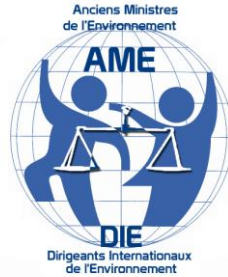


Declaration of the Association of former ministers for the environment



We, the former ministers or leaders of international organizations on the environment, have decided to join our strengths to bring a contribution and our different experiences around the world to solve the systemic ecological, social, sociological and economical crisis.

Indeed, whatever our country and political beliefs, we faced the same reluctance, the same objections, the same short-term approach, the same constraints, the same lobbies, providing us an experience that we want to share. We are fully aware of the growing severity of deregulations and risks that humankind has to face. Our political experience is specific, an interface between short and long term, close to both the political world and the civil society, in particular, NGOs. The difficulties of achieving the post 2012 global climate agreement and the increasing pressure by opponents of sustainable development give us a real responsibility to take our full part in the search of viable and quick solutions.

To achieve this, we decided to gather our experiences and energies to submit courageous proposals. We will defend these proposals collectively and in our respective states so as to ensure a sustainable development that measure up to demands of fight against climate change, in conformity with the IPCC recommendations. We will seek to promote an efficient protection of biodiversity, the safeguarding and acknowledgment of water resources, preventive and precautionary public health policies, the fight against poverty, resource efficiency, the development of a sustainable agriculture ensuring self-sufficiency and quality products as well as soil's natural resources. We will promote the greening of the economy.

We will work for international environmental governance by progressively building a common thought and finding responses to obstacles and do-nothing attitudes that we will face.

In order to ensure environmental law efficiency, and to combat environmental criminality, we will act to promote the setting up of an international environmental criminal court.

We, former ministers for the environment, in link with NGOs, the academic community and civil society, will relentlessly defend the building up of a sustainable world, fair and supportive.