

FAST FACTS ON CURRENT ISSUES

Water

Nearly 1 billion people lack access to clean drinking water.
Over 2 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation.
Global freshwater supply has declined more than 40% over the past 50 years due to overuse and pollution.

Poverty

Billions of people worldwide living on \$2 USD a day or less. Almost 1 billion people lack enough to eat; 2 billion suffer from disease caused by poor sanitation.

Oceans

Pollution and overfishing threaten collapse of fisheries around the world. In the last decade, commercial fish populations in the North Atlantic have fallen by 95%. Annually, millions of birds and mammals die ingesting trash or being entangled in it; millions more, as well as tens of millions of fish are caught as by-catch and thrown back into the sea to die.

Environmental refugees

Pakistan's extreme floods affected 30 million people, leading to people fighting over a sack of wheat; severe drought in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia have left more than 10 million people facing starvation and disease.

Forests

50% of the world's forests are now gone, with most of the loss occurring in the past 60 years.

Lost Cultures

Indigenous cultures and languages are disappearing along with important knowledge; it is predicted that 50% of the world's spoken languages will be lost within our lifetime, 1 language every 2 weeks.

Food security

Almost 1 billion people live with hunger and are under-nourished. Of the 16,000 apple varieties in North America, less than 3,500 remain commercially available; 69% of all corn and 47% of all soybean seeds in the US are purchased from just four major companies.

Biodiversity

One in 10 species faces extinction. The world tiger population is below 4,000, compared to 100,000 only a century ago; 15,000 medicinal plant species are under threat of extinction.

Electronic waste

Millions of tons of international e-waste are shipped to developing countries for disassembling and disposing. In China and Ghana, entire families disassemble hazardous electronics with bare hands.

Mining

It is predicted that global annual resource extraction will triple by 2050. The Ok Tedi gold mine in Papua New Guinea has impacted around 50,000 people in 120 villages, socially and environmentally.

Child labour

In Côte d'Ivoire and West Africa, the leading producers of cocoa, 12,000 children are exploited for cocoa farming. Most don't even know the taste of chocolate.

Garbage pickers

There are tens of thousands of waste pickers in every large city in the developing world. Pickers often perform up to 100% of waste collection, literally providing a free cleanup service to the city - despite the risks to their health and safety.

TEN LIFE-AFFIRMING CHOICES

1. Conserve water at home and work: turn the tap off when not in use, soak dishes before washing.
2. Choose environment friendly products; eliminate use of toxic products and dispose of hazardous waste properly.
3. Make sustainable product choices: buy local organic produce that brings no harm to the environment or people producing it, buy repairable and durable electronics.
4. Reduce your carbon footprint by choosing smart transportation options such as carpool, bicycle, public transit, walking.
5. Reuse, recycle, recharge; choose recycled products; donate used items.
6. Support indigenous cultures.
7. Learn about and protect natural life around you and work with others on local nature conservation programs.
8. Reduce reliance on fossil fuels; use energy efficiently, remember to turn your power off.
9. Inform yourself and others about the state of child labour in the world; don't buy products made by exploited children or adults.
10. Help improve health, safety and education for families in poverty: buy fair trade products, support funding for poverty alleviation and environmental reclamation.



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KINOBE-HARMONY COLLABORATION for CHILDREN OF THE EARTH



*Peace with each other
Harmony with nature
Responsibility to the future*

HARMONY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Established in 1985, Harmony is widely recognized for leadership and innovation on environment and development issues, helping governments, schools, business and local residents to work together to create healthier, more prosperous communities. Programs have been implemented in 36 countries, most notably Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the Middle East and China. The **Program for Leadership and Cooperation for Sustainable Community Development** in China trained 150 mayors, 40 Environmental Protection Bureau Managers and more than 900 community leaders. Twenty four local projects demonstrated the benefits of a cooperative approach in local decision-making with active public participation. Major awards include the prestigious UN Global 500 Award, the Ethics in Action Award and the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship. (www.harmonyfdn.ca)



KINOBE

Kinobe is a young gifted Ugandan multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and composer known for his inspired synthesis of African roots and global fusion. His natural abilities in traditional African music and numerous international performances quickly gained worldwide attention. The opportunity to perform with such renowned African musicians as Toumani Diabate, Youssou N'dour, Salif Keita, Angélique Kidjo, Oliver Mtukudzi, Baaba Maal and Ismael Lo and his exposure to the bright palette of musical cultures has shaped him as a lifelong lover and purveyor of African musical traditions and a unique contributor to world music. With his band, the African Sensation, Kinobe has given concerts and workshops in Europe, Canada and the U.S. Kinobe's work with Harmony is an expression of his commitment to bringing love and joy to people through his music and contributing to building a better future for children and their families everywhere. (www.kinobemusic.com)



THE BATEMAN FOUNDATION

The Bateman Foundation is a Canadian charity dedicated to education and public service based on the philosophies and legacy of renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman. The Foundation's purpose is to support education programs to promote lifelong engagement with nature. Special emphasis is placed on programs for leaders and policy-makers, youth, families and First Nations. Robert Bateman has earned great respect and admiration around the world for his art, his philanthropy and his contributions to nature conservation. We are honoured to have The Bateman Foundation involved in this project. (www.batemancentre.org)



ABOUT THE KINOBE-HARMONY COLLABORATION

Kinobe and Harmony have come together to launch an exciting new project consisting of a CD and an international tour and education campaign. Our purpose is to increase awareness about issues of environment, poverty and social development and raise funds for children's education and sustainable community projects in developing countries.



The goal of this project is not only to inform and educate but to inspire people from all walks of life to take part in creating a healthier world, now and in the future, for everyone. The evidence is clear that for many people life is a struggle with grinding poverty, hunger and unhealthy environments. And yet, we have the means to ensure that every man, woman and child lives free of hunger and discrimination, in healthy and prosperous communities where they have the opportunity to reach their full potential. With compassion, creativity and foresight we can make it happen. **Please join us** in our efforts to build a caring and positive generation of capable world citizens committed to cooperation in resolving the issues facing all of us. With every action, large and small, we can make a difference.

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Harmony Foundation's work would not be possible without the help of our donors and supporters. If you wish to support Harmony Foundation and this great project, please fill out and return the form below or visit our website at www.harmonyfdn.ca.

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