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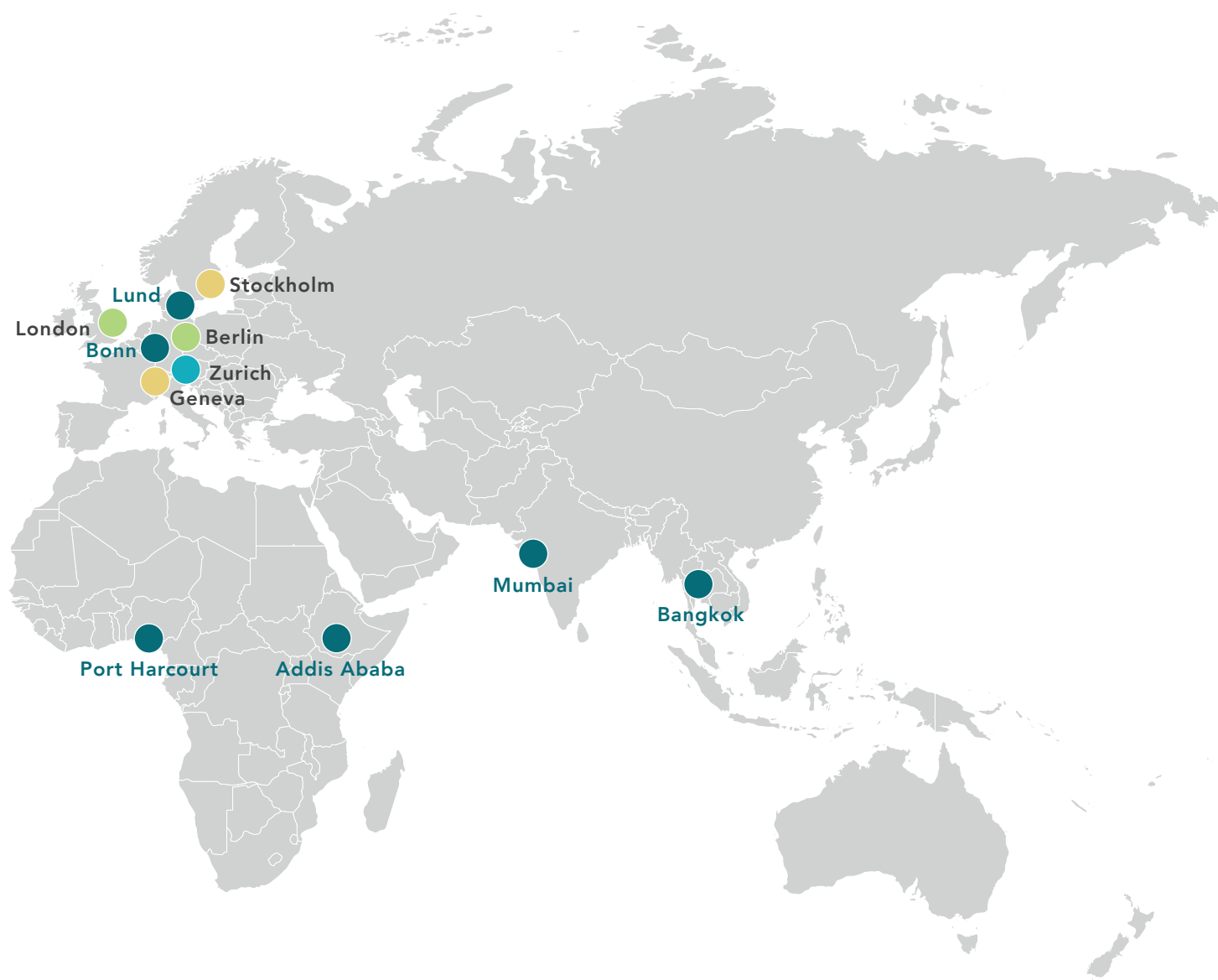
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About the Right Livelihood

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation is a non-profit organisation registered in Sweden. Its head office is located in Stockholm, with a branch office in Geneva.

The Right Livelihood Award, established in 1980 and widely known as 'the Alternative Nobel Prize', is annually presented in Stockholm to four Laureates. Unlike most other international prizes, it has no categories. The Foundation recognises that, in striving to meet the human challenges of today's world, the most inspiring and remarkable work often defies standard classification. The total prize money in 2018 was SEK 3 million.

Anyone can propose candidates to be considered for the Award. After careful investigation by the Foundation's research team, an international Jury meets to select the recipients.

The Foundation provides its Laureates with long-term support and helps them amplify the impact of their work. To date, there are 174 Laureates from 70 countries.



OUR VISION

We envision a just, peaceful and sustainable world for all.



OUR MISSION

We honour and support courageous people and organisations offering visionary and exemplary solutions to the root causes of global problems.



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OUR WORK IS ORGANISED INTO FOUR AREAS



HONOUR

The Foundation's principal purpose is to bestow the Right Livelihood Award. Everyone is welcome to propose candidates. After extensive research, Laureates are selected by an international jury and celebrated internationally.



SUPPORT

The Foundation sees its role as being the megaphone and shield for the Laureates and provides them with long-term support. It is committed to strengthening Laureates' networks through advocacy and cooperation activities. It also helps protect Award recipients whose lives and liberty are in danger.



EDUCATE

The Right Livelihood College is a global capacity-building initiative of the Foundation bridging the gap between activists and academia. This network of nine universities and academic institutions across five continents aims to spread awareness about, and further expand, the pioneering work of the Laureates.



INFORM

The Laureates have solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time, and the Foundation helps them get their messages out to a broader audience. Elevating the inspiring and pioneering work of the Laureates is essential to create change.

The Year at a Glance

Dear Reader,

Climate change is a fact, and we have already started to see its effects. Such complex global problems require multifaceted solutions that integrate diverse fields of expertise. It is paramount to empower practical visionaries seeking to implement solutions, especially at a time of distrust in international cooperation and eroding democracy. That's what the Right Livelihood Award Foundation does.

Since 1980, we have honoured visionaries championing real-world solutions to root causes of global problems, and promise them long-term support. We remain resolutely dedicated to helping our Laureates amplify the impact of their work.

Cooperation is critical for advancing social justice and sustainability. With our new consultative status to the UN, the Foundation can now provide Laureates with an appropriate platform to enable them to directly interact with UN bodies and advocate at the heart of the UN.

One of the most significant benefits for new Laureates is that they are welcomed into a worldwide network of like-minded people who dare to think out of the box in the face of the world's challenges, and who work tirelessly to address them in visionary yet practical ways. This year saw the culmination of a series of regional conferences bringing Laureates together to mutually reinforce and empower their work, and to find synergies that can bring even more innovative solutions to the table.

The first-ever North American Laureates' Conference was held in Santa Cruz in **May**, involving no less than 16 Laureates.



The call for proposals for the 2018 Laureates closed in **March**. This year we received 107 nominations from 50 countries.



In **June**, the United Nations' Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC) granted the Foundation special consultative status.

From Guatemala to Saudi Arabia, and USA to Afghanistan, Right Livelihood Award Laureates stand out among the many who oppose oppression and injustice. We want to extend warm thanks to all of our Laureates for their courageous and tireless struggle to advance justice and counter threats to humanity and to other life on Earth.

Our Laureates are leading the way forward, and we strive to empower them and many others to follow. We will present the 40th Right Livelihood Award in Stockholm on 4 December, 2019. During the first half of 2020, we are organising large events in Bangkok, Addis Ababa, and Medellín to celebrate our Laureates' achievements, spread their solutions, and maximise their impact. With the help of our supporters who make our work possible, we reaffirm our commitment to inspire positive change.



Paul Ekins

PAUL EKINS
Chair of the Board



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OLE VON UEXKULL
Executive Director

In **September**, the Foundation took part in its first UN Human Rights Council session after receiving consultative status to ECOSOC.



The 2018 Laureates were announced in Stockholm on **24 September** at the International Press Centre at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



In **November**, we hosted the 2018 Award Presentation in Stockholm. The Award Week programme also covered events in Geneva, Berlin, Zurich, and Brussels.



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Board Member



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Board Member

Governance

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation's course is decided by its board, which convened three times in 2018. Board members usually also serve as members of the international jury.

In September, Paul Ekins (United Kingdom) was elected new Chair of the Board. Ekins has been a member of the Foundation's Board since 1995 and also served as Executive Director between 1987 and 1990. He is Professor of Resources and Environmental Policy, and Director of the University College London Institute for Sustainable Resources. Ekins succeeds Dr Monika Griefahn (Germany) who had held the position since 2015. Dr Griefahn is continuing her engagement with the Foundation as Vice-chair of the board.

In October, Paul Walker (USA) became the first-ever Laureate to join the Foundation's board. Walker is Director of Green Cross International's Environmental Security and Sustainability programme, and received the

Award in 2013 "for working tirelessly to rid the world of chemical weapons". Marianne Andersson (Sweden), former MP of the Centre Party, who served on the board since 2004, decided to step down.



It is clearly a great privilege and responsibility becoming the new Chair of the Board. The Foundation has to remain innovative and creative, supporting our Laureates across the whole range of issues on which they work, which basically encompass all the major challenges facing humanity. We have to find new and effective ways of getting our messages out and encouraging policymakers, decision makers, and people generally to do what they can to amplify, magnify, support and replicate the impact of our Laureates.

PAUL EKINS

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Selecting the Laureates

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We are continuously seeking new candidates from all walks of life who are practical visionaries – people who are creating structural change through concrete and successful work. As we maintain an open nomination process, everyone is welcome to propose any individual or organisation they feel live up to this standard.

ADAM MCBETH
RESEARCH MANAGER

Anyone can propose a candidate for the Right Livelihood Award, which is annually presented to four Laureates. After careful investigation by the Foundation's research team, including field visits, reports on the current proposals are submitted to the international Jury which selects the recipients. In 2018, the Foundation considered 107 nominations from 50 countries.

Jury members come from different countries, continents, professions and fields of expertise. They possess varied and invaluable experience of international affairs and, in particular, of global justice and environmental issues.

The Laureates were announced in Stockholm on 24 September at the International Press Centre at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.





This prize comes at a particularly dramatic moment in the fight against impunity and corruption. It is very important because it will turn the eyes of the world to Guatemala and hopefully also provide international solidarity with those who are committed to the transformation of the country.

IVÁN VELÁSQUEZ



GUATEMALA & COLOMBIA

Thelma Aldana & Iván Velásquez

"...for their innovative work in exposing abuse of power and prosecuting corruption, thus rebuilding people's trust in public institutions."

Thelma Aldana and Iván Velásquez have been at the forefront of one of the most successful anti-corruption efforts in the world. Aldana led the Guatemalan Public Prosecutor's Office and Velásquez is leading the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), which is an independent body established by an agreement between the Guatemalan government and the UN. Through their leadership of these institutions, they have spearheaded the campaign to tackle deep-rooted criminal networks and corruption that have plagued Guatemala for decades.

Aldana and Velásquez have demonstrated a historically unique model of joint international and local legal action that sets a benchmark for other countries with similar problems. The cooperation between them and the institutions they have represented has resulted in several sensitive high-profile criminal investigations, including the arrest of then President Otto Pérez Molina and his Vice President. Their courageous and exemplary work has so far resulted in more than 60 criminal structures identified, more than 300 convictions, and 34 proposed legal reforms.

Aldana and Velásquez have played a crucial role in shaping a defining era in Guatemalan history, while also rebuilding trust in public institutions. As a consequence, they have faced sustained resistance and endured great personal risk.



Thelma Aldana and Iván Velásquez received the Right Livelihood Honorary Award, which is given to courageous people that have found practical solutions to root causes of global problems, but who are not primarily in need of monetary support.





Dear father, I know that you can hear me now. Keep going and doing what you think is right! No one should tell you what to do or what to say. You have the right to express your opinion and no one can take that right from you.

OMAR AL-QAHTANI
SON OF MOHAMMAD
FAHAD AL-QAHTANI



SAUDI ARABIA

Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani & Waleed Abu al-Khair

“...for their visionary and courageous efforts, guided by universal human rights principles, to reform the totalitarian political system in Saudi Arabia.”

Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani, and Waleed Abu al-Khair are three of the most prominent Saudi civil and human rights defenders. They have stood defiant in their pursuit for reforms in a country where the royal family maintains a tightly controlled monopoly of power and has joined forces with ultra-conservative Wahabi clerics to support their totalitarian rule.

The three Laureates have challenged this totalitarian system through peaceful methods, calling for universal human rights and the establishment of a constitutional monarchy. They are demanding the separation of powers and equality for all, including the abolishment of male guardianship which deprives women of their most basic rights. As a consequence of their courageous struggle for a more pluralistic and democratic society, the three men have been sentenced to between 10- and 15-years' imprisonment and are currently in jail.

Their visionary and inclusive approach to shaping a positive future for their home country has been and continues to be, a great source of inspiration for many people in Saudi Arabia and the wider Gulf region.



As a consequence of their struggle to reform the totalitarian political system in Saudi Arabia, the three Laureates were sentenced to 10- to 15-years' imprisonment on charges including "forming an unlicensed organisation", "disobeying the ruler", "harming the reputation of the state" and "insulting the judiciary and questioning the integrity of judges".





I am very honoured to receive the Right Livelihood Award, which will allow me to persist in my efforts to protect the forest and the wildlife. I hope this prize will help inspire many others to regenerate their land for the benefit of local communities and future generations.



BURKINA FASO

Yacouba Sawadogo

“...for turning barren land into forest and demonstrating how farmers can regenerate their soil with innovative use of indigenous and local knowledge.”

Yacouba Sawadogo is known as “the man who stopped the desert”. Starting around 1980, he has created a 27-hectare forest on formerly barren and abandoned land. Today, it is arguably one of the most diverse forests planted and managed by a farmer in the Sahel.

Sawadogo’s remarkable success builds on experimenting with traditional planting pits for soil, water, and biomass retention (“zai” in the local language). He has continued innovating the technique over the years, increasing crop yields and successfully planting trees. By organising trainings, he has empowered farmers to regenerate their land. As a result, tens of thousands of hectares of severely degraded land have been restored to productivity.

Those who adopt Sawadogo’s techniques often become food secure because zai helps to conserve rainwater and improve soil fertility. Trees planted together with the crops serve to enrich the soil, produce fodder for livestock, and create business opportunities like bee keeping. These results help farmers adapt to climate change, reduce rural poverty, and prevent local resource and water related conflicts. Together with other farmer-managed natural regeneration techniques, Zai could become a valuable tool to counter forced migration and build peace.



Sawadogo is planning to use the Award money to build a well, a fence for his forest, and to develop a health center.





Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration helps meet basic needs through increased food and fodder production and increased income generation. It helps reduce risk in farming, encourages greater collaboration within and between communities and reduces competition for and conflict over scarce natural resources, reducing poverty driven out-migration.



AUSTRALIA

Tony Rinaudo

"...for demonstrating on a large scale how drylands can be greened at minimal cost, improving the livelihoods of millions of people."

The Australian agronomist Tony Rinaudo is known as the "forest maker". Having lived and worked in Africa for several decades, he has discovered and put in practice a solution to the extreme deforestation and desertification of the Sahel region. With a simple set of management practices, farmers regenerate and protect existing local vegetation, which has helped to improve the livelihoods of millions.

Rinaudo has pioneered a technique that involves growing trees from existing root systems, which are often still intact and which Rinaudo refers to as an "underground forest". By choosing the right plants, and by pruning and protecting them in a certain way, they soon grow into trees. Changing attitudes has been key to Rinaudo's successful work. Rinaudo realised that if it was people who had reduced the forest to a barren landscape, it would require people to restore it.

Rinaudo's farmer-managed natural regeneration method has restored 50,000 km² of land with over 200 million trees in Niger alone. His method has the potential to restore currently degraded drylands with an area the combined size of India. What Rinaudo has created is much more than an agricultural technique, he has inspired a farmer-led movement regreening land around the globe.



Tony Rinaudo is using part of his Award money to provide crucial support to the Global EverGreening Alliance, which facilitates large-scale environmental restoration and sustainable agricultural intensification projects.



Award Presentation



The Laureates' trailblazing work for accountability, democracy, and the regeneration of degraded land gives a lot of hope and deserves the world's highest attention. At a time of alarming environmental decline and failing political leadership, they show the way forward into a very different future.

OLE VON UEXKULL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 39th Right Livelihood Award Presentation was held on 23 November at the Vasa Museum, home to the world's only preserved 17th century ship and Scandinavia's most visited museum. 220 guests came to celebrate the Laureates during a highly memorable evening with dinner, speeches, and performances next to the historic vessel.

The three Saudi Laureates – Abdullah al-Hamid, Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani, and Waleed Abu al-Khair – have been repeatedly punished for their work promoting justice and equality. They are serving lengthy prison sentences, which prevented them from attending the celebration. The room was filled with sympathy as al-Qahtani's 18-year-old son delivered an acceptance speech on behalf of his imprisoned father.



We have proven that public institutions can work for all citizens, and not only for those who have the support and protection of the politicians who happen to be in power, or for those who belong to powerful groups.

THELMA ALDANA
2018 LAUREATE



Above: A short video about the three Saudi Laureates, produced in collaboration with Deutsche Welle, was shown during the evening.



Award Week: Stockholm & Beyond

The annual **Award Week** offered much more than the celebratory Award Presentation at the Vasa Museum. It featured a full schedule of high-level meetings and public events for the Laureates in Stockholm, Geneva, Zurich, Berlin, and Brussels.

SWEDEN

The intense days leading up to the Award Presentation in Stockholm were packed with media interviews, photo sessions, and meetings for the Laureates. They joined Swedish parliamentarians representing six parties for a round table discussion at the Swedish Riksdag, and were also invited to a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, **Margot Wallström**, to share their expertise and recommendations. Three well-attended public events were organised to allow a broader audience to engage with the Laureates.



Aldana and **Velásquez** met with **Carin Jämtin**, Director General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), to discuss the state of affairs in Guatemala. They also gave a lecture at Sida, co-organised with the International Legal Assistance Consortium.

The three imprisoned Saudi Laureates were represented by the prominent Saudi human rights advocate **Yahya Assiri** and family members of **Mohammad Fahad al-Qahtani** to receive the prize on their behalf and attend meetings. Assiri spoke at a well-attended seminar at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs on the subject of “How to reform the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia?”. He also joined a manifestation outside the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Stockholm demanding the release of the three Saudi Laureates. The Foundation organised the manifestation in cooperation with Amnesty Sweden.



The Award has given me an unprecedented platform and access to decision makers which simply didn't exist before. I notice that what I say since receiving the Award carries more weight and influence than previously.

TONY RINAUDO
2018 LAUREATE



Rinaudo and **Sawadogo** together lectured at a breakfast seminar on “Improving livelihoods, strengthening resilience and taking climate action”, arranged in cooperation with Vi Skogen Agroforestry Network. Rinaudo was also invited to join the Australian Ambassador to Sweden for a discussion over lunch. Sawadogo met with the Swedish-Burkina Faso Friendship Association.

SWITZERLAND

After the Award Presentation, all Laureates travelled to Geneva to participate in meetings at the UN, including with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Michelle Bachelet**, and Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Kate Gilmore**. The Laureates were also celebrated at an event with over 400 guests at Maison de la Paix, arranged in cooperation with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

Following the celebration, **Aldana** and **Velásquez** met with the 1992 Laureate **Helen Mack** and the Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Sweden in Geneva.

The Saudi representatives met with diplomats and UN officials. They also took part in a working lunch with civil society organisations engaged in promoting human rights in Saudi Arabia.



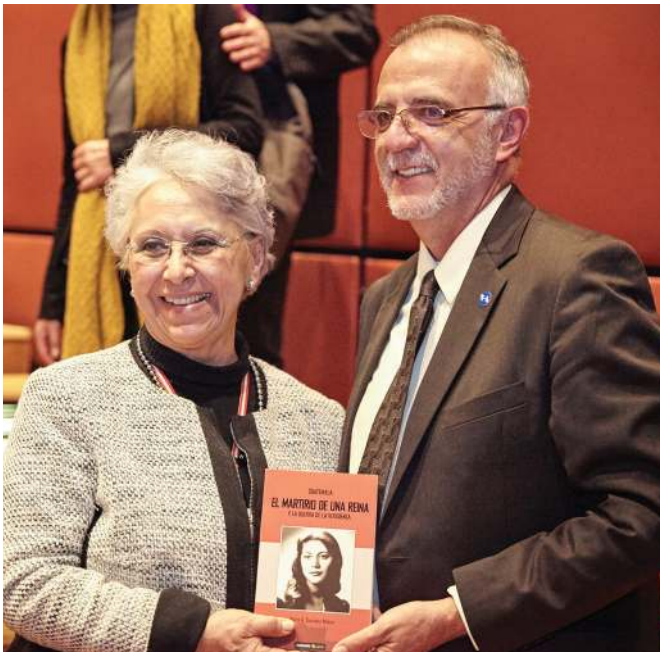
Sawadogo met with the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso. Meanwhile, **Rinaudo** met with representatives from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, held a lecture at Maison de la Paix, and delivered a webinar for Right Livelihood College Campuses across the world. Later, **Rinaudo** and **Sawadogo** together met with the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment and the African Union Delegation to the UN in Geneva. They later delivered speeches at the Geneva International Environment House at an event arranged in cooperation with the Geneva Environment Network and UN REDD.



Rinaudo continued to Zurich to deliver a speech at the 11th Right Livelihood Award Lecture at the historic assembly hall of the University of Zurich. The President of the University and the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy opened this fully attended lecture.

GERMANY

Aldana and **Velásquez** travelled to Berlin for meetings with a long list of senior officials. They also joined a roundtable discussion in the German Bundestag organised by the Right Livelihood Award's German parliamentary support group. The Laureates attended a dinner at the Swedish Ambassador's residence and the next day reflected on the dramatic developments in Guatemala during a well-attended event at the Nordic Embassies.



BELGIUM

Before their return to Latin America, **Aldana** and **Velásquez** visited Brussels to speak at a public event organised by the Swedish Permanent Representation. Additionally, they attended meetings with members of the European Parliament and the Delegation for Relations with the Countries of Central America, among others.

Our Promise: Long-term Support



The presentation of the Award is only the start of a life-long relationship between the Laureates and the Foundation.

ALESSANDRA CANOVA
HEAD OF LAUREATE COOPERATION

The Foundation sees its role as being the megaphone and the shield for its Laureates and provides them with long-term support. It is also deeply committed to strengthening the network of Laureates through advocacy and cooperation activities. Additionally, when a Laureate's life and liberty are at risk, the Foundation puts in place a range of safeguards to enhance Laureates' protection.

The long-term support provided by the Foundation to individual Laureates is tailored to meet their specific needs and to amplify their work. Activities include everything from funding security measures to establishing contact with UN agencies and promoting advocacy campaigns.





Above: In February, **Khadija Ismayilova** (Azerbaijan, 2017 Laureate) addressed global corruption during the 37th session of the UN Human Rights Council. Currently under a travel ban, her speech was pre-recorded on video.

Right: In September, the Foundation took part in the 39th session of the Human Rights Council and delivered a statement on behalf of Fundación Myrna Mack and **Helen Mack** (Guatemala, 1992 Laureate).



Having the ECOSOC status provides access to a variety of bodies within the United Nations, including the Human Rights Council. This access allows Laureates to influence decision-making processes and policies of the United Nations and strengthens the voices of Laureates relating to their sociopolitical and environmental activities. The ECOSOC status is an acknowledgement of the work of the Foundation and its Laureates around the world.

SIMA SAMAR

2012 LAUREATE, JURY MEMBER &
FORMER UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR

THE FOUNDATION RECEIVES CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO THE UN

In June, the United Nations' Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC) granted the Right Livelihood Award Foundation special consultative status. The Foundation will use this privileged role to facilitate Laureates' work championing human rights, climate justice, and democracy.



The Foundation provides financial support to protect Laureates that are particularly at risk. In 2018, the Foundation granted four requests for funding totalling 495,000 SEK. Funds were used to enhance property security, pay for psychological and physical rehabilitation, and hire bodyguards to bolster personal security.



The Geneva office, located in Maison de la Paix, is central to our protection work and serves as a bridge for Right Livelihood Award Laureates to the UN and other Geneva-based institutions.

Protection & Advocacy

Addressing the root causes of global problems has been the defining aim of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation from the very beginning. From Guatemala to Turkey, and Egypt to Russia, Laureates work in challenging circumstances, opposing powerful political and corporate interests, often facing repressive governments. The Foundation facilitates Laureates' advocacy initiatives and provides support to those whose lives and liberty are at risk.



Through its consultative status to the UN, the Foundation acts as a springboard for Laureates to advocate on a truly global level.

FABIANA LEIBL
HEAD OF PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

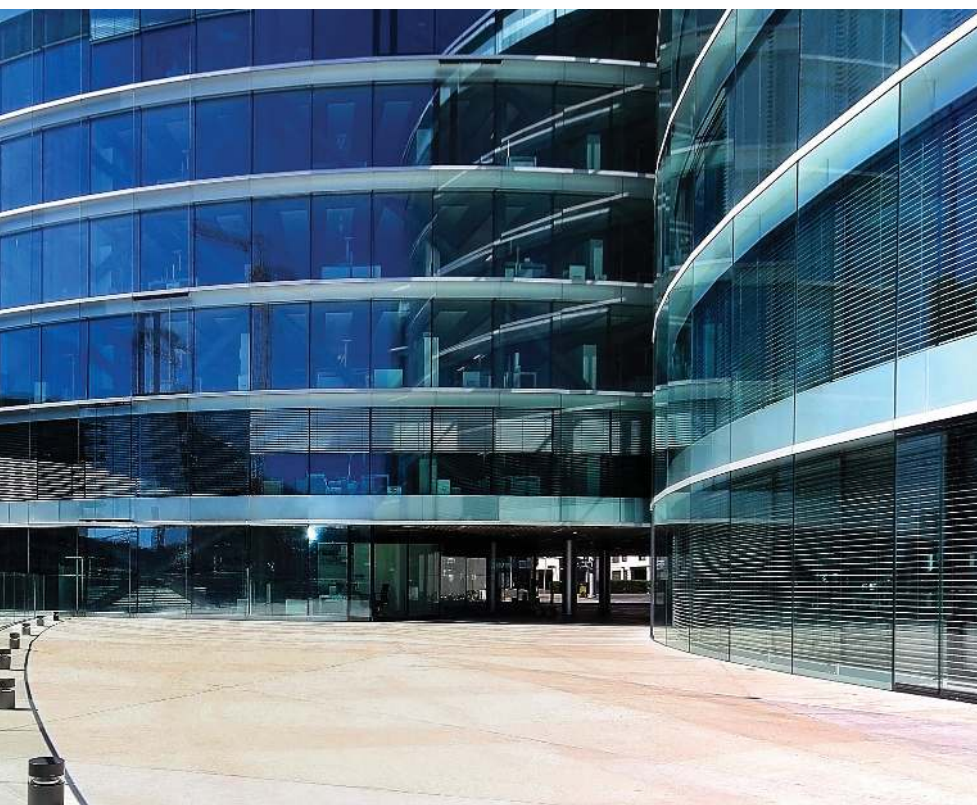
The Foundation regularly monitors and reacts to situations where Laureates are facing threats. The emergency protocols combine a series of measures, identified in advance with Laureates, which the Foundation will take in case of a serious and acute threat to their health, life, or liberty.

PROACTIVE MEASURES

Measures designed to strengthen the protection of threatened Laureates include financial support to improve Laureates' security and solidarity visits to Laureates' home countries.

UN ENGAGEMENT

The Foundation's presence in Geneva allows it to advocate and engage with different UN mechanisms to enhance the protection of Laureates at risk and raise awareness about threats to civil society.



In cooperation with **Mozn Hassan** and **Nazra for Feminist Studies** (Egypt, 2016 Laureate), the Foundation wrote a statement highlighting both the deplorable situation of human rights defenders in Egypt and the politically motivated criminal prosecution against Hassan, which was delivered at the 39th Human Rights Council in September.



In March, 29 Right Livelihood Award Laureates from 21 countries signed a petition in support of the **White Helmets** (Syria, 2016 Laureate) calling for the enforcement of UN Security Council Resolution 2401, for an end to hostilities, and an end to the propaganda war being waged against them. Newspapers in Sweden and Switzerland published the appeal in its entirety.



In September, the Foundation co-sponsored a panel discussion at the UN, led by Nicaraguan human rights defenders and hosted by the Red Internacional de Derechos Humanos (RIDH). The discussion centred around the alarming situation of human rights in Nicaragua, which is a topic **Bianca Jagger** (Nicaragua, 2014 Laureate) is travelling the world to highlight.



In October, the Foundation facilitated the **Dr Denis Mukwege** (DRC, 2013 Laureate) Foundation to compile and submit a report on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The UPR is one of the main UN human rights mechanisms and aims to improve the human rights situation on the ground in all 193 UN member states. By working together with us, the Dr Denis Mukwege Foundation was able to highlight sexual violence and other human rights violations in the DRC, and provide recommendations for improvement.

Synergies for Impact

For Laureates, the network that comes with the Award is one of its most significant benefits. The Foundation takes a proactive approach to link Laureates with each other through meetings, events, and online forums, so they can mutually reinforce and empower each other's work and find synergies.

The Foundation aims to foster contact between Laureates and parliamentarians, governments, embassies, donors, civil society organisations, and UN agencies in Stockholm, Geneva, and around the world.

Multi-partisan networks of committed parliamentarians, both in the Swedish Riksdag and the German Bundestag, engage in the work of the Foundation and its Laureates. These networks regularly invite Laureates to meetings and seminars, and occasionally also visit them in their home countries.



We have a new vision for Nepal. Right Livelihood Award Laureates have, together and with local actors, contributed with their knowledge, experience, and expertise to realise this vision: to make Nepal green again.

SHRIKRISHNA UPADHYAY
FOUNDER OF SAPPROS, 2010 LAUREATE

Below: In September, the Foundation invited **Monika Hauser** (Germany, 2008 Laureate) to the 6th edition of the Geneva Peace Talks to speak about how to secure dignity and justice for women. The Foundation also facilitated meetings for Hauser with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and peace-building organisations.



Above: In December, the Foundation facilitated **Maude Barlow** (Canada, 2005 Laureate) to advocate for the Blue Communities Project, which promotes water as a human right, both at a discussion in the Swedish Parliament and at a dinner with 17 high-level guests working on water issues. The Foundation was also proud to become a Blue Community Ambassador during Barlow's stay in Stockholm.




Left: Even after a Laureate passes away, the Foundation continues to keep their legacy alive. Our efforts to promote the work of **Gene Sharp** (USA, 2012 Laureate), who departed us in January at the age of 90, exemplifies the Foundation's dedication to its Laureates.

In February, the Foundation supported the Swedish playwright and author, **Stina Oscarson**, to publish a book *Do you think you can change the world without hard work?* inspired by Sharp's research in non-violent action. The Foundation then also facilitated release events at Stockholm's beloved Södra Teatern, as well as in Gothenburg, Umeå, Visby, and Eskilstuna, where Oscarson directed performances on democracy and non-violence.



Above: Shrikrishna Upadhyay and his organisation, **Support Activities for Poor Producers of Nepal (SAPPROS)** (2010 Laureate), undertook to rebuild the country after the 2015 earthquake by combining rural rejuvenation with a focus on organic agriculture and renewable energy. In February, SAPPROS hosted its second Make Nepal Green conference with input from fellow Laureates. The Foundation sent **Fernando Funes Aguilar**, former Head of **Grupo de Agricultura Organica** (Cuba, 1999 Laureate), and **Stuart Muir Wilson**, environmental architect and grandson of **Bill Mollison** (Australia, 1981 Laureate) to facilitate the exchange of sustainability expertise.



"We need independent media and that's what we have to build everywhere."

Amy Goodman (USA, 2008 Laureate) broadcast her daily news show Democracy Now! live from the University of California, Santa Cruz, during two of the conference days. Laureates Robert Bilott, Daniel Ellsberg and Wes Jackson were featured in lengthy interviews.

North American Laureates' Conference



I recall that 20 years ago the reunion of Right Livelihood Award Laureates changed my world. I wrote my book out from that experience. What I have learned at *this* meeting is that the problems are even deeper than I thought. But the opposite of despair is not hope; it is determination. And you have given me even more determination. I feel gratitude, gratitude, gratitude. Thank you!

FRANCES MOORE LAPPÉ
1987 LAUREATE

From 2013-2018, the Foundation arranged regional meetings with Laureates to strengthen cooperation across fields of expertise. The aim was to provide a space where Laureates can share common struggles, exchange ideas, and connect with local civil society. After Bogotá (Latin America and the Caribbean), Cairo (Africa and the Middle East), Mumbai (Asia and the Pacific), and Geneva (Europe), the first-ever regional conference of North American Right Livelihood Award Laureates took place in May.

No less than 16 Laureates gathered for four intense days at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Journalist Amy Goodman, environmentalist Bill McKibben, and whistle-blower Daniel Ellsberg



Frances Moore-Lappé
(USA, 1987 Laureate)



Tony Clarke
(Canada, 2005 Laureate)

were three of the Award recipients that came together to discuss opportunities for advancing justice and sustainability in times when challenges are rising, both regionally and globally.

"The election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States has proven to be a serious blow to sustainability, justice, and peace. By bringing together our North American Laureates who are leading advocates across a wide range of fields, we are promoting real alternatives to counter the current wave of populism and fake solutions," said Kajsa Övergaard, Senior Programme Director at the Right Livelihood Award Foundation.

2,500 students and other people participated in free public events at the university campus, including a day-long teach-in with Laureates, covering human rights, sustainability, social and climate justice, water protection, and media reform.



The University of California, Santa Cruz, has earned national distinction as a university with high-impact research and an uncommon commitment to teaching and public service. Environmental stewardship and community engagement are central UCSC core values. In 2013, the Foundation designated UCSC as the first Right Livelihood College Campus in North America.



Right Livelihood College

The **Right Livelihood College** is a global capacity-building initiative of the Foundation which bridges the gap between activists and academia. It aims to spread the knowledge of our Laureates and to amplify the impact of their work.

Education plays a crucial role in promoting the Foundation's vision of a just, peaceful and sustainable world for all. The Right Livelihood College, initiated in 2009 by the Malaysian Laureate Anwar Fazal, operates as a global network of campuses at nine universities and academic institutions across five continents. By linking young academics and civil society organisations with Award recipients, the College spreads awareness about, and further expands, the pioneering work of the Laureates. The Right Livelihood College has affiliate membership status with the International Association of Universities.

As Fellows of the College, Right Livelihood Award Laureates represent the core of the College. They are engaged both in educational activities, as well as in scientific research. Workshops, travel grants, online courses, field visits and lectures are only a few of the tools used to connect students at the different Campuses and civil society actors with the Laureates. The participating university institutions themselves raise funds for these activities.



My research is closely aligned with the work of Right Livelihood Award Laureate Hans Herren. During my fieldwork, I was strongly supported by his organisation Biovision Africa Trust.

JULIET WANJIKU KAMAU
PHD STUDENT AT BONN CAMPUS



Sulak Sivaraksa
(Thailand, 1995 Laureate)

NEW CAMPUS OPENED IN THAILAND

On 20 July, The School for Wellbeing Studies and Research in Bangkok, Thailand, opened the ninth Right Livelihood College Campus.

"We are excited to see the Right Livelihood College expanding in Southeast Asia. The School for Wellbeing Studies and Research has developed a successful approach connecting academia with civil society actors, which provides many opportunities for fruitful interaction for our Laureates that can further develop and amplify their work," said Steffi Geilhof, Head of Planning and Education at the Right Livelihood Award Foundation.

The School for Wellbeing Studies and Research is an independent action-research platform, a centre of advocacy and informal higher learning founded in 2009. One of the founding partners of the School is Chulalongkorn University, Thailand's oldest institution for higher education. The School for Wellbeing shares its physical campus at Wongsanit Ashram 40 kilometres outside Bangkok with other initiatives for informal higher studies inspired by the Right Livelihood Laureate Sulak Sivaraksa from Thailand.



RIGHT LIVELIHOOD COLLEGE CAMPUSES

NORTH AMERICA

University of California,
Santa Cruz

LATIN AMERICA

Universidad Nacional
de Córdoba

Universidad Austral de Chile,
Valdivia

AFRICA

University of Port Harcourt
Addis Ababa University

ASIA

Tata Institute of
Social Sciences, Mumbai
School for Wellbeing
Studies & Research, Bangkok

EUROPE

University of Bonn
Lund University

Below: Juliet Wanjiku Kamau, PhD student at the Bonn Campus successfully defended her thesis on "Sustainability of organic and non-organic smallholder farms in Kenya". As part of her studies, Kamau has been working for several years in Kenya together with Biovision Africa Trust, founded by Hans Herren (Switzerland, 2013 Laureate).



Above: In August, the Córdoba Campus, together with Raúl Montenegro (Argentina, 2004 Laureate), the University of Costa Rica, and the Senior Council of the Bröran indigenous people, jointly organised a workshop in Térraba, Southern Costa Rica. The workshop aimed to share knowledge and ideas about the best ways to recover Bröran culture and their ancestral lands.

Increasing Media Visibility



The communications team, with committed members based in Stockholm, Berlin, Córdoba and London, serves as a megaphone for the Laureates. By building awareness about their courageous work, and by promoting their solutions to the most burning challenges of our time, we aim to inspire change.

JOHANNES MOSSKIN
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



The Right Livelihood Award Laureates have solutions to some of the most urgent global challenges, and the Foundation's international communications team helps them get their messages out. Highlighting the inspiring and pioneering work of the Laureates is essential to create change. Making the Foundation and its Laureates known around the globe also amplifies the impact of the Award.

2018 saw one of the highest numbers (8,300) of media reports about the Foundation and its Laureates to date. Long reports were published in Al Jazeera, The Guardian, Spiegel Online, Le Monde, El País, and Deutsche Welle among others. One of the most watched weekly news programs in Al Jazeera Arabic, *The Border*, was recorded in Stockholm during the Award week in November and focused on the work of the jailed 2018 Saudi Laureates.

The Foundation continued to strengthen its communication on digital channels by recruiting a Digital Communications Manager and saw an upswing in reach and engagement across social media channels. The English hashtag #RightLivelihoodAward alone had a 13 million reach on Twitter on the day of the announcement of the 2018 Laureates and was featured in Al Jazeera as one of the trending hashtags of the day.

COOPERATION WITH DEUTSCHE WELLE



Deutsche Welle (DW) is Germany's international broadcaster. The service is available in 30 languages and reaches over 150 million people weekly worldwide. During the year, the Foundation facilitated a large number of interviews for DW with Laureates and members of the Foundation. DW produced, pro bono, short video portraits of the 2018 Laureates and featured the Foundation at the DW Global Media Forum in Bonn, which brings together some 2,000 participants to discuss the role of media in politics and civil society.



Le Monde

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

Alternativer Nobelpreis ehrt Korruptionsjäger und «Waldmacher»

Ein Bauer und ein Forscher lassen Wald in der Wüste wachsen. Drei Araber nehmen es mit einem totalitären Regime auf – und zwei Anwälte mit einem möglicherweise korrupten Präsidenten. Sie alle bekommen den Alternativen Nobelpreis 2018.

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The Guardian

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EL PAÍS

La ex fiscal general denuncia la ruptura del orden constitucional al no permitir el regreso al país de Iván Velázquez al frente de la comisión contra la corrupción y la impunidad de Naciones Unidas

JACOBO GARCÍA

Ciudad de Guatemala - 27 SEP 2018 - 02:11 CEST



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Auszeichnung

Alternativer Nobelpreis für Korruptionsbekämpfer

Die Preisträger kommen aus Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Australien und Saudi-Arabien: Der Alternative Nobelpreis geht in diesem Jahr an Kämpfer gegen Korruption, Totalitarismus und die Dürre in Afrika.



Financial Report

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation is charitable and tax-exempt under the Swedish Income Tax Act. The Foundation is under the supervision of the County Authority of Stockholm and the Swedish Fundraising Control, and is a member of the Swedish Fundraising Council (FRIL). Its auditor is Deloitte.

The Foundation is financed mainly by donations from private individuals. It has a support account within the German charity GLS Treuhand, and there is also a support foundation for the Right Livelihood Award in Switzerland. GLS Treuhand invests a large part of the Foundation's capital according to social and ecological criteria. The Foundation owns its office in Stockholm.

The Foundation's reporting currency is Swedish kronor (SEK). For ease of reference, the figures on the adjacent page are also presented in Euro (EUR) and Swiss francs (CHF). As only one exchange rate is used per year, there are apparent discrepancies, in EUR and CHF, between the amount of equity at the closing of the year and at the opening of the following year.



SEK	2018	2017	2016
Income & Expenditure			
Donations	18,322,000	17,157,000	14,955,000
Financial Result	1,467,000	819,000	2,391,000
Expenditure	-19,787,000	-18,073,000	-16,750,000
Result of the Year	2,000	-97,000	596,000

Equity			
At Opening of the Year	57,617,000	52,683,000	46,833,000
Result of the Year	2,000	-97,000	596,000
Capital Donations	543,000	4,577,000	5,039,000
Change in Earmarked Reserves	-492,000	454,000	215,000
At Closing of the Year	57,670,000	57,617,000	52,683,000

EUR	2018	2017	2016
Income & Expenditure			
Donations	1,788,000	1,745,000	1,563,000
Financial Result	143,000	83,000	250,000
Expenditure	-1,931,000	-1,838,000	-1,750,000
Result of the Year	0	-10,000	63,000

Equity			
At Opening of the Year	5,621,000	5,358,000	4,893,000
Result of the Year	0	-10,000	63,000
Capital Donations	53,000	465,000	526,000
Change in Earmarked Reserves	-48,000	46,000	22,000
At Closing of the Year	5,626,000	5,859,000	5,504,000

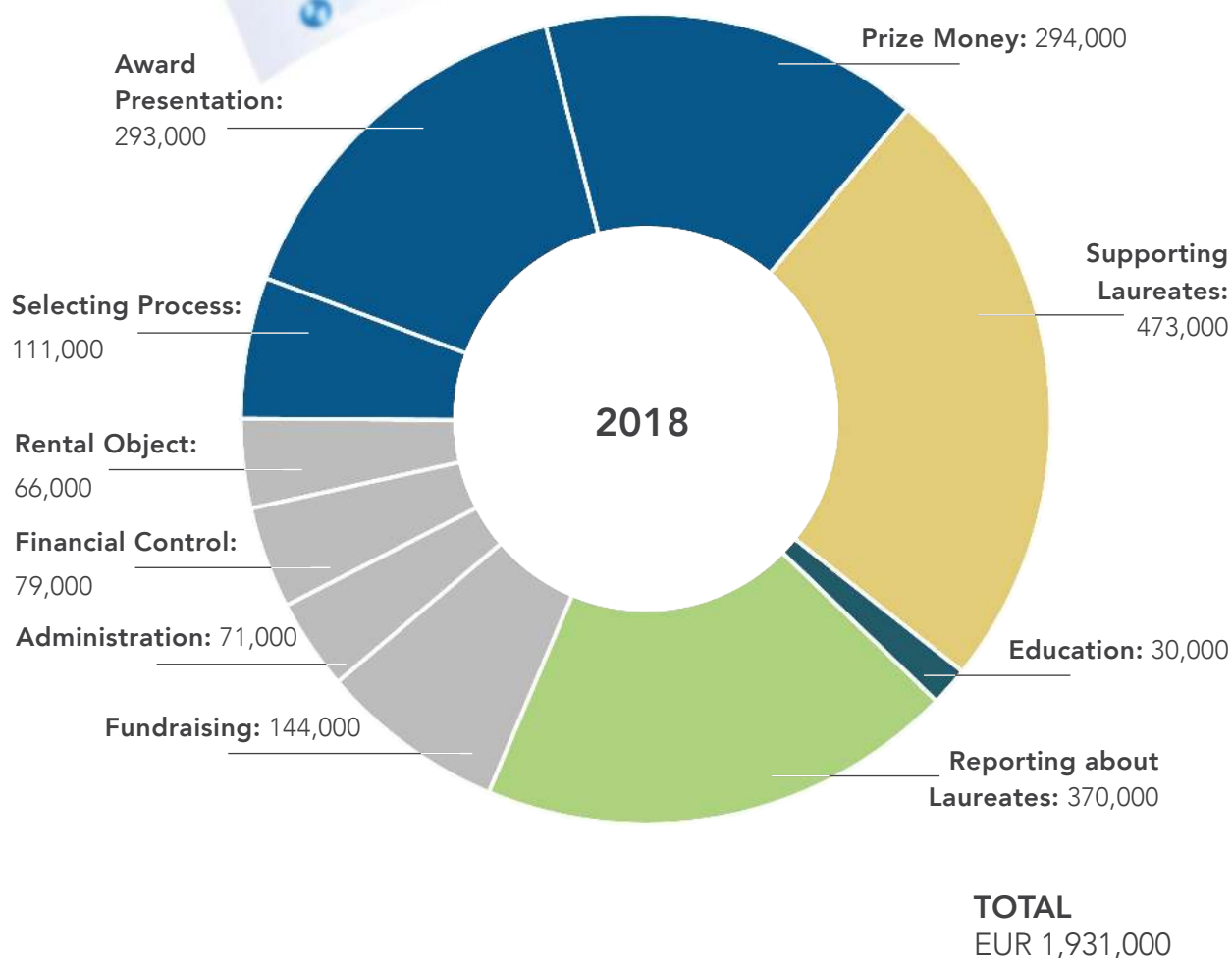
CHF	2018	2017	2016
Income & Expenditure			
Donations	2,015,000	2,041,000	1,678,000
Financial Result	161,000	97,000	268,000
Expenditure	-2,176,000	-2,150,000	-1,879,000
Result of the Year	0	-12,000	67,000

Equity			
At Opening of the Year	6,337,000	6,267,000	5,254,000
Result of the Year	0	-12,000	67,000
Capital Donations	60,000	545,000	565,000
Change in Earmarked Reserves	-54,000	54,000	24,000
At Closing of the Year	6,343,000	6,854,000	5,910,000

Expenditure in 2018

Since its establishment, private donations have been the primary source of funding for the Right Livelihood Award. In addition, the Foundation is supported by a few institutional donors, the largest one being the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation which funds the Foundation's work in Geneva.

Bequests and capital donations are an effective way to support our work in the long term. They are not spent to cover annual expenses, but invested, according to ecological and social criteria, to secure the Award's future.



We support our Laureates and spread their solutions. However, we can't do it without the help of people who make this work possible – our donors.

Please consider supporting the Right Livelihood Award Foundation.

Thank you for your support.

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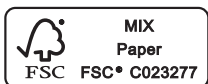


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