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“Hope is Also Viral”: OneShared.World Summit Calls for Global Framework of Interdependence to Tackle Severest Shared Challenges

Footage Available of the Dalai Lama, WHO Leaders, Eric Garcetti, Renee Fleming Headlining International Grassroots Gathering

September 17, 2020 - In the middle of the worst pandemic in a century and as the UN General Assembly convenes, today the **OneShared.World Interdependence Summit 2020** gathered to unite people from across the globe and inspire a movement for collectively solving our greatest common challenges. The Summit called for an upgrade to the world’s global operating system as the next phase in international organization beyond the 1945 establishment of the UN.

More than a million participants from nearly 100 countries gathered to hear some of the world’s most inspiring leaders and experts explore **a new model for resolving our greatest common challenges** based on **the mutual responsibilities of our interdependence**. The **Dalai Lama**, World Health Organization Director General **Dr. Tedros Adhanom** and Director General Special Envoy on COVID-19 **David Nabarro**, Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, Opera Superstar **Renee Fleming**, and many others addressed tapping the power of interdependence to solve complex problems from pandemics to climate change to systemic poverty and inequality.

Among the Summit’s highlights:

The **Dalai Lama**: “Interdependence—that’s the best way to fulfill your own interest.”

Renee Fleming: “Until we can be together again in person, people are finding community in a totally new way.”

Eric Garcetti: “We have to embrace our global interdependence and remember that we rise or fall together.”

David Nabarro: “If we beat this virus... we humans have shown we can tackle an existential threat. Well, let’s do the same for persistent inequity. Let’s do the same for the destruction of nature. Let’s do the same for climate change.”

Tedros Adhanom: “Civil society must be champions for the green, healthy, and prosperous communities and world we need for the future.... When the people speak with one voice, governments listen.”

Footage is available for the following sessions:

[Full Summit](#)

[Dalai Lama](#)

[Fleming](#)

[Garcetti](#)

[Adhamon](#)

“There is no us and them, there is only us and us,” said OneShared.World Founder **Jamie Metzl**. “Today, we are honored to join our colleagues and friends worldwide in calling on leaders all levels to wisely balance their specific interests with global public interests for mutual benefit across geographies and generations. We aren’t hoping to answer every question, but to begin the conversation.”

Summit participants included:

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus: Director General, WHO
- Lloyd Axworthy: Chair, World Refugee Council, Canada
- Kehkashan Basu: Founder/President, Green Hope Foundation, Canada
- Pramond Bhasin: Chairman of ICRIER, India
- Esther Brimmer: Ex Director/CEO, NAFSA; Association of International Education
- Catherin Constantides: Climate Change Activist, South Africa
- The Dalai Lama
- Mohsin Mohi Ud Din: Artist, Activist, Founder of #MeWe International Inc

- Vishakha Desai: Sr. Advisor for Global Affairs to the Pres/Chair of Committee on Global Thought Columbia University
- Richard Falk: Professor Emeritus of International Law, Princeton University
- Jess Fanzo: Director, John Hopkins' Global Food Policy & Ethics Program
- Renee Fleming: Opera Singer
- Eric Garcetti: Mayor, Los Angeles, CA
- John Hewko: General Secretary/CEO Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation
- Bronagh Hinds: Founder, DemocraShe, N. Ireland
- Manoj Kumar: Founding CEO, Naandi Foundation, India
- L-FRESH the LION: Artist/Musician, Australia
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw: Ex Chairperson, Biocon Limited, India
- Jamie Metzl: Founder & Chair, OneShared.World
- David Nabarro - WHO Director General Special Envoy on COVID-19
- Joseph Nye: Distinguished Service Professor, Emeritus, Harvard University
- Mary Papazian: President, San Jose State University
- Jairam Ramesh: Member of Parliament, India
- Paula Rayman: Professor Emerita, University of Massachusetts
- Albie Sachs: Former Judge, Constitutional Court, South Africa
- Enric Sala: National Geographic Explorer and founder of Pristine Seas
- Jack Sim: Founder, World Toilet Org, Singapore
- Damdin Tsogtbaatar: Mongolian Parliament
- Michelle Williams: Dean of Faculty, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Sam Worthington: CEO, InterAction

Founded in the earliest days of the pandemic by leading technology futurist and World Health Organization advisor **Jamie Metzl** and a community of thousands from 110 countries and growing daily, OneShared.World envisions a world where humanity has come together to solve our shared challenges for ourselves, for our children, and for future generations.

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