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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

AND A LOOK AHEAD



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

What kind of future can we and our future generations expect? The year 2022 was overshadowed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and our weaknesses were painfully brought home to us: our dependence on Russian oil and gas, a feeling of powerlessness in the face of human rights violations and war crimes and, finally, the as yet unresolved problem of the world's arsenal of nuclear weapons. Moreover, the year ended in great frustration when unconvincing results from the UN Climate Change Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh diminished optimism for the global cooperation for climate protection.

Yet there were also glimmers of hope, showing us that things are moving forward and that the global community is acting responsibly. In July 2022, the UN General Assembly recognised the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and declared this a human right. The Kunming-Montreal agreement finally established the common goal of placing 30 per cent of land and oceans under protection – two achievements to which we contributed. In addition, the UN Environment Assembly declared that a legally binding international plastics treaty will be negotiated by 2024 – a long overdue step that we very much welcome!

In this turbulent year, we celebrated a special occasion. Our Annual General Meeting in Pontresina marked our 15th anniversary and was the first gathering of the WFC family since the outbreak of the pandemic. Amidst a breathtaking (albeit threatened) Alpine backdrop, we came together with a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and outlined important solutions for a common future. Despite all the challenges

and crises, we have hope: in our Pontresina Declaration, we identify what needs to be done to address the global crises.

Since our inception, we have made it our mission to advocate for the rights and well-being of future generations. Our founding document in 2007 made it clear: “We promise to do everything in our power to help sustain life on Earth with all its beauty and diversity for future generations.” Working for the well-being of future generations will continue to be at the heart of all our activities. Through our contribution to the UN Summit of the Future, taking place in 2024, we want to enshrine the rights of future generations at the highest level.

For us, the year ended with a visual makeover: a new website and a new logo show that we are looking to the future with optimism and enthusiasm.

In this spirit, we hope you enjoy reading our annual report!

Warm regards

Alexandra Wandel, Marie Biermann





27

events & webinars



18

18 new videos on our YouTube channel



13

podcast episodes



16

email newsletters (English and German)



Our Year *in* Numbers



61

articles, blogs & interviews



82

speeches & moderations

Governments agreed that

30 %

of oceans and land shall be protected by 2030 – a process we have actively supported





**WHERE WE ARE PRESENT WITH COUNCILLORS,
YOUTH:PRESENT AND PROJECTS**

- | | | |
|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Algeria | Egypt | Nigeria |
| Argentina | Ethiopia | Philippines |
| Austria | France | Romania |
| Bangladesh | Germany | Russia |
| Benin | Ghana | Rwanda |
| Bhutan | Hungary | South Africa |
| Brazil | India | Sri Lanka |
| Canada | Indonesia | Sweden |
| China | Kenya | Switzerland |
| Costa Rica | Mexico | Tanzania |
| Czechia | Namibia | United Arab Emirates |
| Ecuador | Nepal | United Kingdom |
| | New Zealand | United States |
| | | Vietnam |

50

Council members

14

Youth:Present representatives

40

countries

6

continents





Annual General Meeting in Pontresina

THE 15TH WORLD FUTURE FORUM

Shared Humanity – The Future We Want. This was the working title of the 15th Annual General Meeting of the World Future Council that took place in Pontresina, Switzerland on 28–29 August. In the heart of the Alps, surrounded by forests and melting glaciers, we met to develop solutions to secure our common future. Over two days, the Council discussed the world's most pressing problems, the dissemination of the best policy solutions and the World Future Council's work programme for the coming years.

The Future for Life on Earth

OUR PONTRESINA DECLARATION

One of the key outcomes of our Annual General Meeting was the Pontresina Declaration, which emphasises how important healthy civil societies and democracies are for our common future – they must be protected and strengthened:

The Council 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. Each year we have seen this effort become more urgent and necessary in view of growing pressures on nature, democracies, societies and economies from ecological devastation, extreme weather events, pandemics, armed conflicts, pervasive poverty and deprivation, alienation, violence, trauma and depression. Living through this collapse, we are committed to regenerating our future.

We deliver clear demands to policymakers and make concrete proposals for a fair, sustainable transformation for the future in the following six categories:

- ✓ Regenerate ecosystems and livelihoods
- ✓ Stabilise the climate
- ✓ Transform economics and economies
- ✓ Ensure the right to health
- ✓ Make peace
- ✓ Deliver on the rights of children, youth and future generations

The Council also emphasises the following:

We strongly believe that mistrust and pessimism can be transformed into renewed hope, cooperation and solidarity of people, leaders and policymakers to take the right transformative decisions, working together as an Earth family.

Visionary for the Future

15 YEARS OF THE WORLD FUTURE COUNCIL

Our anniversary year was pivotal for our strategic renewal. We wanted to explore. What does the WFC truly represent? What do we want to achieve? What do we want to change in this world? A commission was set up to further develop our strategy. During this ongoing process, we have realised how timely the roots of our work are in giving a voice to future generations. This driving force should now define our work to an even greater extent and should be reflected in all areas of our work. We want to focus all our efforts on the well-being of future generations and take bold steps to achieve these goals. An amendment to our statutes, approved by the Supervisory Board in 2023, has further secured this transformation.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE WFC

In late 2022, we developed our new logo, which was launched in spring 2023 along with our new website. The fresh look shows who we are: the new WFC logo represents our commitment to living in harmony with nature, providing solutions and embracing diversity. The shapes can be variously interpreted as a globe with continents, growing seedlings, a tree, or seaweed swaying in the waves. The organic shapes interact with each other to become one. We are expressing hope and new beginnings as well as the peaceful, just, sustainable world we want to live in.



Learn more about our achievements
from 15 years of WFC

[www.worldfuturecouncil.org/
our-impact/](http://www.worldfuturecouncil.org/our-impact/)



UN SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

The United Nations Summit of the Future is considered a unique opportunity to strengthen global policies for the benefit of current and future generations. We are committed to establishing a UN Special Envoy for Future Generations.

Our long-standing expertise means that we are well positioned to play a leading role at the summit, which will be hosted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 22–23 September 2024. We have worked for future justice for the past 15 years and we are ready to contribute our extensive expertise together with the dedicated members of Youth:Present.



As a participant in the WFC's youth forum, Youth:Present, I find it incredibly empowering to have the opportunity to amplify my voice and represent the perspectives of grassroots communities. This engagement gives me hope for the future. Young people must be actively involved in policy and decision-making processes, as our collective future depends on it.

Jeffrey Opoku

Youth:Present representative from Ghana

Learn more about the Summit of the Future and our demands on our website: bit.ly/SummitOfTheFuture



Curiosity Meets Experience

SHARED WISDOM IN “THE GOOD COUNCIL” PODCAST:
YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS MEET EXPERIENCED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our youth forum, Youth:Present, brings together young people from across the world to discuss and develop innovative solutions to our many global challenges. In 2022, 12 young changemakers were on board, and in addition to their active role in the Summit of the Future process, we were particularly proud of the podcast series we did together.

“**The Good Council**” aired 13 podcast episodes in 2022. In the podcast, one young changemaker engages in a conversation with one Council member to discuss current crucial issues – from land protection and the climate COP, to renewable energy and women’s rights, to ocean conservation and much more. Tune in to wherever you listen to your podcasts, or go to our website to listen to all episodes.

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





“Connected through intergenerational partnerships aiming at change for a sustainable future for all”

As in the first two seasons of our podcast, we pair Youth:Present representatives with Council members for our Pathfinder interview and discuss topics that are close to our heart. This time, we would like to reflect on our strategic core and DNA – our work for the rights of future generations – with **Neshan Gunasekera** and **Alexia Bonnet**.

The World Future Council is dedicated to giving Future Generations a voice, and you, Neshan, you have supported our work since its inception in 2007. Could you give us an idea of how our work has been transformative?

NESHAN: The World Future Council was founded at a unique time at the beginning of this century to advocate for voices of future generations through long-term policy solutions and governance mechanisms. The impact has been transformative in various parts of the world, leading to a larger group of individuals and organisations now calling for furthering principles of intergenerational equity and Earth trusteeship in decision-making processes at all levels of governance. The impact of the work of the Council has been clear in many spheres and one key example is the official call by the United Nations to establish a Special Envoy for Future Generations at the Summit of the Future in 2024.

Future generations, by their very nature, are not around today to stand up for their rights. Our youth forum, Youth:Present, worked very actively on this topic in 2022. Alexia, why do you think young people deserve a seat at the table?

ALEXIA: First, I would like to point out that crucial issues such as climate change and nuclear weapons are already provoking serious impacts for the planet and humanity in the short term. Indeed, present generations are already beginning to suffer the adverse effects of climate change. Present generations do have a voice, but leaders don't react sufficiently.

On the other hand, young people are the ones who will be most affected by the long-term consequences of today's decisions – and lack of decisions. Young people are aware of the urgency of the changes required, and are able to bring new perspectives and solutions to the table. That is why it's essential to include them in discussions and decisions.

Do you think the Summit of the Future is an opportunity for humanity? And how can the World Future Council – alongside Youth:Present – become involved?

NESHAN: The UN Summit of the Future is a key opportunity for humanity! The Council and Youth:Present should bring their experience, knowledge and energy to build partnerships with networks of member states, young leaders and civil society to ensure that there is constructive engagement leading towards the establishment of a UN Envoy for Future Generations and that the voices of future generations are heard and represented.

Youth:Present was actively involved in the Global Futures Forum* for the Summit of the Future and have developed and presented a statement – can you give us some context here?

ALEXIA: The lack of youth involvement at the Global Futures Forum was one of the main concerns expressed in the forum's feedback requests. The Youth:Present forum consists of engaged young people from all over the world and has already dealt with the concept of the rights of future generations in previous projects. Our aim was to highlight some of the points that we consider essential to the debate.

This led to the idea of drafting a common statement. We emphasised the importance of inclusiveness and the need to make decisions taken at an international level effective at the national and regional levels. We also developed some concrete solutions based on our shared experience (the creation of youth councils, based on the Ghanaian model).

What do you hope the year 2023 will bring? Is there hope for change amid the multiple crises humanity is facing?

NESHAN: Young leaders from the Pacific Island states spearheaded a global movement on climate litigation, building on the experience of some of their elders and energy from like-minded leaders to move the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion on climate change. There is hope. A reinvigorated energy is led by young people who have the authority to represent future generations, yet are connected through intergenerational partnerships aiming at change for a sustainable future for all. In 2023, I hope that the wisdom of the ages such as the seventh generation principle begins to inform and influence decision-making at all levels.

ALEXIA: The processes are moving in the right direction. The UN Summit of the Future reflects a recognition of the need to better manage critical issues on an international scale. But above all, as mentioned by Neshan, important grassroots movements such as the Vanuatu ICJ Initiative are developing to initiate change. They represent significant hope for tomorrow.

*The purpose of the forum was to consult on a People's Pact for the Future that includes agreed civil society positions and proposals ahead of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals Summit in 2023 and the UN Summit of the Future in 2024.

A Healthy Environment is a Human Right

Our world is facing multiple challenges that particularly affect children and young people and the exercising of their rights, as well as the lives of future generations. One of the major challenges of our time is the “threat multiplier” of climate change that is affecting the lives and livelihoods of billions of people, particularly children. What is clear: a healthy environment is a human right!

The UN General Assembly has declared the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment to be a human right. UN Secretary General António Guterres said the following: “The international community has given universal recognition to this right and brought us closer to making it a reality for all.” In addition, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will be developing a new general comment (No. 26) to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to guide states and parties in implementing children's rights in environmental and, in particular, climate change policies, with a special focus on climate change. In doing so, the Committee has made it clear that the enjoyment of children's rights is closely linked to an intact natural environment.

We have supported and participated in the UN resolution processes with our youth forum, **Youth:Present**, our Council and our partners. WFC also submitted comments on the first draft of general comment No. 26 to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The UN CRC Committee adopted the general comment in May 2023.

We have been invited to give a number of **talks and presentations** outlining the linkages between children's rights, education for sustainable development and the right to a healthy environment. We also held an intergenerational **Forward Thinkers webinar** with Youth:Present and our Council members on this topic.

The work we have been doing since our founding to secure the rights of future generations begins with realising children's rights now – and it is more urgent and important than ever before.



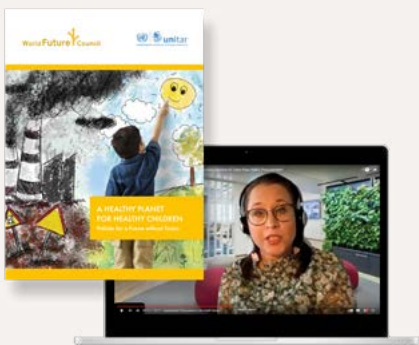
A Toxic-Free World *is* Possible



More than 1.7 million premature deaths among children under the age of five are caused annually by pollution and toxic substances. Unfortunately, many products designed for children, for example, toys, contain bisphenols (e.g., BPA), plasticisers, or brominated flame retardants. These substances are of very high concern and often contain hazardous chemicals. They can harm the physical and mental development of children and lead to endocrine disruptive diseases, neurological and reproductive disorders, as well as cancers. But children also interact with products not directly targeted at them. These include food packaging, cosmetics and dental amalgam fillings. Substances like PFAS (known as “forever chemicals”), mercury and other heavy metals can have devastating effects on children’s health and development. Moreover, in addition to also affecting the health of adults, these substances harm the environment and can remain in the ecosystem for very long periods of time.

DIGITAL CONFERENCE: SUCCESS FACTORS FOR A TOXIC-FREE FUTURE

As part of Stockholm+50, we organised the digital conference “Healthy Planet, Healthy Children: Success Factors for a Future without Toxics”. We brought together international experts to raise awareness about the specific risks of chemicals to foetal and child health. Our conference focused on several award-winning policies on hazardous pesticides and toxic metals, their key success factors and recommendations for policymakers.



BROCHURE: POLICIES FOR A TOXIC-FREE FUTURE





Our brochure “A Healthy Planet for Healthy Children – Policies for a Future Without Toxics” provides key facts on how hazardous chemicals affect children’s health and highlights useful policy recommendations.

bit.ly/HealthyPlanetHealthyChildren



We have dedicated our Future Policy Award to the topic “**Toxic-Free World**”, with a particular focus on hazardous chemicals in children’s products and in the Global South. In 2022, a widespread call for nominations was sent to over **25,000 experts**. Overall, **40 policies** from **27 countries/regions** were nominated. Our evaluation team screened and discussed all the nominated policies, narrowing them down to nine policies that were then evaluated in detail. From this shortlist, the four winning policies were selected.

WINNERS OF THE 2023 FUTURE POLICY AWARD

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Toys – Vietnam: Broad regulation setting safety standards and limiting the concentration of various hazardous chemicals in toys.
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Food Packaging – Denmark: Ban on all so-called forever chemicals (PFAS) in food and packaging contact materials on a precautionary basis.
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Cosmetics – Rwanda: Comprehensive policy banning and regulating the use of all cosmetics that contain substances that are hazardous for humans, with a special focus on skin-lightening creams.
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Dental Amalgam – Nepal: First law in Asia to protect children and pregnant and nursing women from contamination with mercury amalgam, ultimately aiming at a complete phase-out.

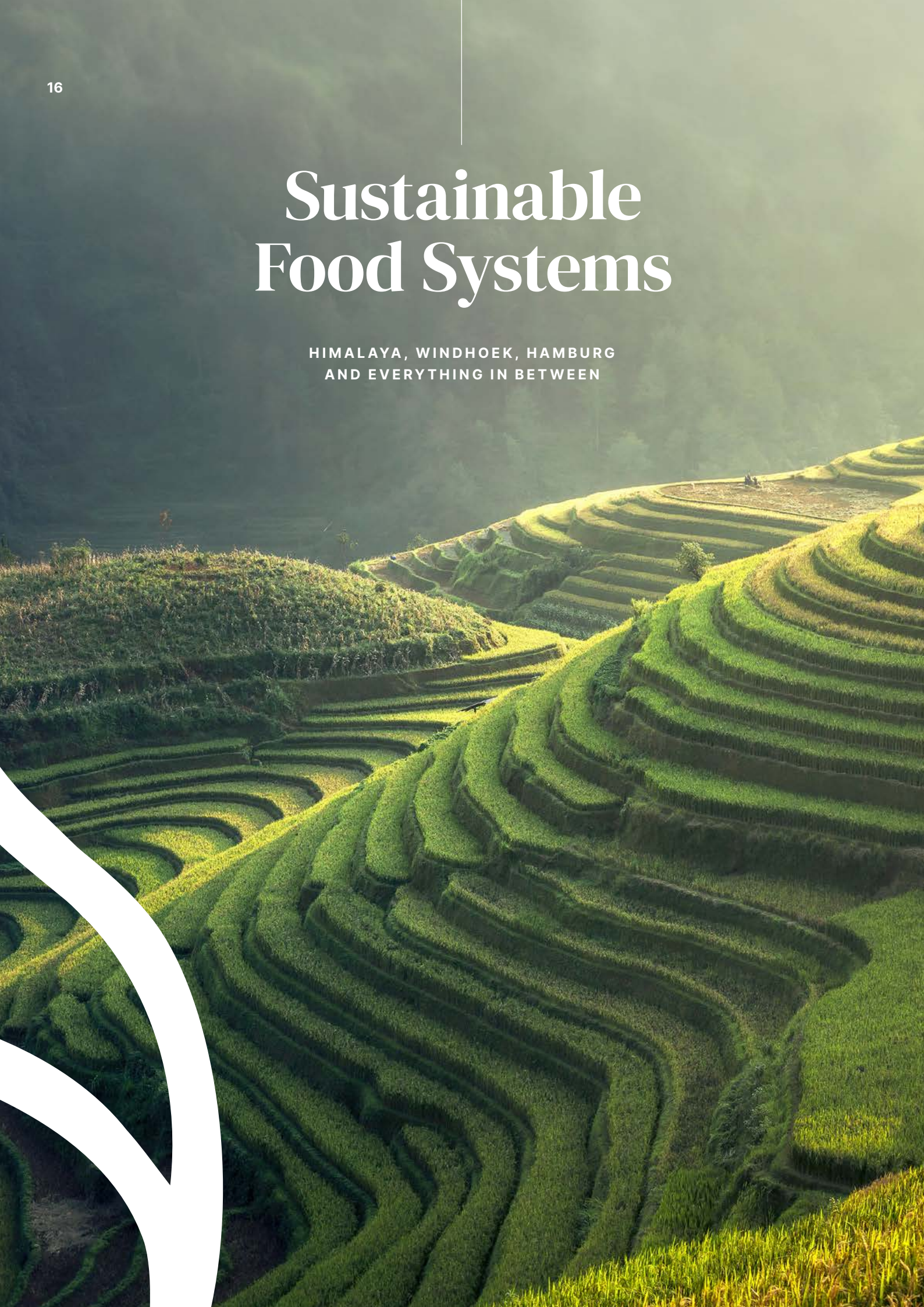


More information on the FPA and the 2023 winners can be found on our website:

worldfuturecouncil.org/toxic-free-world

Sustainable Food Systems

HIMALAYA, WINDHOEK, HAMBURG
AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN



SCALING UP AGROECOLOGY IN THE HIMALAYAS

How can healthy, sustainable food become a reality for everyone? Establishing agroecological principles – an approach combining organic farming concepts and social aspects – at the policy level is the key to success.

Our work on this began with the Future Policy Award 2018 on the best laws and policies to scale up agroecology. From this, many follow-up projects have emerged. Gold winner, Sikkim, India's "100 per cent organic state", and silver winner Denmark served as role models for us. The year 2022 was dedicated to creating a roadmap: together with stakeholders from India, Bhutan and Nepal, we prepared a background study and formed expert groups to strengthen agroecological food systems in the Himalayan region. We have raised awareness among decision-makers through workshops, interviews, face-to-face meetings and more. The long-term vision is to finalise and implement a comprehensive roadmap – a practical tool kit for policy-makers to legislate and strengthen agroecology.



Our Indian Council member **Vandana Shiva** has been campaigning for sustainable food systems for a long time. Her film "The Seeds of Vandana Shiva" premiered in Germany and we used this opportunity to make our cause known to a wider audience. Vandana Shiva joined us in Hamburg in November 2022 and we hosted a press conference – and we were thrilled by the German national media responses, from WELT, Vox, Focus, Hamburger Abendblatt and other important German media outlets.

LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY

Our **Kambashu Institute** in Namibia has been running since 2021. At our Learning Centre, we work with people living in the informal settlements of Windhoek to develop knowledge and techniques to successfully grow their own food in a difficult climate, and thus be able to provide for themselves or secure an income. There were 27 courses in 2022, including 20 so-called "Food Circle" courses.

The **Food Circle** is a method in which a planting bed is created around a compost pit and the planted trees and vegetables are irrigated using grey water. Women from the informal settlements in particular benefit from this: 70 per cent of the 351 participants were female. The courses at the Kambashu Institute help the participants sustainably provide for their families with healthy food.



Food Circle is good for both me and my family. I grow our vegetables and also herbs that we can use as medicine. When I am stressed, I can just go and work in the garden.

Lucia Haitembu, participant

Protecting the Oceans & Preserving Life on Earth

At a critical moment – as human impacts already massively threaten biodiversity and thus our own livelihoods and our oceans – a groundbreaking nature conservation agreement was adopted by 200 countries in December 2022: the so-called Kunming-Montreal agreement. A central objective of this agreement is to ensure that 30 per cent of the land and sea area is protected by 2030. Currently, only about 17 per cent of the world's land and about 8 per cent of the world's oceans are protected. According to many scientists, this is essential to at least partially preserve the diversity of life on this planet. Nevertheless, it has been a struggle that has lasted several years.

Furthermore, 500 billion environmentally harmful subsidies are to be stopped.

The agreement is the largest agreement for the protection of nature and the oceans and is intended to have a positive effect on climate change, biodiversity and the regeneration of ecosystems.

We have been actively involved throughout the negotiations and have done a lot of advocacy work. We were active at the highest level, informing politicians and other decision-makers about the urgency of the problem, about possible solutions and convincing them of the need to create sufficient protected areas. We campaigned for the “30 by 30” target to be adopted by federal ministries as well as by the G7 and G20. We also organised workshops in the German parliament and with Arab countries together with our partner organisations. This allowed us to contribute to protecting our oceans permanently and sustainably.

Our success was widely covered in the German media. Die ZEIT, Stern and tagesschau.de reported on our work relating to the Kunming-Montreal agreement. Our marine protection expert Ralf Sonntag also had his say in an interview with Deutschlandfunk.



Positive Energy

FOR RENEWABLES & JUST
DEVELOPMENT



We believe that for sustainable, positive change, we need to focus on positive programmes and policies. Our efforts are centred on countering the adverse effects of climate change through collaboration, stakeholder engagement and knowledge exchange.

100% RE MAP PROJECT

The 100% RE MAP project focuses on three countries in the Global South: Nepal, Uganda and Vietnam. Working with our project partners, the national teams progressed on technical scenarios and policy roadmaps that will help local policy makers understand the potential and opportunities for 100 per cent renewable energy in their countries. In December, we participated in an international conference in Kathmandu hosted by the Nepal team, where 113 participants from the Asia-Pacific region and Europe (13 countries in total) considered how 100 per cent renewable energy in Nepal could be achieved.

CLIMATE COP

The year 2022 was also an important year for policy discussions. No event has been more high-profile than the COP discussions that took place in Sharm el-Sheikh in November. We hosted events both for the 100% RE MAP project and for the Global Renewable Congress. More than a chance to showcase our work, this was an important opportunity to meet with other non-governmental organisations and stakeholders to learn of other programmes, approaches and ideas.

THE GLOBAL RENEWABLES CONGRESS (GRC)

The GRC is a network of parliamentarians dedicated to upscaling renewable energy solutions. In December, we hosted a parliamentary breakfast in Berlin to discuss how international collaboration can help ensure a just energy transition. To support legislators' efforts in developing Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JET-Ps), the GRC has published a policy guidance for countries in the Global South to successfully transition towards clean and renewable energy. We also intensified the partnership with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Climate Vulnerable Forum Global Parliamentary Group (CVF GPG) through high-level policy dialogues, particularly on the margins of the IRENA assembly, the G20 summit in Indonesia and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt.

The World Future Council has allowed me to have a network of exchanges of information, knowledge and strategies to position the energy transition in my country with solid arguments and successful experiences.



Paola Vega Rodríguez,
political scientist and
former parliamentarian from
Costa Rica, on the Global
Renewables Congress

Securing Peace

FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has highlighted the human and environmental costs of war and its negative impact on human rights and sustainable development. We are working to shift government priorities from militarism to peace and common security. The programme has a strong focus on the abolition of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and the shifting of military budgets and investments towards supporting human security and sustainable development. We undertake most of this work through partnerships and are pleased to be able to share some highlights from our collaborative work.

A RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

We responded immediately to the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 by releasing a statement condemning this act of aggression, calling for the restoration of peace and international law and following this up with international advocacy, especially at the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Our calls were taken up by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as well as by action of the UN Human Rights Council, the UN General Assembly and the International Court of Justice.

bit.ly/WFCcondemnsInvasion



With our partners in the NoFirstUse Global platform, we undertook a number of initiatives to prevent the Russia/Ukraine war from escalating into a nuclear war.

This included an open letter sent to Russia – *Dear Putin: Hiroshima & Nagasaki nuclear bombings were illegal – not a precedent for a nuclear attack* – and a joint appeal to the nuclear-weapon states – *Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security*. This was endorsed by over 1,700 political, military and religious leaders, legislators, academics and scientists, and was presented to the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in August 2022.

The main call in the appeal – for the nuclear weapon states to adopt no-first-use policies to prevent nuclear war – gained enough traction from our advocacy to be included in the draft final document put together by the president of the NPT Review Conference.

bit.ly/DearPutin

bit.ly/FulfilNPT

ASSURING OUR COMMON FUTURE – ENGAGING PARLIAMENTARIANS

We co-organised a number of parliamentary events in cooperation with our partners Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, following up on our joint publication *Assuring our Common Future*, an online resource with examples of effective policies on disarmament for security and sustainable development.

We held webinars for parliamentarians on:



Women's Leadership, Gender Perspectives and Gender Approaches in Disarmament Action

bit.ly/WomenDisarmament



Parliamentary action for peace in outer space

bit.ly/PeaceOuterSpace



Parliamentary action to control small arms and light weapons

bit.ly/DisarmamentSavesLives

YOUTH FOR PEACE: THE PACEY AWARD

Through the **Peace, nuclear Abolition and Climate Engaged Youth (PACEY) Award**, we joined Youth Fusion and the Basel Peace Office in providing three awards to three exemplary youth projects. The winning projects for 2022 were *Faith for Earth Bosna i Hercegovina*, a youth-led programme-building cooperation between Catholic and Muslim youth on environmental action, and *Keep it in the Ground for Peace* (Malawi), a youth-led campaign to stop fossil fuel extraction in Africa.

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The **World Future Council** consists of the Council, the Supervisory Board, the Management Board and staff.

The Council has at least 25, and at most 50, members from the fields of politics, science, business, civil society, and the arts who have made outstanding contributions to sustainability and future justice in their respective fields. The Council identifies urgent issues and determines the agenda for our work.

The work is carried out in **commissions** or **project teams** that are active in different fields, but nevertheless jointly contribute to the goals of the World Future Council. Each commission has one or two Council members as chairs and a team member as staff coordinator.

The **Supervisory Board** appoints, advises and monitors the Management Board and reports to the Council. The **Management Board** manages the foundation's business, supports the commissions in their work, makes operational decisions and leads the team in their headquarters in Hamburg.

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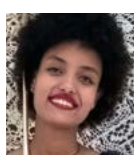


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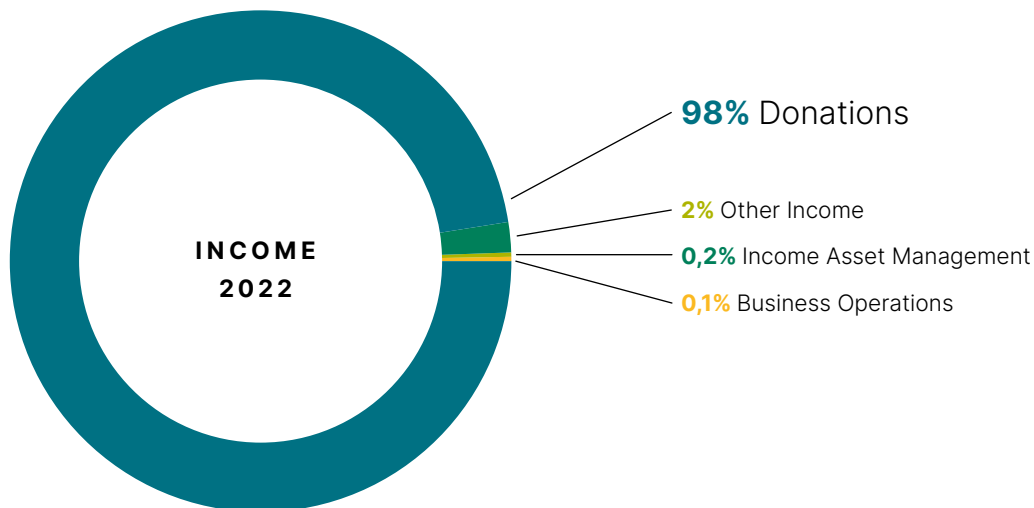
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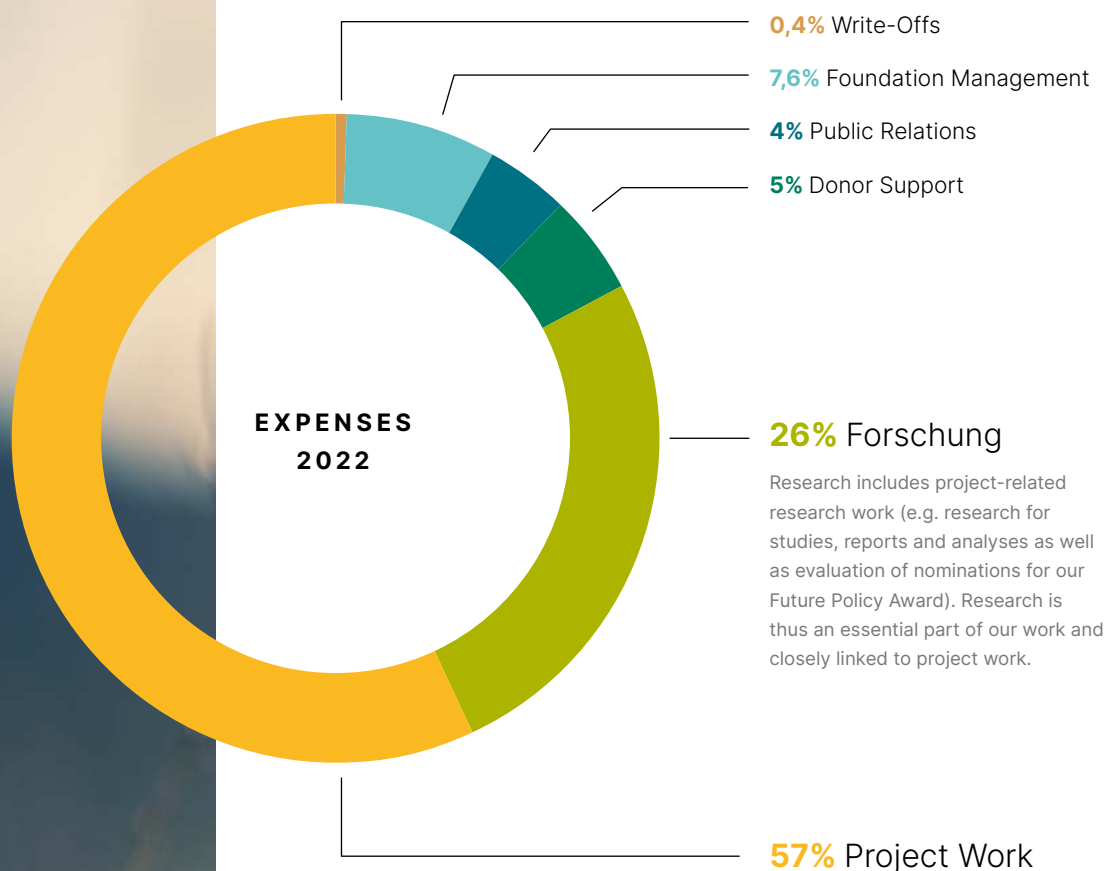
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In 2022 we had a total **income** of EUR 987K (see page 29 for an overview of our donors). EUR 984K of our income were generated from non-profit activities and EUR 3K from asset management and business operations. In addition, we received donations of EUR 268.5K, intended for 2023, which we carried to 2023 as deferred income. We spent our income economically and effectively. We ensure that all expenditures of the foundation are spent in accordance with our statutes.

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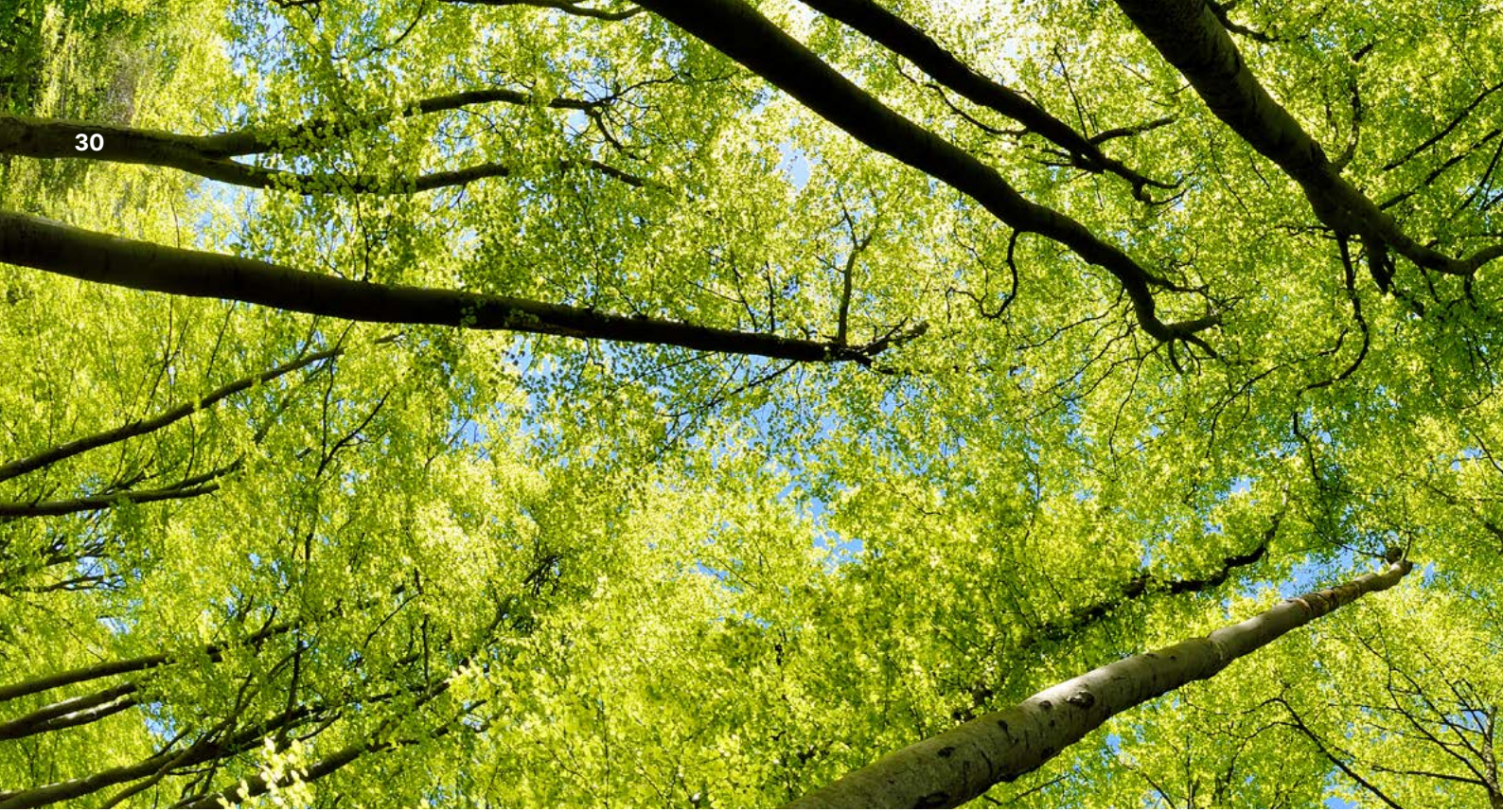
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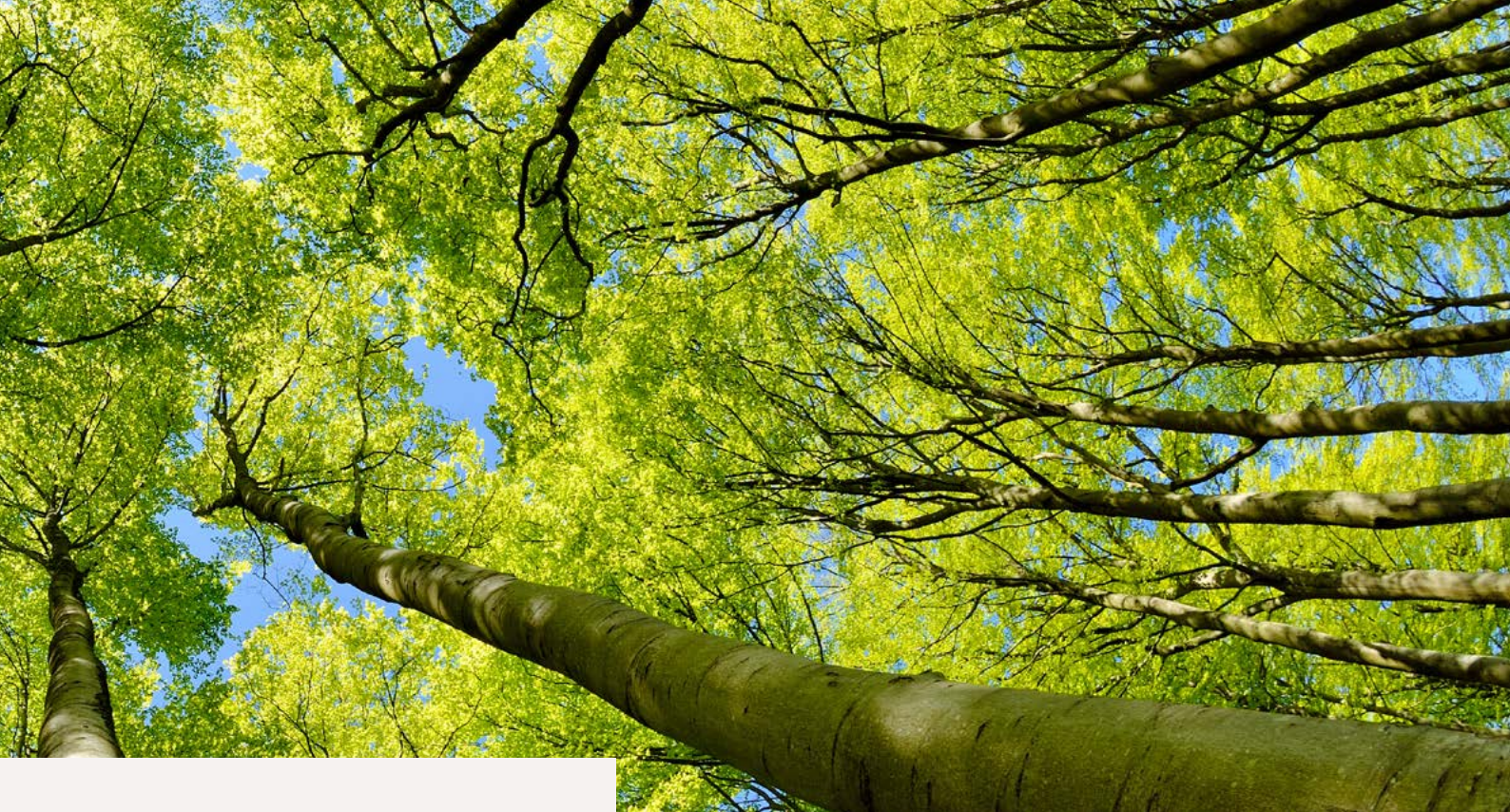




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