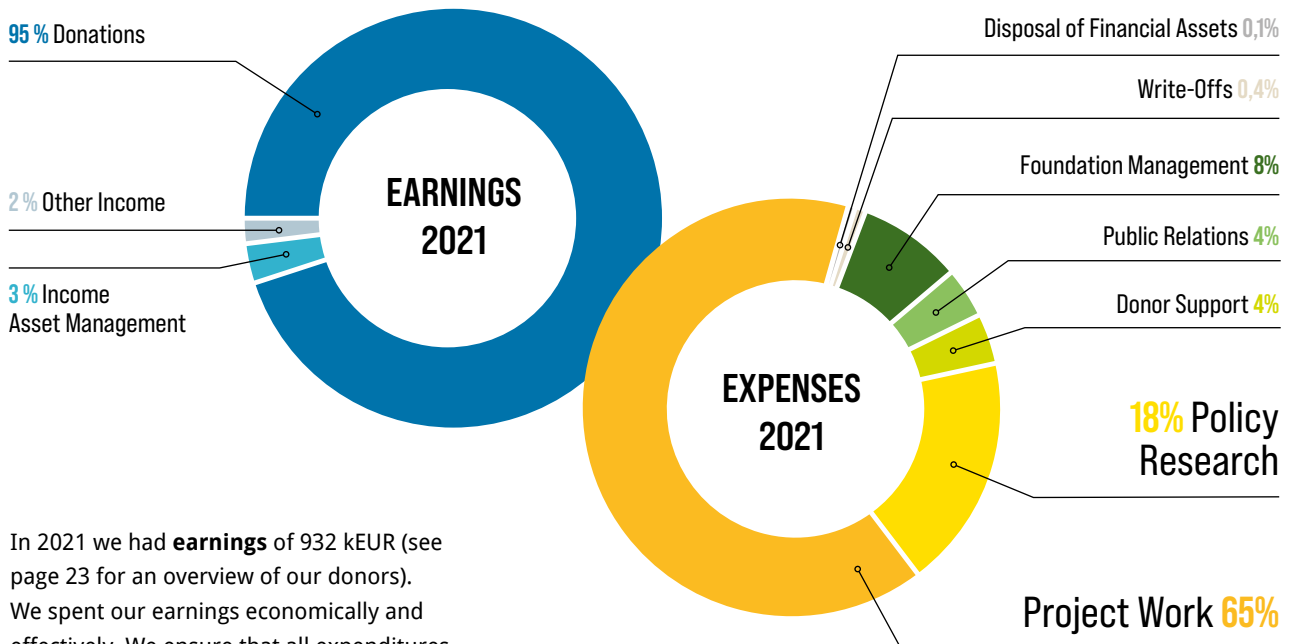


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WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL FOUNDATION IN NUMBERS

The **World Future Council** is an independent and charitable foundation, officially recognized as such by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in 2005.

The World Future Council Foundation prepares annually financial statements - comprising the balance sheet, the profit and loss account, and the notes to the financial statements. The financial statement for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021 has been compiled with the support of Schomerus & Partner mbB in accordance with German commercial law. The annual financial statements are audited by KPMG.



In 2021 we had **earnings** of 932 kEUR (see page 23 for an overview of our donors). We spent our earnings economically and effectively. We ensure that all expenditures of the foundation are spent in accordance with our statutes.

The **foundation capital** of 617 kEUR was spent on the basis of the investment guidelines adopted by the Supervisory Board. It is invested safely, profitably and along ethical, ecological and social aspects. The largest part of it was invested, according to the above criteria, with three ecological banks. The rest of the foundation's capital was invested in securities.

Our **expenses** in 2021 amounted to 976 kEUR. Expenses focused on project work and research for future-oriented solutions. We had project activities and councillors in **35 countries** in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Oceania, Europe and North America and 12 employees (**8.5 people** full-time). Additionally, much work is done by our **more than 85 volunteers worldwide**. Expenses in foundation management included bank fees, bookkeeping, office expenses, annual accounts, management, rental costs, recruitment, legal and tax advice, insurance and auditing.



More information on our financial statement 2021 can be found under

www.worldfuturecouncil.org/transparency

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We all have an impact on this world. It is up to us to decide whether our individual contribution changes it for the better or the worse. After retiring from my active work with the WFC, my regular donation has become the right way for me to facilitate positive and long-term change.

Jakob von Uexküll

Founder of World Future Council



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Climate action, environmental protection, the eradication of poverty and malnutrition must be addressed together. Highlighting solutions, thinking holistically, promoting dialogue – this is exactly what is needed in a world full of complex challenges! I am happy to support the work of the World Future Council as it is a driver for positive change.

Barbara Seiller

Founder, Foundation in Support of the World Future Council



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A global, sustainable, and fair energy transition must be implemented with speed and on a large scale. That is why as many actors as possible must be on board. Our work with the WFC, in particular at the Global Renewables Congress, is helping to get this moving. We look forward to continuing our cooperation!

Lars Grotewold

Director Climate Action,
Stiftung Mercator

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In this issue of the **Path Finder**, you learnt about our commitment to future generations. Do you want to help pass on a healthy planet with peaceful societies to our children and grandchildren? If so, we are connected by a common goal. Our work would not be possible without the support of our donors. If you wish to improve the livelihood of millions of people with your donation, there are many ways to support the **World Future Council**.

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Doing good is worth it: The **World Future Council** is a recognised charitable foundation. Donations are tax deductible. Inheritances and legacies are exempt from inheritance tax in Germany.

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YOUR LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

If you wish to do good beyond your life, you can support the **World Future Council** through a bequest. We would be happy to help you with your last will and testament to strengthen the rights of future generations.



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