

8th ANNUAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, UNEP
STATEMENT (WITH FOOTNOTES) MADE BY THE INSTITUTE FOR PLANETARY SYNTHESIS AND
THE ALL WIN NETWORK,
FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMONS CLUSTER OF THE UN NGO MAJOR GROUP.

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Thank you, Chair,

In 2015, we reached a tipping point of 3 of the then measurable planetary boundaries needed to support human life. Such threats can only be met *collectively* by all governments and UNEP *working closely together with civil society* (1.)

The grassroots (using Commons Cluster channels over the past 20 years) *regularly* provide best practices to support Member States meeting via UNEP.

Here are examples relevant to UNEA 5(2):

*To "Strengthen Actions for Nature to Achieve the SDGs", a trilogy: **Rights of Nature. Integrating Nature into all of the SDGs and most of the targets.*** (2)

To facilitate the implementation of Resolution 73/333, which although convoluted. has the potential to create a global framework agreement for the Environment: **Forging GA Resolution A/RES/73/333 into a Powerful Tool for the Implementation of Environmental Law** which outlines 3 challenges and ways forward. (3)

At UNEA 5(2), the Institute for Planetary Synthesis and others are hoping to offer a Side Event on **A Self-Financing Supplementary Economy**, providing a supplementary income for all people that can be spent only on sustainable goods and services, as determined by deliberations of people, starting at the grass roots; and how this can both help the achievement of the SDGs and develop an economy that can serve all people as AI increasingly takes over.(4)

When we work *together* on the Ministerial Declaration, UNEA 5(2), Stockholm +50 and all of the draft resolutions being proposed, we are opting for an opportunity to build synergy between what all of humanity and Nature, herself, have to offer. This requires constantly honing our skills as challenges change and, in many cases, escalate, learning to increasingly trust one another as well as the process of working together in the run up to UNEA 5(2) and throughout all of the subsequent years. For this, conferences whether virtually or even face to face, have not been able to bring about the level of synergy and collaboration needed to meet the challenges that are destroying lives and livelihoods worldwide.

InterVision sessions (integral to the UN's Global Compact for the private sector) can bring governments and civil society representatives with similar challenges together as needed to build the necessary trust and sense of urgency required to save lives and livelihoods worldwide and possibly prevent humankind reaching a tipping point as we transgress planetary boundaries needed to support human life.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Here are the links, etc. to the documents and web site mentioned above and to be submitted with the above statement to UNEP:

1. Source: Steffen, W., Richardson, K., Rockström, J., Cornell, S.E., Fetzer, I., Bennett, E.M., Biggs, R., Carpenter, S.R., de Vries, W., de Wit, C.A., Folke, C., Gerten, D., Heinke, J., Mace, G.M., Persson, L.M., Ramanathan, V., Reyers, B., and Sörlin, S. (2015) Planetary Boundaries: Guiding human development on a changing planet. *Science* 347: DOI: 10.1126/science.1259855

2. Nature and the Sustainable Development Goals

**Transforming our World in Harmony with Nature. Integrating Nature into Rights of Nature:
Integrating Nature into SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17**

www.allwinnetwork.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Integrating-Nature-into-the-SDGs-2020.pdf

**Transforming our World in Harmony with Nature. Integrating Nature into Rights of Nature:
Integrating Nature into SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17**

http://www.allwinnetwork.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Summary_Final1.5.pdf

**Transforming our World in Harmony with Nature. Integrating Nature into Rights of Nature:
Integrating Nature into SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16, and 17**

<http://www.allwinnetwork.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Transforming-Our-World-Web-22-June-19.pdf>

3. Forging GA Resolution A/RES/73/333 into a Powerful Tool for the Implementation of Environmental Law

<https://www.allwinnetwork.net/wp-content/uploads/2>

4. The web site is under construction. Much of the content is available through the following draft site: <https://williamg38.sg-host.com/home-page/>