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Maria
Neira



Director,
Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health,
World Health Organization (WHO)

Dr Maria P. Neira has been directing the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland since September 2005. Throughout her tenure and up until now she has led and advised on policy and management in key areas of environmental health.

Prior to that she served as Under-Secretary of Health and President of the Spanish Food Safety Agency. From 1993-1998 she was Coordinator of the Global Task Force on Cholera Control.

Dr Neira began her career as a medical coordinator working with refugees in El Salvador and Honduras for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). She then spent several years working in different African countries during armed conflicts.

Born in the city of Oviedo, Asturias, Dr Neira is a Spanish national, a medical doctor by training and specialized in Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases; and Public Health.

Among many distinctions, she has been awarded the Médaille de l'Ordre national du Mérite by the Government of France and received an "Extraordinary Woman" award by HM Queen Letizia of Spain. In early 2019, she was nominated among the top 100 policy influencers in health and climate change.



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Richard
Fuller



Founder and President,
Pure Earth

Fuller is an Australian-born, U.S.-based engineer, entrepreneur, and environmentalist best known for his work in global pollution remediation.

He is founder and president of the nonprofit, Pure Earth (formerly known as Blacksmith Institute), dedicated to solving pollution problems in low- and middle-income countries, where human health is at risk.

Fuller initiated and now is the Board Chair of the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP).

In October 2017, he co-chaired the seminal Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health.

Fuller is also the founder Chairman of Great Forest Inc., one of the leading sustainability consulting companies in the U.S. He is the author of *The Brown Agenda*, published in 2015.

In 2018, Fuller was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in recognition of his service to conservation and the environment.

In 2019, he received an Advance Award for Social Impact from the Australian government for his 20 years of pioneering work with Pure Earth and his leadership in tackling the issue of global pollution.



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Isabella
Lövin



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate,
Sweden

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate of Sweden Ms. Isabella Lövin has served as Minister for International Development as well as a Member of the European Parliament and has a background as a journalist and author, with a dedicated interest in healthy oceans and fisheries.

Isabella Lövin holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Swedish Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Together with the Minister for Environment of Uruguay Ms. Irene Moreira, Minister Lövin heads the “High Ambition Alliance” on Chemicals and Waste beyond 2020.

Minister Lövin is also dedicated to achieving a global agreement for the prevention of marine plastic litter.