

World Future Council | Fact Sheet Future Justice: Systematic Policy Change

Background

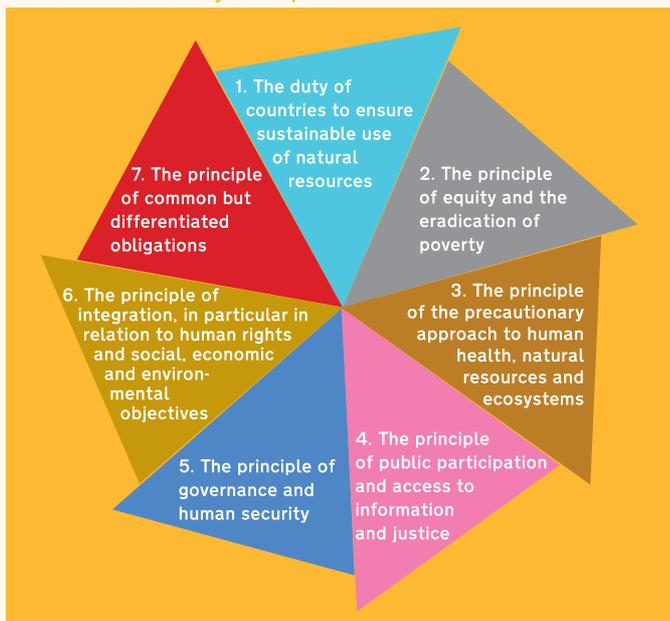
Today, despite having unprecedented knowledge, abilities and wealth, we are on a collision course with our own future. All over the world the depletion of resources, destruction of the environment, climate change and the growing gap between rich and poor – and the inherent potential for ever greater conflicts – are spreading insecurity and fear. The impacts of our actions are greater and more long-term than ever and most of the crises we create today will have severe impacts on the living conditions of future generations. Yet, short-term thinking and economic competition continue to reign supreme. We need political courage to significantly and consistently alter the framework of governance in favour of our planet and all our people. Such systemic change needs binding legal guidelines to provide planning security, reliability and trust and requires broad-based participation from all sectors of society.



Goal

The goal of the WFC's Future Justice work is to develop governance frameworks suitable to address global challenges from a holistic and long-term perspective. Policy coherence is a central concern in this endeavor. To this end the WFC has adopted Future Justice policy principles to guide the development of sound and integrated frameworks on all levels of governance and help identify policies that need to be changed or abolished. The Future Justice principles foster global cooperation, broad-based participation and the equitable sharing of resources and the benefits of economic, scientific and technological progress.

Future Justice Policy Principles



Strategy

Based on its “Best Policy” and “Worst Policy” criteria, the WFC aims to influence policy making worldwide. It will:

- Promote the Future Justice policy principles as a tool available for all individuals and groups that monitor, develop and revise policies.
- Apply the principles in all policy recommendations issued by thematic WFC projects.
- Create a multi-stakeholder online community for policy implementation to foster collaboration on systematic systemic change.
- Evaluate globally promoted policies such as the Millennium Development Goals and feed the results into the UN process.

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Target Group

The WFC uses its expert knowledge primarily to inform decision-makers drafting legislation and issuing policies. It also encourages widespread engagement with its normative arguments as well as use of the WFC policy criteria and application manuals by other opinion leaders and the general public.

Activities

The WFC develops tools for three layers of political change from awareness-raising to criminal prosecution of wrongful conduct via:

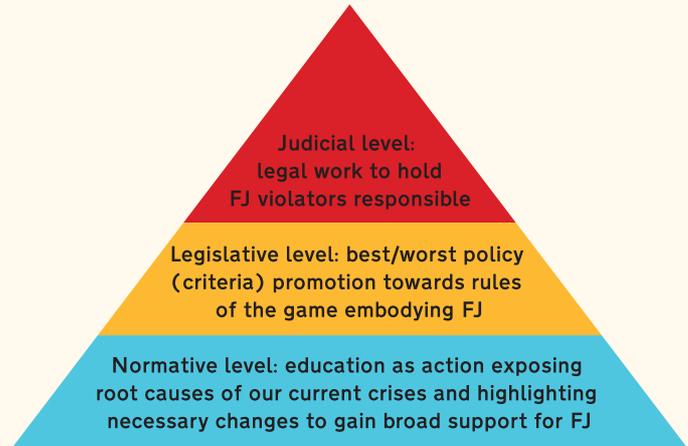
- Advocacy at conferences and political summits on climate change, financial systems, water and food security, education etc.
- An application manual for the policy principles that informs third parties on their use
- An online policy-platform connecting decision- and policy-makers with legal experts and civil society, so that implementation processes are mobilised
- Short brochures recommending concrete better policies
- Parliamentary hearings, strategy workshops and conferences on particular issues

Councillors involved

The Commission on Future Justice includes H.E. Arthur Robinson (Former President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago), Judge Christopher Weeramantry (Former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice), Count Hans von Sponeck (Former UN Assistant Secretary General), Dr. Scilla Elworthy (Founder of the Oxford Research Group), Dr. Rama Mani (Scholar, Activist and Policy Analyst), Bianca Jagger (Human Rights Advocate), Prof. Hans Peter Dürr



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The Future Justice Tool Pyramid

(Nuclear Physicist and Peace Activist), Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker (Dean of the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California) and Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Director of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law).

Evaluation

The project manager will evaluate the project goals, tasks and budget with regard to specific indicators in a written report. This ensures the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the project and helps to frame future projects. The WFC Executive Committee will review the project evaluation and assess if the project goals will have been met. The Council will review the progress and effectiveness of all projects at the Annual General meeting.

Who we are

The WFC aims to be the global advocate for the concerns of future generations in international politics. The council consists of 50 personalities from around the world who have already successfully promoted change. Their activities range from advocating human rights and sustaining the planet to promoting political, scientific, cultural and economic justice. The WFC's mission is to inform decision makers about the challenges facing future generations and to provide them with practical policy solutions. The WFC identifies and promotes successful policies that can be implemented as laws, standards, and international agreements. To achieve this, the WFC draws on its networks of thousands of parliamentarians, institutions and organizations around the globe.

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