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# THE GREENISTS



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### **About the session...**

The session we selected was "Securing a sustainable future for the amazon" for the reason that we believe that the harm once done in the PAST is done, lets focus on what we can change at the present moment. Because Amazon is not for a particular country or community it's for the world and it is the responsibility of world to save it.

### **PRESENTER:**

Mishal Husain

Presenter, BBC News

Today Programme on BBC Radio 4, television news on BBC1 & BBC World News. Interviewer. Documentaries on the EU referendum, Malala, Gandhi and the Arab uprisings. Alumna of Cambridge University (Law) and European University Institute, Florence

### **PANEL:**

Jane Goodall

Founder, Jane Goodall Institute

Founder of Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace. 1960, began landmark study of chimpanzees in Tanzania under mentorship of Louis Leakey. Her work at the Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve became the foundation of future primatological research and redefined the relationship between humans and animals; 1977, established Jane Goodall Institute. In 2019 Goodall launched the Jane Goodall Legacy Foundation. Currently travels an average 300 days per year speaking about threats facing chimpanzees, other environmental concerns, and about her reasons for hope that humankind will solve the problems facing our planet.

Al Gore

Vice-President of the United States (1993-2001); Chairman and Co-Founder, Generation Investment Management LLP

1976, 1978, 1980 and 1982, elected to the US House of Representatives; 1984 and 1990, elected to the US Senate. 20 January 1993, inaugurated as the 45th Vice-President of the United States, and served eight years. Co-Founder and Chairman, Generation Investment Management. Senior Partner, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. Member of the Board of Directors, Apple. Spends majority of time as Chairman, Climate Reality Project, a non-profit devoted to solving the climate crisis. Member of the Board of Trustees, World Economic Forum. Author of "Earth in the Balance", "An Inconvenient Truth", "The Assault on Reason", "Our Choice: A Plan To Solve the Climate Crisis", "The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change" and "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power". Subject of an Oscar-winning documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth", and a new film which premiered in July 2017, "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power". Co-Recipient, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, for "informing the world of the dangers posed by climate change".

Carlos Afonso Nobre

Senior Researcher, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo

1974, degree in Electronics Engineering, Aeronautics Institute of Technology-ITA, São José dos Campos, Brazil; 1983, PhD in Meteorology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 1988, Visiting Scientist, University of Maryland, USA. 1991-2003, Director, Center for Weather and Climate Forecasting (CPTEC-INPE); 2008-10, Director, Center for Earth System Science (CCST-INPE); 1998-2004, Program Scientist, Large-Scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Experiment in Amazonia-LBA; 2006-11, Chair, International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP); 2011-14, National Secretary for R&D Policies, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil; 2015-16, president of Agency of Post-Graduate Education-CAPES. Scientific career dedicated to the Amazon region; developed pioneer research on the climate impacts of deforestation and climate change; proponent of the initiative Amazonia 4.0, an innovative proposal for a standing forest bioeconomy for the Amazon making use of modern technologies. Member of Brazilian Academy of Sciences, World Academy of Sciences, and foreign member of National Academy of Sciences of USA.

Author and co-author of over 240 scientific articles, books and book chapters.

Ivan Duque

President of Colombia, Office of the President of Colombia

Degree in Law, Universidad Sergio Arboleda; executive studies, Harvard; Master's in Public Policy and Public Management, Georgetown University; Master's in Economic Law, American University. Expert in economic affairs. Formerly: columnist and professor; Head, Culture, Creativity, and Solidarity Division, Inter-American Development Bank. As a Senator, put forward several laws: Orange Law, which promotes creative industries and culture as an engine for development; Law on Severance Funds, which permits parents to use their severance funds to pre-pay their children's education and that of their dependents; Law on Defibrillators, which provides that all public places and emergency transport be equipped with resuscitation equipment in Colombia; Law on "B Companies", which provides the conditions for creating and establishing commercial companies of Collective Benefit and Interest; co-author of the law that extended maternity leave from 14 to 18 weeks. June 2018, elected President of Colombia. Author of several books: *IndignAcción, ideas para el futuro de Colombia* (*IndignAcción: ideas for the Colombia of the future*); *Pecados Monetarios* (*Monetary Sins*); *Maquiavelo en Colombia* (*Machiavelli in Colombia*); *Efecto Naranja* (*Orange Effect*); *El Futuro Está en el Centro* (*The Future Lies in the Center*); *Arqueología de mi Padre* (*Archaeology of My Father*). Co-Author, *Economía Naranja* (*Orange Economy*).

### **What are the two takeaways from the session?**

#### **Our thoughts:**

1) The fact that the destruction of Amazon or any other forest in the world is too fast and our actions for protecting them are too slow. We know what's the condition, how worse it is becoming, we know where we are heading, how dreadful that scenarios will be. WE need to take the actions too fast

and lower the speed of destruction or more precisely to zero the destructions.

2) Amazon forests are carbon sink for the world but now they are becoming carbon creator. And this saddest fact tells the story of global heating because amazon itself creates 20-30% of the rain. This has been decreasing on a large pace, extreme droughts are witnessed because of it.

### **What was our reactions? Did we agree with the ideas presented?**

This was an eyeopener to the severity of destruction that we are doing to amazon because protecting amazon is responsibilities of the whole world, it belongs to us. Its home to innumerable species of plants and animals, we are destructing them on a large scale which has to be reduced at any cost, no matter what they have to be saved. The reason for saving them and the forest because they never harmed our home but we humans are doing it every second of the day.

We agree with the ideas of saving our forest, that were presented as we came to know that solutions are known to us, initiatives are been taken. The need is participation of every person and every person knowing their responsibilities towards nature. The idea of plantation, banning of the illegal trade of species, knowing sense of urgency, lowing of corruption on political platform etc are hope provoking.

### **How might we apply what we learned to where we live?**

Let's make our cities "BIODIVER-CITIES'. It's very true that youth is the backbone of any change. So, encouraging them and hosting workshops for them to make them aware of urgency will be helpful. We have solutions, we know what we have to do, we should provide our youth with resources to make the green plan work. The coming generations should be educationally made to understand the value of nature. Every citizen must know that forests and wildlife are far more important than having posh malls. They are our MOST PRECIOUS ASSET. Let's plant trees around and not just plant, this time let's take care of them like we do of our family members. We need to teach our children the importance of nature just like

*we imbibe in them the morals and ethics. Let's not make it irreversible. We will come together for this cause and the dreadful scenarios of the forests and nature will definitely change.*



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**YOUTH CAN BE THE STRONG ELEMENT OF THE SOCIETY TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION .LET'S PROVIDE THEM WITH RESOURCES**

**THIS TIME LETS PLANT MORE TREES AND TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THE PLANTED TREES AS WELL**

**WE NEED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE JUST LIKE WE IMBIBE IN THEM THE MORALS AND ETHICS**

**THE COMING GENERATION SHOULD BE TAUGHT THE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE ON EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.**

**CITIES, COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES NEED TO COLLABORATE,IT CAN BRING A GREAT GLOBAL CHANGE**

**LETS MAKE OUR CITIES- "BIODIVER-CITIES"**

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