

WSDCC Environment and Climate Caucus Resolution 03 ECC 2022 08 18
WSDCCRES -- XXX -- XXXXX -- XXX -- ENV – SUPPORT “WISE-UP”
SUPPORTING A WORLD INITIATIVE TO SAVE THE EARTH AND UNITE PEOPLE - (WISE-UP)

WHEREAS humankind’s technical advancements have enabled us to become the dominant and most destructive species on Earth, altering Earth itself through:

1. growing per capita demands upon Earth’s fragile ecosystems, and
2. increasing competition for and consumption of both Earth’s finite and renewable resources – resulting in observable and proven destabilization in the equilibrium of Earth’s climate; and

WHEREAS in 1988 world leaders recognized the increasing dangers posed by humankind’s unsustainable and growing demands upon Earth’s ecosystems, established within the United Nations the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as the preeminent scientific body charged with examining, reporting, and forecasting the key indicators that affect Earth’s climate and making recommendations to protect and restore Earth’s future capacity to support human survival; and

WHEREAS in response to increasingly ominous forecasts contained in the periodic IPCC reports that began in 1990, world leaders have either ignored the scientific findings, conclusions and recommendations or made inadequate commitments to reducing the stresses on the Earth’s climate needed to return to as close to pre-industrial levels as possible, which failure has resulted in:

1. increasing the magnitude of the danger posed by climate change becoming progressively worse (documented in 2021 and 2022 IPCC reports).
2. making it far more costly and burdensome for humankind to address this danger.
3. making it increasingly less likely that our collective actions will succeed; and

WHEREAS to survive as a species, we must overcome the mounting pressures from competing political forces and conflicts of interest that have worked against achieving a sustainable climate which would benefit the health of our natural resources and the quality of life of all humankind, by establishing mechanisms whereby individual citizens can take action on their own behalf while there is still time; and

WHEREAS each person has an inalienable right to expect and demand that world leaders both:

1. acknowledge their failure, to date, and their inability, under the current global decision-making paradigm, to act responsibly to save our and other species from extinction, by adopting a fair and equitable plan that offers a true chance of restoring Earth’s climate to sustainable levels for future generations.
2. embrace and support a new global decision-making paradigm that will guarantee- our best chance of restoring Earth’s climate to sustainable levels for future generations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ECC [Washington State Democratic Central Committee] supports the emerging, grass-roots, non-partisan and people-powered movement called the World Initiative to Save the Earth and Unite People (WISE-UP), which calls for establishing a new paradigm for making climate-related policy decisions, one which recognizes the scientific analysis and findings of the IPCC and which calls for the United Nations to establish a WISE-UP Agency (under a charter similar to that of the World Health Organization) with a mission to include:

1. developing a global system of pollution credit accounts into which each person receives an equal share of the IPCC-determined allowable pollution in the form of pollution credits that can be sold on an international Pollution Credit Market Exchange;
2. establishing a uniform method of determining the pollution footprint of every industrial and commercial business;
3. developing a uniform system for assuring that businesses document their pollution footprints; and
4. establishing an international Pollution Credit Market Exchange to facilitate the sale of pollution credits to offset its pollution footprints; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environment and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Party (ECC) [Washington State Democratic Central Committee] believes that world leaders must identify financial mechanisms whereby individuals can take direct action on their own to influence achieving the pollution limits and corresponding lifestyle benefits identified by the IPCC, and:

1. asserts that there is a universal right of all people on earth to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.
2. calls upon the Washington State Legislature and the Washington State Congressional Delegation to declare an “International Climate Emergency”, and to adopt appropriate resolutions and legislation calling for the enactment of a WISE-UP approach to be coordinated by the United Nations, to reduce and control global pollution in order to:
 - a) restore Earth’s climate to stable, sustainable levels for future generations.
 - b) provide each person on Earth with a share of allowable pollution credits, which they can sell, and which will help reduce the growing worldwide inequitable distribution of wealth.
 - c) reduce migration stemming from climate change.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Democratic caucus of both houses of the Legislature, to Washington's congressional delegation, and to chairs of county and LD local party organizations.

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WISE UP Talking Points (Not Part of Resolution)

Interrelated Global Problems that Demand a New Paradigm to Solve the Climate Crisis

1. **Earth's Ecosystems Are Collapsing**

Earth becomes less able to sustain us with each passing day that we are not taking every action possible, on a global basis, to help our planet become healthier than it was the day before. The evidence of ecological collapse is increasingly apparent in: killer heat waves; melting glaciers and icecaps; super-destructive wildfires; prolonged droughts; super-storm hurricanes and typhoons; 1,000-year floods occurring every few years; massive crop failures and famines; increasing rates of species extinction; rising sea levels; diminishing numbers of pollinators; collapse of ocean fisheries; global plastic pollution; ocean warming and acidification; growing environmental and economic pressures forcing climate-related migration; and in countless other examples.

2. **Current Efforts Aren't Enough to Prevent the Collapse**

Although much is being done worldwide to address the **Climate Crisis**, it is painfully apparent to objective observers that, collectively, current global efforts, valiant though they may be, are simply not going to be nearly enough to prevent the climate catastrophe that looms on the horizon.

3. **Population Growth Intensifies The Crisis**

World population has more than doubled since 1970 and is expected to reach 8 billion by November, 2022. The doubling of world population, coupled with growing per capita demands on diminishing levels of world resources, creates an immediate, unavoidable and untenable set of potentially catastrophic environmental circumstances for the human community, as well as for virtually all other life forms on the planet – a situation that can neither be ignored nor confronted haphazardly if we have any hope or expectation for the human species to survive long-term.

4. **The Wealth Gap Inhibits Climate Solutions**

The growing gap in wealth between the very rich and the poorest people on the planet exacerbates all of the other problems facing humanity, in that the poorest among us have the least secure living

conditions and are thus subject to uniquely intense levels of anxiety, despair, food insecurity, disease, fear, and the pressure to migrate to better living conditions elsewhere.

5. **IPCC Warnings Go Largely Unheeded By World Leaders**

The United Nations **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** has been warning world leaders since 1988 that specific actions must be taken to prevent the Climate Crisis from causing the collapse of the interrelated global ecosystems upon which all life depends. World leaders have, for decades, consistently failed to agree on the existence and/or severity of the Climate Crisis, or on what specific actions should be taken, what it will cost or who will pay. Each new IPCC report, based on more extensive data and improved research methods, reveals that Earth's ecosystems are actually in worse condition than previous studies indicated, thus increasing both the cost and the imperative urgency for initiating an all-hands-on-deck type of coordinated global Climate Crisis response effort.

6. **The Current Paradigm Of Relying On World Leaders To Solve Climate Crisis Has Failed**

Under the current world paradigm, we all must rely exclusively on world leaders to act on behalf of the human community to address the global dangers that confront us; and this paradigm has clearly failed to address the most serious threat our species has ever faced. It fits the classic definition of insanity for us to continue to rely on the current paradigm (i.e. World Leaders Make All The Big Decisions That Affect The Rest Of Us), year after year and decade after decade, expecting that they will somehow magically overcome the barriers that have divided them in the past and act responsibly to save the planet. They keep showing us that they are, collectively incapable of doing this, so we must act on our own behalf by pressuring them to adopt a new paradigm that assures Humanity's last best hope for long term survival.

7. **The World Seen Through Greta Thunberg's Eyes**

Greta Thunberg captured the world's attention in 2018 by skipping school and advocating alone on the steps of the Swedish Parliament for government action to address the Climate Crisis. Her solo protest led to a global awakening that resulted in her addressing parliaments and legislatures the world over, including the UN General Assembly, demanding that they "**do something**" now to stop the destruction and provide her generation, and future generations, with a livable planet.

8. **New Paradigm Needed For Resolving The Climate Crisis**

Humanity clearly needs a new world paradigm (**Greta's "something"**) for resolving the Climate Crisis – one that, when adopted, guarantees Humanity that pollution, in all forms, will absolutely be limited to no more than what the Earth can safely tolerate, as determined by what the best available science of the IPCC reveals. For this new paradigm to have the broadest global appeal among the greatest number of people, it must, at a minimum:

- a. Consist of a global-scaled administrative framework that is provided with the resources both to determine and to establish the maximum levels of pollution that the earth can safely tolerate on an ongoing basis, together with the authority to enforce it;
- b. Be seen and understood by a majority of the world's people to be fair, equitable, non-partisan, and to provide them a way to make their voices heard;

- c. Make maximum use of existing global systems and infrastructure so as to minimize the need, time and expense of having to invent and implement new ones;
- d. Focus on resolving as many of the world's interrelated problems to the extent possible, including global pollution, climate injustice, unfair economic competition, racial discrimination, world health and disease prevention, homelessness, hunger, worker safety and exploitation, global wealth inequity, political corruption and similar ills.

What is WISE-UP?

WISE-UP is a revolutionary new world paradigm for resolving the global Climate Crisis which, if seen, understood and embraced by the majority of people worldwide, offers Humanity not only a pathway for quickly and permanently repairing and protecting the Earth's ecosystems, but also begins the process of reducing global wealth disparity. WISE-UP recognizes and proclaims the right of all people to benefit from an equal share of allowable pollution by selling their shares of that pollution to the businesses that do the polluting. Under WISE-UP, all business entities would be required to purchase pollution credits to offset their pollution footprints. All pollution credits would be purchased, via an international pollution credit market exchange, from the Earth's citizens (the owners, under WISE-UP, of the right to generate the limited amount of global pollution that would be permitted by the IPCC). The value of pollution credits would be determined by the international free market, utilizing the well-regulated principles of Capitalism. The IPCC would continue to function as it does now, however, instead of providing only recommendations for pollution mitigation to world leaders, it would henceforth determine and set specific finite limits on global pollution along with taking on the additional role of establishing uniform criteria for measuring the generation of pollution and determining the pollution footprints of those entities that generate it. The main idea behind WISE-UP is ultimately to have UN member countries adopt a WISE-UP resolution, under the auspices of the UN, that:

- 1) **Acknowledges and declares that the Earth is the genesis of Humanity as well as of all other life forms, and that, as such, the Earth belongs to all human beings, in common**, in the sense that every person has an inalienable right to participate in a collective choice of the means to protect and maintain the overall health and wellbeing of the Earth, as well as to enjoy and share in the universal benefits and obligations that such protection and maintenance provides;
- 2) **Acknowledges the nearly total failure, to date, of individual UN member nations, to either agree on, or to fully commit to, taking all of the recommended actions identified by the IPCC as needed to fully address the Climate Crisis**, or even to fully follow through on promises to complete those less-than-adequate mitigation actions upon which they have agreed in the past;
- 3) **Acknowledges that, collectively, the accumulation of innumerable past failures of nations that participated in previous COP conferences to fully address the climate crisis has resulted in a steady worsening of the crisis**. This has become increasingly evident even to former deniers and climate skeptics, and it has now irrevocably baked in some of the destructive consequences and left humanity with precious little time to:
 - a. Finally and clearly **see the full extent of the dangers we face**;
 - b. **Make the massive commitments of energy; and resources needed to save ourselves** and future generations from climate chaos and devastation; and,
 - c. Get on with the job of **saving the planet before it's too late** to make an effective difference;
- 4) **Recognizes the IPCC as the single global entity that is currently best able to monitor the overall health of Earth's ecosystems and to determine the various types and amounts of pollution that those ecosystems can safely tolerate** on an ongoing basis;
- 5) **Recognizes the IPCC's scientific credibility to determine the various types and amounts of pollution that Earth's ecosystems can safely tolerate on an ongoing basis** and to provide that information to the new WISE-UP Agency to be established in the UN;
- 6) **Requires every commercial and industrial entity of any type** (defined as a business or entrepreneurial enterprise whose purpose is to create and/or provide goods or services) **to obtain a pollution footprint license that verifies that entity's pollution footprint in accordance with criteria to be developed by the IPCC and administered by the WISE-UP Agency**;
- 7) **Requires businesses to purchase, via the global pollution credit market exchange, the amount of pollution credits to offset their pollution footprints**.
- 8) **Establishes a new WISE-UP Agency (similar to the WHO) within the UN** to administer a new WISE-UP Global Ecosystem Preservation Program with the authority and mission to:
 - a. **Translate** the various types and amounts of **pollution** that Earth's ecosystems can safely tolerate on an ongoing basis, as determined by the IPCC, **into** the form of an equivalent amount of **pollution credits to be divided equally and deposited monthly into pollution credit accounts to be established for every living person on Earth**;
 - b. **Provide to UN member nations a uniform system for administering pollution credit accounts for every living person in each nation**, with the primary purpose of facilitating the sale of pollution credits, via an international pollution credit market exchange, and receiving, safeguarding and disbursing on demand, the income from all pollution credit sales to the account owner or the owner's trustee;
 - c. **Design, develop and implement a global system for accurately determining the total pollution footprint** (as measured from all input stream sources through the ultimate disposition of the outputs of goods or services) **of any commercial or industrial entity of any type** (defined in #6 above); and,

Why the WSDCC Should Support Passage of the WISE-UP Resolution

- d. **Design, develop, implement and regulate a global pollution credit market exchange** (in association with the World Bank and/or such other global financial institutions as the Agency may deem appropriate) for the purpose of facilitating the global sale of pollution credits by individual citizen account holders to business entities that are duly and currently licensed by the WISE-UP Agency.
- 1) **WISE-UP's foundation rests on a universal declaration by UN member nations that the health of the Earth's ecosystems is of vital importance to all of humanity, and should thus be held in-common, and protected in perpetuity for the benefit of all.** The tenets of this declaration set forth the logical and ethical arguments that conclude and recognize the intrinsic and inalienable right of all human beings to live out their lives on a healthy and unpolluted planet.
 - 2) **WISE-UP embodies a streamlined and progressive version of well-regulated Capitalism.** It provides a level playing field for all business entities worldwide to compete with themselves and against each other. And it creates an economic environment that prohibits favoritism while incentivizing ingenuity and creativity – the hallmarks of competition in a capitalistic system. WISE-UP establishes a system for the conduct of fair trade between willing and accountable buyers (WISE-UP licensed businesses) and sellers (the rest of us) for the privilege of generating a portion of the allowable pollution.
 - 3) **WISE-UP guarantees to Humanity (the acknowledged co-owners-in-common of the right to generate the pollution that the Earth can safely tolerate) that the IPCC-designated safe levels of pollution will not be exceeded.** Upon WISE-UP's implementation, the cap, or limited global supply of allowable pollution credits (i.e. the safe levels of pollution, determined by the IPCC) will, by default, be significantly less than the overall global demand for pollution credits by businesses everywhere.
 - 4) **WISE-UP recognizes the universal right of every person to be compensated at market rates for all the global pollution generated by the relatively small segment of the world's population who own and operate the businesses and industries that generate the pollution, who currently make enormous profits from their operations, and who also largely constitute the tiny minority of us who consume the most resources.** In addition, under WISE-UP, the poorest people on earth would, for the first time in history, have a reliable and steady source of income from the sale of their monthly allotment of pollution credits that would provide a basic level of security and ease the pressures that cause fear, anxiety, and often force people to make the difficult and often perilous decision to abandon their homes and attempt to migrate elsewhere.
 - 5) **Businesses will bid up the market price of the pollution credits required by their WISE-UP licenses to offset their pollution footprints.** Those with the biggest pollution footprints will have to pay the rest of us a lot more in order to offset their footprints, and those higher costs will be reflected in the prices they will likely have to charge consumers in order to still make a profit. This concept is key to understanding the effectiveness of how WISE-UP works – AS BUSINESSES BID UP THE GLOBAL MARKET PRICE OF THE LIMITED (IPCC-DETERMINED-SAFE) NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE POLLUTION CREDITS, THE BIGGEST POLLUTERS WILL EITHER HAVE TO LOWER THEIR POLLUTION FOOTPRINTS, CUT THEIR PROFITS, OR GO OUT OF BUSINESS.
 - 6) **Implementing WISE-UP will cause an upheaval in the world economy as the prices of most goods and services increase to finally incorporate the cost of pollution that the Earth has been paying all along.** Yet, to help offset those higher prices charged to consumers, every living person will be fairly compensated from selling their monthly allotment of pollution credits at the market price.
 - 7) **WISE-UP provides all of the world's citizens a new way (paradigm) to participate collectively in deciding matters that affect the future of our species as a whole,** as well as matters that affect the viability of the Earth's capacity to continue to sustain us and future generations.
 - 8) **WISE-UP is a viable alternative to replace our current dysfunctional world paradigm** which relies on the leaders of our respective nation-states, to both confront and to permanently resolve the Climate Crisis and to deal with global pollution issues in general – a task at which they have repeatedly failed.
 - 9) **Under WISE-UP, all business entities are required to be licensed and to pay (purchase from the rest of us) up front for the pollution credits required to offset their individual pollution footprints.** All businesses will pay the rest of us for both the pollution they create (that causes damage to our commonly owned right to live on a healthy planet) and for the privilege of doing business in an economic environment that provides a level playing field upon which to compete. Under WISE-UP, there should be far less incentive to engage in poaching resources or sabotage than exists in the present economy. All businesses would have a powerful incentive to be vigilant in monitoring the competition and in reporting violators to the authorities. In addition, under WISE-UP, every living person will have a personal stake in maintaining the integrity of the system, which essentially gives everyone a strong incentive to be watchful for abuse and to report violators. Also, the WISE-UP Agency could and should be mandated to incorporate international worker rights and safety standards into the licensing criteria as part of assuring a fair environment in which businesses compete.

- 10) **The conceptual design of WISE-UP incorporates in its framework a built-in mechanism for avoiding corruption.** By creating a level playing field upon which every enterprise, worldwide, is forced to compete with one another, each individual business has an incentive to keep both a close watch on their competitors as well as to avoid having themselves caught in an attempt to game the system, which would likely result in massive financial penalties and/or the loss of their license. All goods and services produced by WISE-UP licensed businesses could be marketed under a WISE-UP seal of authenticity certifying that they were created or provided legitimately and that their price includes the cost of offsetting the pollution footprint of their production.
- 11) **WISE-UP is non-partisan by design** and is supported by Democrats, Republicans, Independents and others who are politically nonaligned.
- 12) **For WISE-UP to function properly all countries must have in place a system for identifying every living human being on earth.** Developed countries already have such systems in operation and, fortunately for undeveloped countries, a system that can be replicated easily and inexpensively has recently been developed and implemented in India. This system is eloquently described in Ian Bremmer's 2022 book *The Power of Crisis – How Three Threats And Our Response Will Change The World*. Beginning on page 129, Mr. Bremmer describes how India recently implemented a new digital system called Aadhaar ("foundation" in Hindi) which uses a thumbprint and an iris scan to identify each of its nearly 1.4 billion citizens. "...by establishing the identity of everyone in India for the first time in history, the government has already saved billions by cutting into waste and fraud. One example: an Indian government investigation found that, before the rollout of Aadhaar, schools in three different states had inflated attendance rolls with 440,000 nonexistent students in order to draw more money from state-funded school lunch programs. Now there's no need to use corrupt local officials as middlemen between government and citizens. Aadhaar allows the treasury to transfer funds for state pensions, fuel subsidies, and other government help directly into new bank accounts which legitimate recipients can access with a thumbprint." Therefore, since India has already developed and implemented a fully functional system for identifying each of its citizens, Aadhaar could easily serve as a model to be replicated in third-world countries globally with the expectation of achieving similar benefits, including a ready-made digital platform for implementing WISE-UP.
- 13) **Under WISE-UP, pollution would be capped at levels specified by the IPCC as of whichever date that the UN establishes for the WISE-UP Agency to become fully operational.** It happens automatically when all businesses are properly licensed and actively purchasing pollution credits to offset their individual pollution footprints in accordance with the provisions of their license. The WISE-UP Agency charter should allow the flexibility to consider a phased-in approach to implementation if it would be more efficient or effective in rapidly reducing pollution (e.g. activating WISE-UP in stages where those business entities with the largest pollution footprints are activated first).
- 14) **Global pollution would be limited to the number of pollution credits issued monthly to global citizens (each of us).** Then, with pollution credits capped, as businesses bid up the market price of pollution credits on the international exchange, the market itself determines the winners and losers. ***The winners are: 1) all persons who choose to sell their credits on the exchange and reap ever higher incomes as buyers bid up the price per credit; and, 2) those businesses who have the lowest pollution footprints to offset*** and thus don't have to buy as many credits as do the big polluters. As the market price of pollution credits increases, competition (well-regulated Capitalism) forces those businesses with the biggest pollution footprints to either reduce their footprints or go out of business (***the losers***). **Either way, Earth wins because pollution doesn't exceed the safe levels,** as determined by the IPCC and regulated by the WISE-UP Agency through the monthly distribution of pollution credits.
- 15) **Under WISE-UP, the IPCC scientists would, for the first time, be free to operate independently without having to soften their findings to satisfy the political demands of their parent countries.** From its inception the IPCC scientists (to varying degrees) have had to labor under the constraint of having to have their findings, conclusions and recommendations approved by the political leaders of their home countries in advance of publication. Such constraints have clearly inhibited the freedom of those scientists to operate as rigorously and as independently as conditions may have warranted for the conduct of their work – all in order to placate the demands of their political overseers. Under WISE-UP, the IPCC scientists would not be so constrained, and their work would only be subjected to peer review by scientists having expertise in their respective fields.
- 16) **WISE-UP has the potential to succeed where the Paris Accords have fallen short.** Part of the Paris Accords involves the wealthier nations funding climate initiatives in lower income countries, such as paying compensation for conservation of critical habitat. These pledges of funding (which were understood to be insufficient at the outset, but were all that could be agreed upon at the time by the participating countries) have not even yet fully materialized. To the extent that actual funding has failed to materialize, countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo are moving to **monetize their resources** with the goal of reducing poverty. This is an act of desperation that is too little and too late, and it further exacerbates the Climate Crisis instead of helping to solve it. No matter how many other countries attempt to do right by their citizens in this manner, their efforts are likely doomed, because the Climate Crisis will have already devastated the Earth with its positive feedback loops of catastrophic consequences that many observers have seen coming for decades.
- 17) **Once WISE-UP goes into effect and the first round of pollution credits are issued to world citizens and sold on the international pollution credit market exchange, global pollution is capped from that point on.** It is the key to success in rapid global pollution reduction. Suddenly, the real and true production cost of goods and services (the cost that the Earth has been paying all along) will finally be reflected in the prices that businesses must charge consumers in order to make a profit. As a result, the world economy will very rapidly determine which goods and services are judged by consumers everywhere to be really worth the full (pollution included) price.

- 18) **WISE-UP could either eliminate the need, or make much easier, the task faced by groups of regional governments, that now struggle to cobble together coalitions of nations to combat climate change.** For example, the EU is moving within its sphere of control in the direction of putting a price on carbon, with the hope and expectation that the US will eventually also participate. But this is an example of the piecemeal approach to combating the climate crisis that is characteristic of our current world paradigm for (not fully) addressing the crisis. The crisis will not wait around for all those desirable pieces of the solution to fall into place. It is this approach that has, in part, led us to our present dire state of dwindling options and growing urgency, which is solid justification for a bold new paradigm, like WISE-UP, that offers humanity a narrow yet, ultimately a more realistic, pathway out of the mess we're in.

- 1) **Could WISE-UP be implemented at a state or country level first, as a proof of concept, before going global?**

No. The key to WISE-UP's ability to function at all is contingent on its implementation on a global basis. Otherwise, it would be self defeating since any and all non-participants would be free to operate outside the rigorous constraints imposed by WISE-UP, which would give them an unfair competitive advantage over the WISE-UP participants. Nothing short of total and inclusive global implementation would be able to functionally demonstrate the WISE-UP concept and achieve its inherent goals of enforcing IPCC-designated limits on all forms of global pollution. It is also critical to recognizing the universal right of all humans to live on a healthy planet with a sustainable environment and in a world community that provides equitable compensation to each of its members for the environmental harm caused by those who do business in the global economy.

Questions and Answers Related to WISE-UP

- 2) **How will WISE-UP go from being a concept in the mind of one person, or even of a few people, into a globally adopted system in the brief time remaining for Humanity to solve the Climate Crisis?**

Every idea that ever materialized into something viable began in the mind of one person (or perhaps a few people) and it either caught on or it didn't. In WISE-UP's case, dozens of people in many fields, including business, science, academia, politics and the arts, have reviewed and fully grasped the concept that WISE-UP embodies, **yet not one has uncovered a fatal flaw in the concept**, and all have made useful contributions toward its improvement. All those who have reviewed WISE-UP recognize that implementing it will not be an easy lift. Yet, as we have all heard in one form or another, nothing worth doing is ever easy. Also, despite several years of investigative research, no other concept or existing program encountered provides anything approaching WISE-UP's level of global pollution control, coordination and oversight, for what is certain to be the most challenging and precariously fateful endeavor ever undertaken by the human community – one for which **we have at best one good shot at getting it right, and in which we not only cannot afford to fail, but for which we should also strive to create a margin for error that is as wide as possible.** Once a sufficient number of people in every nation become adequately informed about WISE-UP to realize its potential benefits, both for ourselves and for future generations, it should become clear that our only pathway for assuring Humanity's ultimate survival requires us to act in unison to bring unprecedented political pressure to bear on all national leaders – pressure that is sufficient to overcome the counter-pressure wielded by oligarchs, corporations and other special interests for maintaining the status quo.

3) How will world leaders be convinced to adopt WISE-UP?

The key to successfully convincing national leaders to adopt WISE-UP is in educating their citizens about WISE-UP. A well articulated publicity program must be developed to explain how WISE-UP provides citizens with both a permanent solution to the Climate Crisis AND a regular monthly income from the sale of their Pollution Credits, thus easing their concerns about the future while also providing them with a tangible incentive (income) to engage in political involvement. Once a few of the more powerful countries yield to political pressure from an enlightened and empowered citizenry and decide to adopt WISE-UP, the pressure will grow on the remaining countries to also yield, and the leaders of those nations will find it increasingly difficult to resist taking the same action that others have taken on behalf of their own citizens, and WISE-UP will thus continue to gain worldwide momentum until it becomes the de-facto new world paradigm for preserving the health and livability of our planet and is officially adopted and chartered by the UN.

4) Would every living person be issued a deed of ownership for their share of Earth's resources?

It is NOT a question of giving each person their share of Earth's resources, and there is absolutely no need to waste resources producing Deeds to Resources for anyone. WISE-UP's conceptual framework does not envision anything like that. Instead, all UN member nations would join in a universal declaration of each person's right to live on a planet where the health of its ecosystems is monitored and protected by a group of individuals (the IPCC) deemed by their peers and world leaders as having the best scientific credentials and minds for determining global pollution limits. By implementing WISE-UP, UN member nations would be acknowledging both their individual and collective responsibility for protecting the health and wellbeing of the planet's ecosystems and for preserving the right of every living person, both to live their lives on a healthy planet and to benefit by selling their shares of pollution rights to environmentally responsible businesses.

5) Why should the WSDCC be the first organization to support WISE-UP?

In order for WISE-UP to gain the traction it will need to acquire both attention in the media and broad awareness in the general public, it must begin with the endorsement of a widely recognized and legitimate political organization. Ideally, it will be endorsed in America by both Democrats and Republicans because it is non-partisan in nature and must be seen as such in order to have a chance at gaining serious global attention and attracting the level of public enthusiasm and support it will need to become the new world paradigm. So, since Washington State Democrats are the most progressive in the nation and have a well-earned reputation for political innovation, it seems appropriate that we should lead the way toward assuring a climate-safe world for ourselves and those who come after us. Others will follow.