

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE FUTURE

Five directions for building the future together

We face many problems. But we do not need fifty commandments. **We need a direction.**

1	PROTECT THE PLANET
2	REDUCE CATASTROPHIC RISKS
3	MAKE THE TRANSITION FAIR
4	FIND THE RESOURCES
5	BUILD THE POLITICAL STRENGTH TO ACT

Some actions can begin immediately. Others will take years or decades. This Practical Guide is not a definitive programme: it is an open proposal to discuss, correct and improve.

1	PROTECT THE PLANET Living well while using energy, land and resources more wisely
ENERGY AND RESOURCES	Rapidly reduce fossil-fuel use; develop low-emission energy sources, grids, storage, efficiency and research. Reduce waste, make products last longer, repair, reuse and recycle.
MOBILITY	Create viable alternatives to cars: frequent and reliable public transport, railways, trams, metros, buses, pedestrian routes and safe cycling networks; then make them economically accessible.
AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, ECOSYSTEMS	Protect soil, water and pollinators; reduce waste, pollution and the impact of intensive livestock farming. Protect existing great forests first, then restore; prevent wildfires.

2	REDUCE CATASTROPHIC RISKS Prevent what could produce irreversible consequences
NUCLEAR RISK	Dialogue between powers, communication during crises, arms control, reduction of false-alarm risks, verification, non-proliferation and progressive reductions in nuclear arsenals.
CIVIL PROTECTION	As tensions and arsenals decrease, some resources and capabilities now devoted to the military can be redirected towards wildfires, earthquakes, floods, health emergencies, reconstruction and climate adaptation.
PANDEMICS AND AI	Prepare for pandemics through surveillance, research and resilient health systems. For AI, increase oversight as capabilities and risks grow: safety evaluations, clear responsibilities and international rules for the most dangerous uses.

3	MAKE THE TRANSITION FAIR No one should be left behind during change
WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES	Training, reskilling, income support, investment in affected communities, business conversion and alternative employment. Compensation is part of the transition.
FAIRNESS BETWEEN COUNTRIES	We cannot simply ask poorer countries to give up development. They need technology, infrastructure, capital, training, energy, adaptation and, where necessary, debt restructuring.
INEQUALITY	Extreme concentration of wealth can become concentration of power. Reducing inequality is a condition for a fair transition.

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FIND THE RESOURCES

The money exists. The question is where it is and how we choose to use it.

PROGRESSIVE TAXATION	Those who have more can contribute more than those who have less, including proportionally: very high incomes, large fortunes, inheritances, rents and windfall profits where appropriate.
EVASION, AVOIDANCE, TAX HAVENS	International tax cooperation, information exchange, identification of beneficial owners and traceability of major financial flows. Privacy remains a right, but not a right to hide billions from taxation.
CARBON PRICING AND SUBSIDIES	Make prices reflect part of the collective damage while protecting vulnerable households; eliminate or transform environmentally harmful subsidies.
PEACE DIVIDEND AND INVESTMENT	As tensions and arsenals decrease, some resources released can finance common security and the transition. Mobilise public and private investment together.

THE QUESTION IS NOT ONLY: "IS THE MONEY THERE?" IT IS: "HOW DO WE CHOOSE TO USE IT?"

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BUILD THE POLITICAL STRENGTH TO ACT

A possible solution remains only a possibility until it becomes a decision

UNDERSTAND	Make problems understandable, show connections, present evidence, discuss solutions, acknowledge uncertainties and correct mistakes. Do not persuade through fear.
DECIDE	Understanding does not mean everyone will agree. But choices must be made: how much to invest, which risks to accept, which activities to limit, which ecosystems to protect, which rules to impose.
ACT	Changing systems also requires collective action: participate, vote, organise, inform, discuss, propose, demonstrate peacefully and build international networks.
GLOBAL PETITION, FORUM, MOVEMENT	The Global Petition makes a shared demand visible. The Forum tests ideas and proposals. A broad movement can turn dispersed demands into democratic pressure and new common tools.

UNDERSTAND. DECIDE. ACT.

WE DO NOT HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE

Give priority to actions that reduce the greatest risks, have strong scientific foundations and can also produce benefits in other areas. Some can begin immediately; others will take years or decades.

A LIVING DOCUMENT	Updated when knowledge changes. Corrected when errors emerge. Improved through discussion.
CONCLUSION	The solutions largely exist. The resources exist. What we need to build is the capacity to decide and act together.

WHAT HAVE WE FORGOTTEN?

Continue the discussion in the No-Extinction Forum.