

March Newsletter

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Welcome to our March newsletter!

Dear Friends,

The invasion of Ukraine, climate change and the increasing destruction of our marine habitat are major challenges, currently. But we want to remain hopeful and continue to work tirelessly for the best solutions for our common future.

In this issue of our newsletter, we would like to share with you some positive news and happenings.

After there already were some major accomplishments made regarding the plan to protect at least 30% of the world's oceans via marine protected areas by 2030, the WFC team is pleased with the **historic High Seas Agreement** that was agreed upon by UN member states a few days ago at negotiations in New York.

You can also learn more today about our first **Forward Thinkers webinar** of the year, which focused on the path to a sustainable and healthy planet. Here we talked about UN initiatives to advance the protection of children's rights for a clean environment. We would also like to draw your attention to our latest article, which sends an inspiring signal: We can shape our common future!

We are pleased that you continue to support us and hope you enjoy reading!



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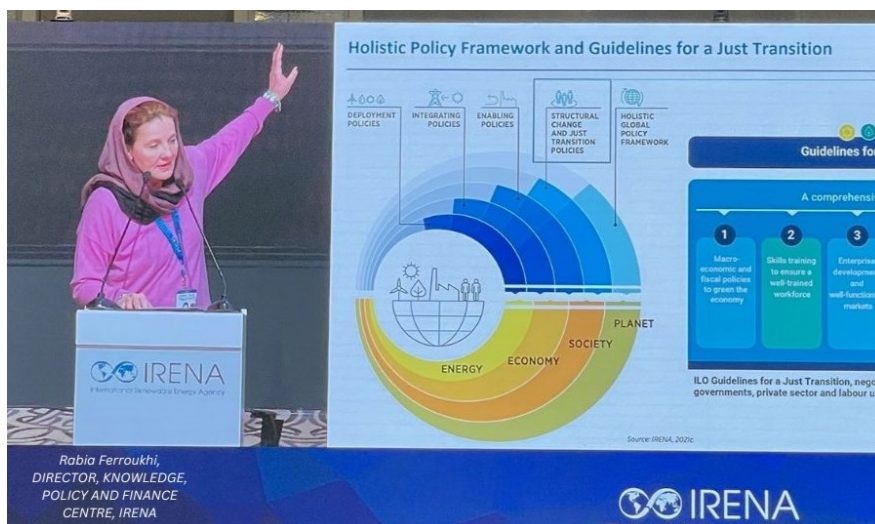
UN agrees on high seas agreement



We are proud to have contributed to a **historic success** after 15 years of tough negotiations at the **United Nations** for an international agreement to protect the world's oceans. Our Senior Advisor Oceans, Ralf Sonntag, was live on the ground when UN member states agreed on a **treaty to protect the high seas** at a conference in New York. The conflict centered, among other things, on the question of how protected areas should be defined.

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IRENA General Assembly



The Energy and Just Development team participated in the 13th IRENA General Assembly in January 2023. The focus this year was "*World Energy Transition - The Global Stocktake*". Unlike COP meetings where energy transition is part of the climate discussion, the IRENA General Assembly focuses more on **renewable energy and the energy transition**.

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Scaling up Agroecology Workshop



Our first workshop on "Scaling up Agroecology in the Himalayas" was held! It aimed to explore how we can accelerate the shift to more **sustainable food systems through agroecology in the Himalayas**, especially in Bhutan, India and Nepal. This lively and interactive event brought together close to 70 policymakers, researchers, civil society representatives, and the business community.

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Anniversary of the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine



We are deeply shocked by **Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine**. The invasion, which had begun on February 23, 2022. Now it is the first anniversary of the war of aggression. We look back on a year of tears, at the same time look to the future with confidence and raise our voices for all those affected by the war.

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Forward Thinkers Webinar: Towards a healthy planet



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It's important to make it easy for youth and others to engage in action for our future. One way is to endorse Protect People and the Planet. This is a concrete appeal we are submitting to the UN General Assembly and the Summit of the Future.



FORWARDThinkers
webinar series

Alyn Ware
World Future Council, PNND Global Coordinator

In our Forward Thinkers webinar series, we are deepening the intergenerational dialogue and also looking at the link between peace and hazardous chemicals. The last webinar, "Towards a healthy planet: Implementing the right to a clean, healthy and toxin-free environment," focused on how UN initiatives can ensure the **protection of children's rights to a clean environment** and the implications of these.

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PACEY Awards 2023



Every January since 2018, the Basel Peace Office has hosted an ***Intergenerational Forum on Peace, Climate Action and Nuclear Disarmament*** co-sponsored by World Future Council and Youth Fusion, and organized as part of the annual Basel Peace Forum. This year's Awards go to youth projects in Georgia, the Congo (DRC) and the MENA region.

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Councillor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger to be Visiting Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy



In her new position as the **Visiting Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy** at University of Cambridge, Professor Cordonier Segger will direct and scale up a **world-class programme** of engagement and online learning focused on widening participation in **global sustainability solutions**.

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