

# Manifesto for the creation of an International Panel of Behaviour Change for sustainable development

*The International Panel of Behavior Change (IPBC)*

We are presently facing many problems which are having an impact on the world at all levels (economic, social, environmental, etc.). This global crisis is very serious, in an unprecedented way. Its evolution which is getting out of control is leading us to an irreversible planetary disaster.

This analysis was the recent issue of the second manifesto called: « World' s Scientists Warning to Humanity: a second Notice, signed by 15. 364 scientists from 184 countries, which came out on Monday November 13 th 2017 in the Bioscience journal.

**Yet we do know that human behaviour (as actor and decidor, each at his/ her level) is today THE factor limiting a successful transition towards a sustainable, fair and desirable development.**

That is the reason why we, researchers, experts and professionals of disciplines that concern behavior (in a very broad sense) we believe it is urgent to gather in an adequate international group of authority (UN or something equivalent) experts coming from all our disciplines. Only such a type of structure would be capable of leading the world towards a successful change of society. This would apply to the management of climate warming, resources and waste as well as to the economic, geopolitic or demographic issues, etc.

**This institution' s mission would be:**

- To mingle the different cognitive and behavioural sciences so as to bring about a heart of compact and consensual knowledge
- To also give way to strong advice, constantly renewed for the different fields of application mentioned above
- To have a fair way of reflecting on the (endless) necessity of science and the more immediate necessity of usefulness and of accepted social responsibility.

*I personally support the orientations expressed by this manifesto and ask the public authorities to create such appropriate international authorities like the GIECO (group of interdisciplinary experts) or equivalent.*

Dear friend,

Our present aim:

- To gather the maximum of signatures. We would be grateful to you for using your connections and network. So as to weigh on the decision of international institutions , we must prove our commitment to contribute through our mutual expertise to a better management of our common destiny
- We will get closer to all similar or converging initiatives throughout the world, starting with the GIEC itself or the collective of the 15. 000 who are asking a massive collective change in behaviour
- When the time comes , we will launch mediatic campaigns to show our manifesto urbi and orbi and raise the mobilisation of other experts but also of all other interested people so as to push the international institutions to create the UN institution which we are hoping for (and other ones, comparable on national and European levels)
- This collective will rest upon the initiative of its members, on the base of resarch for a scientific consensus which would soon function and also be ethical
- In this direction and before the GIECO comes to life, a working group could start with the aim of deciding who does what.

Hoping to get you mobilised and interested,

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