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The Tällberg / Eliasson Global Leadership Prize, named in honor of Jan Eliasson one of the most accomplished global diplomats of our era, is given annually to outstanding leaders from any country and any discipline whose work is innovative, optimistic, courageous, rooted in universal values and global in implication.

Prize winners may be nominated by anyone, anywhere and are ultimately selected by a secret ballot of a jury composed of accomplished global leaders.

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THE TÄLLBERG/ELIASSON GLOBAL LEADERS (2015-2018)

The previous winners and Tällberg Global Leaders are women and men who demonstrate the kind of leadership demanded by the challenges of the 21st century: innovative, imaginative, flexible, systems-based, risk-taking and, above all, ethical.

- **Jamila Afghani**, 2015, Founder and Program Director of the Noor Educational and Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- **Rodrigo Rubido Alonso**, 2017, architect, Co-founder and Executive Director of Instituto Elos in Santos, Brazil.
- **Eleni Antoniadou**, 2016, multidisciplinary researcher in Regenerative Medicine, Artificial Organ Bioengineering and Space Medicine; currently serving as the President of the European Health Parliament in London, England.
- **Antonella Battaglini**, 2015, Founder and CEO of the Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI) in Berlin, Germany.

- **Christiana Figueres**, 2016, former Executive Secretary the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Founding partner of Global Optimism, London and San Jose.
- **Jason Glaser**, 2015, Founder, President and CEO of La Isla Foundation in San Salvador, El Salvador and Chicago, US.
- **Rebecca Heller**, 2017, Director and Co-founder of the International Refugee Assistance Project, New York, US.
- **Martín von Hildebrand**, 2015, Founder and General Director, Fundación Gaia Amazonas in Bogota, Colombia.
- **Sunitha Krishnan**, 2016, Co-Founder of Prajwala, an anti-trafficking organization; human rights activist; film producer in Hyderabad, India.
- **Thuli Nomkhosi Madonsela**, 2016, Former Public Protector of South Africa and Founder of the ThuMa Foundation, South Africa.
- **Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy**, 2018, is a Karachi-based journalist and filmmaker whose work aims to change minds as well as laws—in Pakistan and beyond
- **Fiorenzo Omenetto**, 2017, Frank C. Doble Professor of Engineering and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Tufts University who has pioneered the use of silk as a material platform for advanced technology; Italy and US.
- **Plateforme des Confessions Religieuses de Centrafrique (PCRC)**, 2018, was founded by **Cardinal Dieudonné Nzapalainga**, **Pastor Nicolas Guérékoyame-Gbangou** and **Imam Omar Kobine Layama** who share the belief that religion is not the cause of the violence that has convulsed the Central African Republic over the past five years.
- **Bright Simons**, 2017, technology innovator, development activist and social entrepreneur, Accra, Ghana.
- **Celina de Sola**, 2016, Co-Founder of Glasswing, a community-based education and public health initiative based in El Salvador working throughout Central America.
- **Dr. M. S. Swaminathan**, 2015, Founder and Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India.
- **Rafael Yuste**, 2018, neuroscientist and Professor of Biological Sciences at Columbia University who studies the function and pathology of the cerebral cortex, using optical methods to measure and modify the activity of its neural circuits.

2019 JURY

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- **Gabriela Cuevas**, Mexico; Federal Congresswoman, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva
- **Vishakha Desai**, US and India; Scholar focused on art, culture, policy and women's rights; Columbia University
- **Paula DiPerna**, United States; Policy advisor and author focused on global environmental and philanthropic policy issues
- **Nabil Fahmy**, Egypt; Former Foreign Minister and Founding Dean, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, The American University in Cairo

- **Safa Al-Hashem**, Kuwait; An elected MP in the Parliament of Kuwait, and accomplished businesswoman and investment banker
- **Gary Knight**, United States; Photojournalist, co-founder & director of the VII Photo Agency; co-director of the VII Foundation
- **Ashok Mirpuri**, Singapore; Ambassador to the United States and career diplomat
- **Alan Stoga**, United States; Chairman, Tällberg Foundation, Senior Adviser, Kissinger Associates and strategy consultant
- **Carole Wainaina**, Kenya and Morocco; COO at Africa50 Infrastructure Fund, senior business & human relations executive public and private sectors
- Jury secretary, **Tom Cummings**, The Netherlands; Founder, Leading Ventures and Board Member, Tällberg Foundation. Tom is the jury process leader.

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The SNF funds organizations and projects, worldwide, that aim to achieve a broad, lasting and positive impact, for society at large, and exhibit strong leadership and sound management. The Foundation also supports projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as an effective means for serving public welfare.

ORGANIZER

The Tällberg Foundation, launched in 1981, exists to explore the issues that are challenging —and changing— our societies. Today, those challenges are

profound: the world that we have known since the mid 20th century, which produced unprecedented peace as well as human advance, is changing at a pace and in directions that threaten to evolve towards Orwellian dystopia. But forces for “good” still exist and need to be renewed, made more muscular and more effective. The Foundation aspires to be part of that process.

Tällberg’s work program focuses on understanding how to re-inject ethics into leadership; re-establish the legitimacy of governance; and manage, instead of being managed by, disruptive technologies, climate change, mass migration and other phenomena. We aim to contribute to the new thinking —and new acting— required by this moment in history.