

Making Democracy Work

A Celebration of the 2020 winners of the Tällberg Eliasson Global Leadership Prize

December 8 and 9, 2020

Draft program

DECEMBER 8

SESSION 1: OPEN AUDIENCE

10.00 EST / 16.00 CET

1. **Global Leaders! Meet the winners of the 2020 Tällberg Eliasson Global Leadership Prize. Each will be interviewed by a member of the jury that selected them, exploring their approach to leadership, discussing their successes and failures, and defining how they will cope with a world that needs to be pushed in better directions.**

- Welcome by **Alan Stoga**, Chairman, Tällberg Foundation
- Leadership by **Jan Eliasson**, Chair of the Governing Board, SIPRI
- **Sylvia Earle**, Marine biologist and explorer

Interviewed by **Ashok Mirpuri**, Ambassador to the United States from Singapore

- **Jared Genser**, International human rights lawyer and advocate

Interviewed by **Shahidul Alam**, Bangladeshi photographer and activist

- **Nithya Ramanathan**, Engineer working to improve human health with sensory intelligence

Interviewed by **Cecilia Weckstrom**, Sr Director, Diversity, Inclusion & People Innovation, The Lego Group

2. **Music: Kajsa William-Olsson**, cellist, Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra with pianist **Terés Löf**

3. **Leaders on leadership: How do leaders cope with shocks, uncertainty and volatility—and still lead? *The easiest response (as well as our natural instinct) to this pandemic year has been to hunker down. But leaders didn't have that option: their organizations—companies, universities, philanthropies, ministries, congregations—had to be re-invented on the fly. In a world with no “normal” in sight how does a leader lead, inspire, motivate? When everything seems to be breaking, what's a leader to do?***
 - **Carole Wainaina** (moderator), Africa 50, Kenya
 - **Andreas Dracopoulos**, Co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation
 - **Alejandro Santo Domingo**, Investor and entrepreneur
 - **Ulla-Britt Fräjdin-Hellqvist**, Engineer and board professional
 - **Ron Daniels**, President, Johns Hopkins University

4. **Dramatic reading** (TBD)

5. **Wrap-up** by **Alan Stoga**

SESSION 2: INVITED PARTICIPANTS
11:45 EST / 17:45 CET

6. **Music:** Fiddlers from the village of Tällberg, Sweden

7. **Tällberg: now more than ever!** by **Muni Figueres**, former Ambassador to the United States from Costa Rica

8. **What do we need from our leaders—and what do they need from us? *Successful leadership requires a non-stop dialogue with teams, with communities, with citizens, with enemies and with allies. We want leaders to lead, but we also want leaders to listen. We want leaders to imagine new solutions, but we also want them to see the wisdom of ours. We want leaders to help make us better than we are, but we also want them to be like us. We want leaders to take us to where we need to be. How do they—and we—do that?* Breakout conversations (choose one)**

- **Sylvia Earle** and **Fio Omenetto** (moderator), Materials engineer, Tufts University
- **Jared Genser** and **Gabriela Cuevas** (moderator), President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Congresswoman, Mexico
- **Nithya Ramanathan** and **Mark Abdollahian** (moderator), Data driven strategist Economist, Claremont Graduate University and CEO ACERTAS

9. **Changing the World, One New Idea at a Time. *We live at a moment of extraordinary ferment: intellectual, technological, political, social, moral. Some days, everything seems possible; other days, nothing. What we need are solutions; concrete, actionable ideas. New thinking for a new world.***

- Introduction and video by **Reid Andres**, Tällberg Foundation
- **Tom Cummings** (moderator), Organizational and leadership consultant
- **Defne Ayas**, Visual arts curator, educator, and publisher
- **Bright Simons**, Ghanaian technology innovator, and social entrepreneur
- **Celina de Sola**, Salvadorian humanitarian and public health expert
- **Naty Barak**, Sustainability guru, Israel

10. **Poetry: Sitawa Namwalie**, Poet, playwright and performer, Kenya

11. **Harvesting: Muni Figueres & Tom Cummings**

12. **Close by Alan Stoga**

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DECEMBER 9

SESSION 3: OPEN AUDIENCE

10.00 EST / 16.00 CET

13. **Good Day!** by Alan Stoga

14. **Poetry: Sitawa Namwalie**

15. **Leadership in a time of Covid: what have we learned; what should we forget; what have we missed? *If nothing else, the pandemic has tested us, as individuals and as leaders. There was no time for careful contemplation as the walls were collapsing on institutions and organizations, on established processes and regulations, on accepted ways of doing both the ordinary and the unusual. We had to learn to be alone, together; we had to lead remotely. Since the odds of returning to the status quo ante seem pretty low, how are we as leaders going to shape our futures?***

- **Vishakha Desai** (moderator), Educator and scholar, Columbia University
- **Chris Parker**, UK Director for National Cyber Security with Fortinet
- **Mary Schneider Enriquez**, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Harvard University
- **Abshiro Halake**, Senator of the Republic of Kenya
- **Daniel Martinez Valle**, CEO, Orbia, Mexico-based multinational

16. **Magical thinking** by Mark Mitton, Magician

17. **New Thinking for a New World. *All ideas are not born equal—but they all need an equal opportunity to grow, to be tested, to succeed or to fail. Now more than ever when it’s not thinking “out of the box” that’s needed—there is no box anymore—but thinking that is both unconstrained and concrete? How do we get beyond the vagueness of the “big picture” and find concrete, practical, actionable new ideas?***

- Introduction and video by **Maarten Koets**, NGO executive
- **Maarten Koets** (moderator)
- **Rosemary Okello-Orlale**, Educator and media specialist, Kenya’s Strathmore Business School
- **Alejandra Peralta**, Educator and administrator, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
- **Ellen Lust**, Academic and social scientist

18. **Music** by Fiddlers from the village of Tällberg

19. **Close** by **Alan Stoga**

SESSION 4: INVITED PARTICIPANTS

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20. **Where are we?** by **Defne Ayas** and **Alan Stoga**

21. **Building back better** (*break out sessions:choose one*)

- **Locked down vs. locked up: maintaining democracy during a pandemic. *Long before most of us had even heard of “coronavirus” democracy was in trouble. Trust in democratic institutions was low seemingly everywhere; in many countries, demands for radical change had moved from voting booths to the streets; pollsters recorded widespread***

support for “strong” leaders. And autocrats were happy to respond. Who needs to do what to reimagine democracy?

Josh Steiner (moderator), Investor and Senior Adviser
Bloomberg, LP

Sara Hossain, Bangladeshi human rights lawyer and
advocate

Scott Miller, US political and corporate strategist

Peter Ajak, South Sudanese political activist, economist
and former political prisoner

Senator Kenneth Lusaka, Speaker of the Kenyan Senate

- **How can democratic governance cope with accelerating climate change? *Climate change is real and immediate, no longer something that will only impact future generations. Scientists know what needs to be done, and the pace at which profound changes in how we live, travel, feed ourselves and make things. Are those changes compatible with democratic decision making? Should voters have a role, or is coping with climate change too urgent to wait for popular opinion to coalesce? And what if voters today are unwilling to make the changes that scientists demand?***

Christine Loh (moderator), Professor, Hong Kong
University of Science and Technology, and Anderson School of
Management, UCLA

Tomas Christensen, Climate Ambassador of Denmark

Paula DiPerna, Environmental policy advisor and author

Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, Ugandan scientist and
veterinarian

Kevin Noone, Climate scientist

- **Can we innovate our way out of this mess? We live in a golden age of scientific and technological possibilities—but also in a dark age of pandemic, intensifying climate change consequences, economic inequality, mass migration driven by political, economic, and climate disaster. Can scientists solve the big problems? How to encourage innovation? How to encourage global cooperation in an era of growing nationalism? How to assure that innovations are consistent with human rights and democratic norms?**

Rafael Yuste (moderator), Neuroscientist, Columbia University

George Njenga, Executive Dean, Strathmore Business School

Saul Griffith, Climate scientist

Anne Goldfeld, Physician-Scientist, Harvard and Global Health Committee

Fio Omenetto

22. Rethinking everything: emerging leaders emerge. Almost by definition, the future is always youth; now more than ever, as the world confronts profound changes in how everything works, emerging leaders need to be at the decision making table.
(special sessions for invited emerging leaders)

Sylvia Earle

Jared Genser

Nithya Ramanathan

Mike Niconchuk, Neuroscience practitioner, Beyond Conflict

Blanche Voorneman, Impact Entrepreneur and former Dutch Diplomat

Baiqu Gonkar, Art and venture capital consultant

23. Values and Ethics in an Age of Turmoil *At a time when we literally have the technology to transform our species, we probably need to think about ethics or, put differently, to think about how we think about ethics. Does evolving technology imply evolving ethics? Are there universal, unchanging values? What role does culture play? Who writes the rules (if there are rules)?*

- **Alan Stogsa**, host
- **Vishakha Desai**
- **Juan Enriquez**, Life sciences expert, entrepreneur, author
- **Stelios Vasilakis**, Classic scholar and Director of Stavros Niarchos Foundation

22. **Closing** by Alan Stoga

23. **Music:** Fiddlers from the village of Tällberg

**Pending final confirmation*