



An Open Letter to World Leaders

Dear World Leaders,

Cc: Everyone else

There are moments in history that become turning points. In our view, 2015 will be such a moment. It is the most important year for global decision-making since the start of the new millennium.

We believe it's just possible that we could end 2015 with a new global compact -- an agreed pathway to a better, safer future for people and planet that will inspire all the citizens of the world. We can choose the path of sustainable development. Or we might not -- and regret it for generations to come. Which side of history will you be on?

There are millions of voices you can't afford to ignore -- the voices of the people you represent. They are voices of all ages from every corner of the planet - the voice of a young girl currently deprived an education... of a pregnant mother deprived healthcare... of young people deprived decent work... of a family from a minority group fearful of discrimination from corrupt officials... of farmers forced to migrate to cities as climate refugees... and of billions of other people. Their voices will roar ever louder against the inequality and injustice that keep people poor. They -- and all who stand with them -- are calling on you to come up with a grand new global contract for our one human family -- and then deliver on it together. The great news is that in 2015 you have a historic chance to do just that.

Two critical United Nations summits will take place this year. The first in September, where the world must agree new goals to eradicate extreme poverty, tackle inequality and ensure a more sustainable planet. The second is the climate summit in December where we must ensure the wellbeing of people today doesn't come at the expense of our children's futures.

Together with critical discussions on financing, these opportunities are the biggest of our lifetime. We know from past efforts against AIDS, malaria, preventable diseases and saving the ozone layer that when we come together, so much can be achieved. Yet, with just months to go before these summits, few leaders are playing the leadership roles we need. We see climate progress but not yet of the



scale that is needed, and a set of goals that are hugely ambitious but will be meaningless without brave financing and implementation agreements led from the very top.

If this does not change, we fear you and your fellow leaders could be sleepwalking the world towards one of the greatest failures of recent history. It's not too late to rise to the occasion. We're asking you to help lead that change.

Let's be clear: the actions we take in 2015 will decide which way the world turns for decades to come. Please take the right path.

Yours,

Aamir Khan, Actor & campaigner

Angelique Kidjo, Singer songwriter &

activist Annie Lennox, OBE, musician &
activist

Ben Affleck, Actor, Filmmaker & Founder of Eastern Congo Initiative

Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Bono, Lead singer of U2 & cofounder of ONE and (RED)

Dbanj, Musician & activist

Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Gro Harlem Brundtland, Former Prime Minister, Norway

Hugh Jackman, Actor

Kid President - Brad Montague & Robby Novak

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Dir., Earth Institute & author of The Age of Sustainable Development

Jimmy Wales, Founder of Wikipedia

Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace Laureate & Chair of Nobel Women's Initiative

José Padilha, Film Director

Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate

Malala Yousafzai, Co-Founder of the Malala Fund & 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate



Mary Robinson, President, Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice

Matt Damon, Actor & Founder of Water.org

Melinda Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Mia Farrow, Actor & activist

Mo Ibrahim, Philanthropist & campaigner

Muhammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate

Queen Rania Al Abdullah

Richard Branson, Founder of the Virgin Group

Ricken Patel, President and Executive Director of Avaaz

Shakira, Singer, songwriter, dancer

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation

Sting, Musician, singer, songwriter, and activist

Ted Turner, Chairman, United Nations

Foundation Wagner Moura, Actor

Yvonne Chaka Chaka, President of the Princess of Africa Foundation

* From GSL, Global Solidarity, add the new reality posed by Hansen last report indicates that as of 1° Celsius increase in average global temperature over the oceans will rise up to 8 meters, creating a situation of this global catastrophe. To meet this challenge it is necessary to replace the energy matrix and decontaminated, not just reduce carbon emissions. To this makes lack funding upscale. We propose the Green Solidarity Fund consisting of 2% of global GDP annually and allocate 25% of it to end hunger, pandemics and extreme poverty.

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