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# 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES



12-15 MARCH 2015  
FREIBURG, GERMANY

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## WELCOME TO FREIBURG



I am delighted and honored to have been appointed patron of the **4<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Environmental Laureates**. The convention aims to bring together high-caliber environmental laureates **to support and drive forward sustainable policies worldwide**.

Faced with the increasing number of sometimes severe crises taking Europe and the world by surprise, it is imperative to join forces and work together. Science, business, politics and society as a whole must all come together to achieve this aim. Only by joining forces we can create a bright future for generations to come.

The International Convention of Environmental Laureates is an excellent platform in this respect, boasting participants from an array of disciplines and an attractive programme.

*Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Klaus Töpfer*

Patron International Convention of Environmental Laureates  
Director Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, former German Environmental Minister, former Executive Director UNEP



**A warm welcome to Freiburg**, a city where the terms sustainability, future viability and the quality of living are all at home. These are the principles which guide our city's development and planning, and principles which are of

great importance when it comes to developing our ecological profile, creating economic growth and providing employment opportunities.

*Dr. Dieter Salomon*

Mayor of the City of Freiburg and Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation



The Board of Trustees of the European Environment Foundation would like to express a warm welcome to you for our forth meeting of Environmental Laureates in the Green City of Freiburg. We can again expect **spirited discussions among the laureates** convening here, and with young students whom we will be inviting to join the program and especially the round table discussions.

*Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber*

Chairman Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation



*International Laureates signing the "Call for Action" during the Convention in Freiburg*



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAUREATES

The International Convention of Environmental Laureates, which is hosted by the European Environment Foundation, provides a platform for winners of prestigious international environmental prizes and awards to exchange their ideas and experience on helping to shape environmental policy.

Laureates include active environmentalists, journalists and human rights activists, scientists, and entrepreneurs. Above all, they are doers, with one thing in common: They have a vision and goals, and they have found ways of implementing them. Every one of them has made a significant contribution in their field towards environmental protection.

**The Convention is the ideal opportunity for building a global network and for mutual learning between the leading players and activists of the worldwide environment**

**movement.** With the exchanges of experiences amongst each other the laureates become multipliers and creators of ideas and initiatives that can be successfully implemented in other areas around the world.

Furthermore the Convention wants to disseminate ideas, initiatives and visions to young people and the interested public. Therefore it includes meetings and discussions between laureates and upcoming researchers, students and pupils, as well as various public events. Keynote speakers have included, amongst others, Jeremy Rifkin, Bianca Jagger, Gunter Pauli and Klaus Töpfer.



In hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Environmental Laureates, our aim is to bring together the world's leading figures regarding human rights and the improvement of living conditions, the protection of the environment and

mankind's adjustment to the results of global warming – one could even say, people whose aim is the preservation of a world in which it is worth living.

In doing so we aim to create a network which not only spans the globe, but also has considerable **influence on environmental and climate protection policies** across the world.

*Dr. Bernd Dallmann*

Founder and Chairman, European Environment Foundation



*Committed speakers on topics that matter*



*Numerous people following the public lectures*

# CONVENTION PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2015

18:00

◆ **Public Lecture** – Historisches Kaufhaus Freiburg

**Welcome Address**

- *Dr. Dieter Salomon*; Mayor, City of Freiburg

“**Awards as an instrument of environmental communication**”

- *Dr. Heinrich Bottermann*; Secretary General, German Federal Environmental Foundation

“**Climate justice**”

- *Bianca Jagger*; President and Chief Executive, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation; Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador; Member of the Executive Director's Leadership Council of Amnesty International USA and IUCN Bonn Challenge Ambassador

“**Sustainable development in a world with 9 billion people**”

- *Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Klaus Töpfer*; Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies; former Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderation:

*Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber*; Chair Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation EEF

20:00

◆ **Welcome Reception** – Historisches Kaufhaus Freiburg

Buffet with savoury regional dishes

## FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2015

08:00

◆ **Laureates Symposium**

“**Networking and Exchange**” – Konzerthaus Freiburg

A forum for the presentation of the laureates' projects

08:00

**Setting up of the poster exhibition**

09:00

**Introduction**

- *Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien*; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

09:15

**Short Presentations of Laureates – Part I**

- Panel A: “*Biodiversity I*”, Moderation: *Christine von Weizsäcker*; President, Ecoropa
- Panel B: “*Climate Change*”, Moderation: *Dr. Peter W. Heller*; Board of Trustees, EEF

10:45

Coffee break

11:00

◆ **Keynote Lecture**

**Welcome Address**

- *Virginia Sonntag-O'Brien*; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation

“**Climate change in Baden-Württemberg – challenges for the state's climate policy**”

- *Franz Untersteller*; Minister of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector Baden-Württemberg; Member of the State Parliament

11:45	<p><b>Short Presentations of Laureates – Part II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Panel A: “Biodiversity II”, Moderation: <i>Christine von Weizsäcker; President, Ecoropa</i></li> <li>● Panel B: “Social Engagement / Community Empowerment”, Moderation: <i>Prof. Dr. Rainer Griebhammer; Board of Trustees, EEF</i></li> </ul>
13:15	Lunch break – parallel EEF Board of Trustees Meeting
14:30	<p><b>Short Presentations of Laureates – Part III</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Panel: “Sustainable Energy Access”, Moderation: <i>Prof. Dr. Sigrid Jannsen; Board of Trustees, EEF</i></li> </ul>
15:30	<p><b>New EEF project: “Laureates Declaration on a CO2 tax”</b></p> <p>incl. outcome of the “Laureates Declaration on Climate Change”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Prof. Dr. Eicke R. Weber; Chair Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation</i></li> <li>● <i>Virginia Sonntag-O’Brien; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation</i></li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:45	<p><b>New EEF project: “Creating a global environmental network”</b></p> <p>funded by the German Federal Environmental Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dr. Bernd Dallmann; Chairman, European Environment Foundation</i></li> </ul>
18:00	◆ <b>Laureates Dinner</b> – Historic cellar of the „Weinschlösschen Freiburg“
20:00	<p>◆ <b>Public Lecture</b> – Konzerthaus Freiburg</p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker; Board of Trustees, European Environment Foundation</i></li> </ul> <p><b>“Adaption to climate change: Africa’s commitment, achievements, challenges and opportunities”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dr. Alice Kaudia; Environment Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya; Founding member of the Kenya Professional Association of Women in Agriculture and Environment</i></li> </ul>

## SATURDAY, 14 MARCH 2015

09:00	<p>◆ <b>Laureates meet Young Talents</b> – UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg</p> <p><b>Round Table Discussions of laureates, young researchers, students and pupils</b></p> <p><i>in cooperation with:</i></p> <p><b>UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg, University of Freiburg and Regierungspräsidium Freiburg</b></p>
09:00	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Laurence Nodder; Director, UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg</i></li> </ul>
09:10	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>School Company „Steller Solar Aktiengesellschaft“; Winner “Deutscher Klimapreis” of the Allianz Umweltstiftung</i></li> </ul>
09:30	<b>Round Table Discussions – Part I</b>

11:30

◆ **Laureates Lectures**

**Presentation of the idea of the UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg  
and Welcome by the host**

- *Dr. Christof Bosch*; Chair Board of Trustees, Robert Bosch College UWC GmbH

—  
**“To understand adaption to climate change and mitigation  
for concrete local and global actions”**

- *Golden Misabiko*, The Nuclear-Free Future Award  
Human Rights Defender; Consultant Researcher on Natural Resources,  
Democratic Republic of Congo

—  
**“Adaption and climate justice”**

- *Syeda Rizwana Hasan*, The Goldman Environmental Prize  
Chief Executive, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA);  
Friends of the Earth, Bangladesh

—  
**“Climate change and the Marshall Islands: perspectives from  
a small island nation”**

- *Selina Neirok Leem*; UWC student from the Marshall Islands

12:30

Group picture

13:00

Lunch break

14:00 –  
16:00

**Round Table Discussions – Part II**

with individual tours through UWC Robert Bosch College Freiburg

18:30

◆ **Aperitif in the “Ökostation Freiburg”** – Ökostation Freiburg

The Ökostation is the centre for heightening environmental awareness located in the Seepark Freiburg

19:30

◆ **African Culture Evening** – Bürgerhaus am Seepark

Dance acts and musical performances from the African continent  
with African Dinner

SUNDAY, 15 MARCH 2015

08:30

◆ **Farewell Breakfast** – Konzerthaus Freiburg Foyer

**Invitation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Convention 2016**

- *Dr. Bernd Dallmann*; Chairman, European Environment Foundation

# LAUREATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



◆ **Karen Aghababyan**  
Armenia  
**Whitley Awards**  
Chief Scientist, Head of Environmental Lab, Assistant Professor



◆ **Dionysia Theodora Avgerinopoulou**  
Greece  
**Green Star Awards**  
Member of the Hellenic Parliament



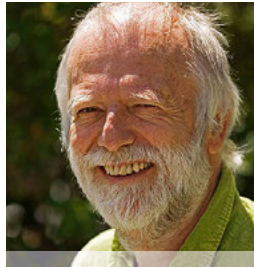
◆ **Dipal Chandra Barua**  
Bangladesh  
**Zayed Future Energy Prize**  
Founder and Chairman, Bright Green Energy Foundation; President, Bangladesh Solar and Renewable Energy Association (BSREA)



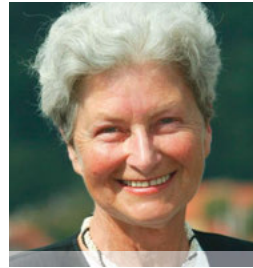
◆ **Heide Bergmann**  
Germany  
**Trophée de Femmes**  
Co-founder, Ökostation Freiburg



◆ **Andreas W. Bett**  
Germany  
**German Environmental Prize**  
Deputy Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Renewable Energy Systems



◆ **Claus Biegert**  
Germany  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Representative, The Nuclear-Free Future Award



◆ **Hildegard Breiner**  
Austria  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
President, Nature Conservation Vorarlberg, Vice-Pres. N.C. Austria



◆ **Dieter Brübach**  
Germany  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**  
Representative, B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis



◆ **Manuel Collares-Pereira**  
Portugal  
**SHC Solar Award**  
Chair, BES Renewable Energies / Director, IPES / President, SUN AID



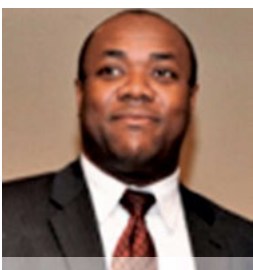
◆ **Franz Daschner**  
Germany  
**German Environmental Prize**  
Chairman, Viademica Foundation



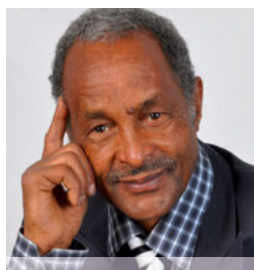
◆ **Milkyas Debebe**  
Ethiopia  
**The Ashden Awards**  
Founder and Executive Director, New Life Ethiopian Residents Charity



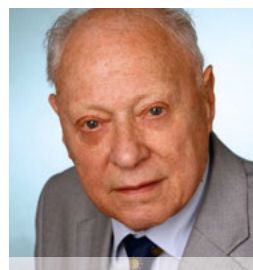
◆ **Ernesto C. Enkerlin Hoeflich**  
Mexico  
**UNESCO Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation**  
Director, Natural Solutions at Monterrey Tech in Mexico / Chair, IUCN-WCPA



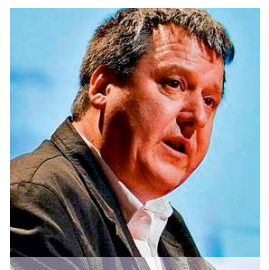
◆ **Duquesne Fednard**  
Haiti  
**The Ashden Awards**  
CEO, D&E Green Enterprises



◆ **Debesai Ghebrehiwet Andeergish**  
Eritrea  
**The Ashden Awards**  
Manager and Designer for different stoves and renewable energy



◆ **Adolf Goetzberger**  
Germany  
**Becquerel Prize**  
Consultant, FhG ISE



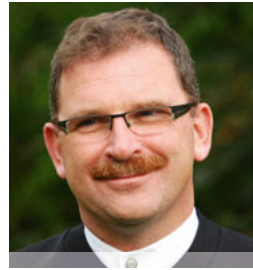
◆ **Hans Grassmann**  
Italy  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Professore aggregato (Univ. of Udine) / Director, Isomorph srl.



◆ **Monika Griefahn**  
Germany  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**  
Co-chair, Right Livelihood  
Award Foundation /  
Former Minister for the  
Environment Niedersachsen



◆ **Rainer Griebhammer**  
Germany  
**German Environmental Prize**  
Business Director,  
Institute for Applied  
Ecology



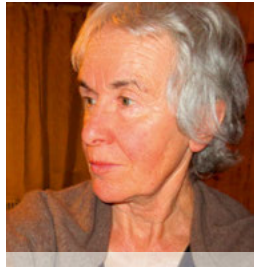
◆ **Goran Gusic**  
Croatia  
**EuroNatur-Award**  
Managing Director, Lonjsko  
Polje Nature Park Public  
Institution



◆ **Edeltraud Günther**  
Germany  
**B.A.U.M. Umweltpreis**  
Professor in Environmental  
Management and Accounting



◆ **Sameer Hajee**  
Canada  
**UNEP Sasakawa Prize**  
CEO, Nuru Energy East Africa



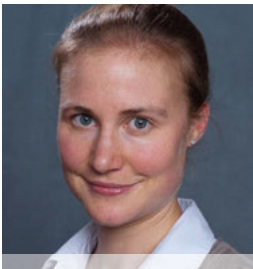
◆ **Mathilde Halla**  
Austria  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
SENECA – Seniorennetzwerk  
contra Atom



◆ **Silvia Hämmerle**  
Germany  
**Trophée de Femmes**  
Chairlady, Life-Giving Forest eV.  
/ Manager, Friends of the Earth  
District Stuttgart



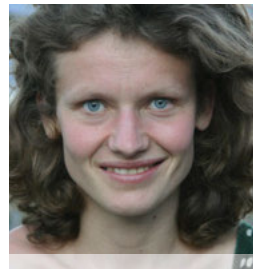
◆ **Syeda Rizwana Hasan**  
Bangladesh  
**The Goldman Environmental  
Prize**  
Chief Executive, Bangladesh  
Environmental Lawyers  
Association (BELA)/Friends  
of the Earth



◆ **Lena Hiltrop**  
United Kingdom  
**Empowering People Award**  
Consultant Energiemanage-  
ment, Siemens AG



◆ **Winfried Hoffmann**  
Belgium / Germany  
**Becquerel Prize**  
President, EPIA



◆ **Michaela Hogenboom Kindle**  
Liechtenstein  
**Binding-Prize for the  
Protection of Nature and  
Environment**  
Facilitator of change towards  
sustainability, Symbiose



◆ **Heike Hoedt**  
Germany  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Managing Director,  
Simply Solar



◆ **Mohammad Zahirul Islam**  
Bangladesh  
**Whitley Awards**  
Biologist / Executive Director,  
Marinelife Alliance



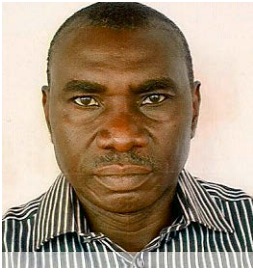
◆ **Kristin Kaschner**  
Germany  
**Zayed International Prize for  
the Environment**  
Department of Biometry and  
Environmental System Analysis,  
Albert-Ludwigs-University of  
Freiburg



◆ **Elias Kindle**  
Liechtenstein  
**Binding-Prize for the  
Protection of Nature and  
Environment**  
Founder and project leader,  
Symbiose Consultig and  
Symbiose Community



◆ **Inza Koné**  
Ivory Coast  
**Whitley Awards**  
Scientific Director, Centre  
Suisse de Recherches  
Scientifiques



◆ **Faustin Kopangoye**  
Gabon  
**TIME Magazine / Heroes of the Environment**  
Secretary General, NGO Environment Gabon



◆ **Nadezda Kutepova**  
Russia  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Human and Environmental Rights Lawyer



◆ **Jeremy Leggett**  
United Kingdom  
**The Hillary Laureates**  
Founder and Chairman, Solarcentury / Author Sublime Magazine



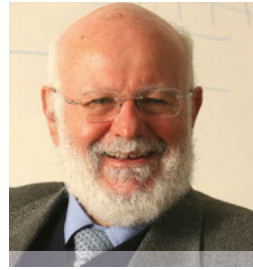
◆ **Daniel Letoiye**  
Kenia  
**Whitley Awards**  
Director and Co-founder, Westgate community conservancy



◆ **Ahmet Lokurlu**  
Germany  
**TIME Magazine Hero of the Environment**  
CEO, Solitem Group



◆ **Joachim Luther**  
Germany  
**Becquerel Prize**  
Visiting Professor, SERIS / Director Emeritus, Fraunhofer ISE



◆ **Antonio Luque**  
Spain  
**Solar World Einstein Award**  
Academician of Royal Academy of engineering / Foreign Member of Russian Academy of Sciences



◆ **Natalia Manzurova**  
Russia  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Scientific Radiologist / Consultant for the effects of radiation on nature objects



◆ **Alistair Marsden**  
United Kingdom  
**The Ashden Awards**  
Commercial Manager, Dulas



◆ **Marilyn Mehlmann**  
Sweden  
**The Rachel Carson Prize**  
Head of development and training, Global Action Plan (GAP) International



◆ **Julien Meyer**  
France  
**Rolex Awards**  
Researcher (Marie Curie IIF, CNRS)



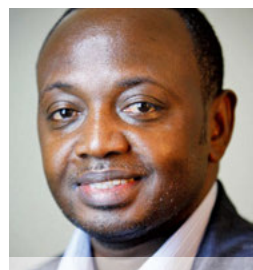
◆ **Golden Misabiko**  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Human Rights Defender, Consultant Researcher on Natural Resources



◆ **Vik Mohan**  
United Kingdom  
**The St Andrews Prize for the Environment**  
Medical Director, Blue Ventures Conservation



◆ **Maggie Muurmans**  
Australia  
**Future for Nature Award**  
CoastEd Coordinator and Research Assistant



◆ **René Ngongo**  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
**Right Livelihood Award**  
Coordinator, Extractive industry program of WWF DRC



◆ **Ramesh Kumar Nibhoria**  
India  
**The Ashden Awards**  
Chairman and Managing Director, Nishant Bioenergy

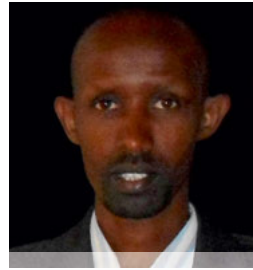
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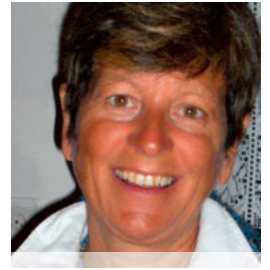
◆ **Nikola Nikolov**  
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
**Green Star Awards**  
Full Professor / Head of Regional Fire Monitoring Center (RFMC)



◆ **Olivier Nsengimana**  
Rwanda  
**Rolex Awards**  
Veterinarian – Saving Endangered Grey Crowned Cranes in Rwanda



◆ **Placide Dieudonné Nzisabira**  
Rwanda  
**The Ashden Awards**  
President and Founder, AJDR Cooperative



◆ **Regula Ochsner**  
Switzerland  
**Trophée de femmes**  
CEO, ADES Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire Suisse-Madagascar



◆ **Caleb Ofori Boateng**  
Ghana  
**Future for Nature Award**  
Director, Herp Conservation Ghana



◆ **Jessica Olson**  
United States  
**Sierra Club Joseph Barbosa Award**  
Our Wild America Campaign, Sierra Club



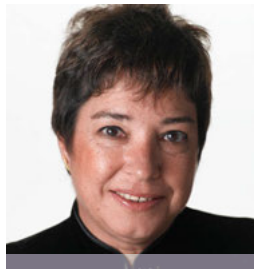
◆ **David Osborne**  
United Kingdom  
**Empowering People Award**  
Technical Director, Celsius Global Solutions



◆ **Balgis Osman Elasha**  
Tunisia  
**UNEP Champions of the Earth Award**  
Climate Change Expert, African Development Bank



◆ **Marion Pancur**  
Germany  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Representative, The Nuclear-Free Future Award



◆ **Denise Marçal Rambaldi**  
Brasil  
**Bruno H. Schubert-Prize**  
Director of Biodiversity and Forests, Rio de Janeiro State Govern



◆ **Jamal Safi**  
Gaza  
**Zayed International Prize for the Environment**  
University Professor / Chairman of EPRI, Gaza



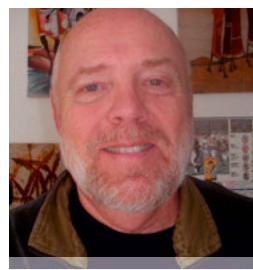
◆ **Wolfgang Scheffler**  
Germany  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Director, Simply Solar



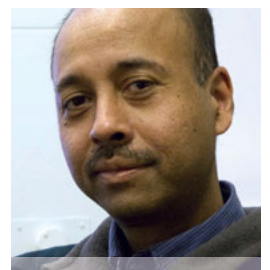
◆ **Thomas Scheurer**  
Switzerland  
**Binding Prize for the Protection of Nature and Environment**  
Managing Director, Swiss National Park Scientific Board



◆ **Hans-Werner Schock**  
Germany  
**Becquerel Prize**  
Consultant PV technology, retired from Helmholtz Centre Berlin



◆ **David Schweidenback**  
United States  
**Rolex Awards**  
President, Pedals for Progress



◆ **Bhaskar Sen Gupta**  
United Kingdom  
**The St. Andrews Prize for the Environment**  
Professor in Water Technology, Heriot-Watt University, EDINBURGH Campus



◆ **Khop Narayan Shrestha**  
Nepal  
**UNEP Sasakawa Prize**  
Executive Director, MDI Nepal



◆ **Andreas Speich**  
Switzerland  
**Binding-Prize**  
Conservator of Forests / Private consultant climate change



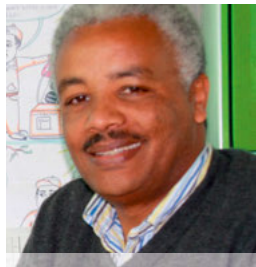
◆ **Heinz Stockinger**  
Austria  
**The Nuclear-Free Future Award**  
Retired university teacher



◆ **Tristram Stuart**  
United Kingdom  
**The Sophie Prize**  
Founder, Feedback



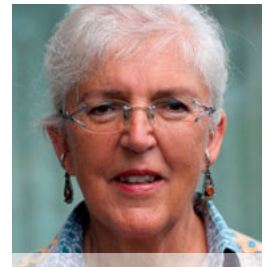
◆ **Jean Thomas**  
Australia  
**Future For Nature Award**  
Co-Director, Tenkile Conservation Alliance



◆ **Samson Tsegaye**  
Ethiopia  
**The Ashden Awards**  
Country Director Ethiopia, Solar Energy Foundation



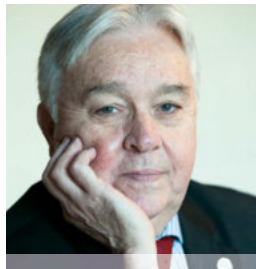
◆ **Carlos Roberto Vasquez Almazan**  
Guatemala  
**Whitley Awards**  
Amphibians Researcher and Conservationist, Fundaeco / Curator of Herpetology



◆ **Christine von Weizsäcker**  
Germany  
**Trophée de Femmes**  
President, Ecoropa



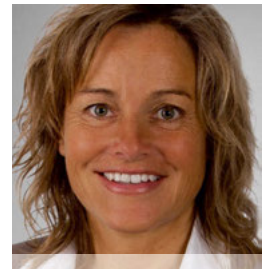
◆ **Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**  
Germany  
**German Environmental Prize**  
Co-President, Club of Rome / Co-Chair, International Resource Panel



◆ **Paul Walker**  
United States  
**Right Livelihood Award**  
Director Environmental Security & Sustainability, Green Cross International



◆ **Eicke R. Weber**  
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Through this, the Foundation aims to give incentives **to initiate a politically supportive, confidence-building, collaborative, and research-stimulating exchange**. The key principle behind this focus is the knowledge that for any environmental policy to be effective, it must be applied trans-nationally.

The existential meaning of sustainable policy should be fostered through the annual meeting of international environmental award winners who have made outstanding contributions to environmental policy, the “International Convention of Environmental Laureates”. In summer 2015 the foundation will launch a **brand new project: a web-based communication platform** for the laureates, for environmental NGOs, associations and organizations and for the prize-giving institutions **to exchange, connect and plan joint projects easily across continents** and throughout the whole year.

**The aim of the European Environment Foundation** is for a larger segment of the population to be made aware of the need for worldwide environmental policies. Other goals include **strengthening political institutions and encouraging academic research** to discover unknown connections and devise **new solutions for sustainable methods of handling natural resources**. Special attention will be focused on encouraging young people to consider these issues.

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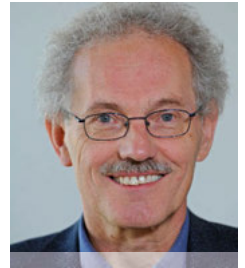
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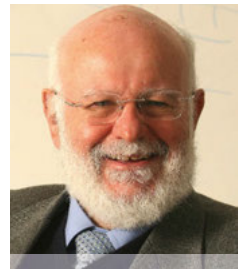
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