

Approach to 'Climate Change' Sustainability Project, for 'Our common future'¹.

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Abstract

'Sustainable development must meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'². A 'Global Environmental Structure Plan Model' is urgently required, to combat 'climate change' and other serious anthropological effects, which cause serious harm to the Environment.

New International Laws must lead this approach to tackle climate change. Man's present ever evolving legal systems comprise a mix of multiple cultures, embracing religious extremes, and results from an erroneous patchwork of divisive boundaries that denotes fragmented environmental legislature. Present uncertain Environmental Principles need to be addressed, as the foundation to a balanced set of Anthropogenic Principles for mankind.

A structured framework is necessary which must identify important limbs, to enable a co-ordinated 'Global Structure Plan', namely, Environment/ International Legislative regulatory powers/ Total Renewable Energy. The three branches to embrace 'identified harm' to water pollution including rivers, air pollution, plastic pollution, and Renewable Green Energy related matters.

Long term sustainability needs to be established through a new Global Organization, undertaken for peaceful purposes, based on Continents and a single anthropogenic culture. for the protection, care and maintenance of our planet earth.

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Introduction

"The UN Climate Change Conference (COP 29) closed on 24 November 2024, with a compromise³ on climate financing for a new financial goal⁴ to help least developed countries (LDCs) protect their people and economies against climate disasters and share in benefits of the clean energy boom." UN Climate Change Executive, Simon Stiell, referred to it as "an insurance policy for humanity".

A restructured master plan framework towards 'Climate Change' is now required to address the incompleteness of the present anthropogenic systems. An updated approach for the protection of the planet to embrace an integrated co-ordinated global programme strategy is required, and

which to date has evolved as a fragmented strategy, with some success, but major 'slippage failure' to the Anthropological 'Climate Change' targets.

The Montreal Protocol is a global agreement to protect Earth's stratospheric Ozone layer, by phasing out the production and consumption of ozone depleting substances⁵ (ODS). Mankind's first real strategy with Environmental Laws and regulations was a major success.

"United Nations Convention on Environment and Development", known as the 2nd Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992⁶ embraced the 'UN Framework Convention on Climate Change' to stabilize the greenhouse gas emissions and to protect from the threat of climate change but the present approach for a net Zero target has already failed.

Article 21⁷ adopted the principle of Sustainability, though a master structure plan has not yet been developed and remains incomplete.

Total 'Renewable Energy resources' are necessary for earth's 'long-term sustainability' target. 'Vast kinetic energy resources' are available for mankind⁸, once additional methodologies have been developed for near future projects. In addition, there are huge quantities of tidal energy linked to the present two main methods, which are conspicuously omitted from the present British Energy Security Strategy, indicating incompleteness.

A major Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Analysis to the "Anthropological Climate Change Project" now demands a structured approach, adopting latest 'project management services solutions' (APMS)⁹ *Reference Addendum: Environmental Attachments*, for the approach towards 'substantial completeness' to climate change for planet earth.

A Global Organization is required to be able to achieve long-term sustainability for the planet. A restructured master plan framework towards 'Climate Change' is identified to address the incompleteness of the present anthropogenic systems. An updated approach for the protection of the planet to embrace an integrated co-ordinated global programme strategy is sought, and which to date has evolved as a fragmented strategy, with some success, but with major 'slippage failure' to the Anthropological 'Climate Change' targets.

Our Environment.

Definition(s)

The broad definition for 'Our common environment' refers to 'surroundings', generally understood to include air, land and water, and to the natural habitats and ecology¹⁰, within those surroundings. Legal definitions of environment conventionally take dictionaries as their starting point, which define environment as 'the objects or the region surrounding anything'¹¹.

The definition of the environment is a central, but problematic term, in Environmental Law, and is considered to have no singular definition¹². The legal definition covers the balanced environment, and specifically, to the 'harm' caused by 'pollution', as under the Environmental Protection Act 1990¹³.

The environment is our perception of '*everything we see and understand*'. See Figure 1 for other good examples of the definition of Environment.

Under the 1974 Nordic Convention, '*environmentally harmful activities* are those that result in discharges to water courses, lakes and the sea...', while the 1991 'Antarctic Environmental Protocol' protects : *the climate and weather patterns; air and water quality: atmospheric*,

terrestrial (including aquatic), glacial or marine environments; and areas of biological, scientific, historic, and aesthetic or wilderness significance¹⁴.

Definitions of Environment

Surroundings in which an organization operates, including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelationships.
(Environmental Management Standard ISO 14001).

The combination of elements whose complex interrelationships make up the settings, the surroundings and the conditions of life of the individual and of society, as they are or as they felt.
(European Commission).

Figure 1

Environmental Principles:

International Environment Law adopts the concept of 'Environmental Principles' to formulate the approach to tackle environmental problems relating to social and cultural perspectives and have been formulated throughout the history of Environmental Conferences and Protocols. Environmental Principles are taken as a general guide to legal action and not as detailed explicit rules. See figure 2 (Environmental Principles)

Environmental Principles¹⁵

Sustainable development :

'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'

World Commission on Environment (1987) Our Common Future. (Brundtland Report)

The Precautionary Principle:

'Where there are. Threats of serious irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation'.

UN Conference on Environment and Development (1992), also known as the Rio Declaration, Principle 15)

The Preventative Principle :

'.. the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other states or the areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction'
UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) 1992, Rio Declaration – 'Harm' - Principle 2 & Principle 14.

The Polluters Principle :

'The Polluter should bear the expense of carrying out ...pollution prevention and control measures ... to ensure that the environment is in an acceptable state. In other words, the cost of these measures should be reflected in the cost of goods and services which cause pollution in production and/or consumption.'

(Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Recommendation of the Council on the Implementation of the Polluters Pays Principle. C(74)223)

The Public Participation Principle :

'Environmental issues are best handled with the participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level'

1992 Rio Declaration, Principle 10.

The Integration Principle:

Environmental protection requirements must be integrated into the definition and implementation of the European Union's policies and activities, with a view to promoting sustainable development.

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU, Article 11)

Figure 2.

Common but Differential Responsibilities :

It is formalised in the UNFCCC 1992 and has mention in article 3 paragraph 1, and article 4 paragraph 1.

Paris Agreement 2015, *'recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the Convention'*. Mentioned in Article 2.2 *'to reflect equity and the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities", in the light of different national circumstances.'*

This has yet to be ratified as a recognised Environmental Principle, yet it is likely to become a top priority Principle for the future.

Environmental Review

A summary review of International Environmental Law:

'International Environmental Law' is a gradual evolving process, lacking any form of structure plan and inherited from various sources, loosely based on Environmental Principles established at global conferences over the last 60 years. As such it is fragmented, based on uncertain definitions and sets of planning regulations, which require numerous changes and amendments to enable it to remain fit for that purpose. It remains for the present an incomplete process, that requires a legalised structure plan framework. *Reference: Addendum: Environmental Attachments. History of Climate Change Chart.*

There can be little doubt that the concept of 'sustainable development' has entered the corpus of international customary law, requiring different streams of international law to be treated in an integrated manner.¹⁶

In the '**Gabcikova-Nagymanaros' (Hungary/Slovakia) case**', the ICJ invoked the concept in relation to the future regime to be established by the Parties, The ICJ said: *By invoking the concept of sustainable development, the ICJ indicated that the term has a legal function.*

The Montreal Protocol is a global agreement and entered into force in 1989 to protect Earth's stratospheric Ozone layer, by phasing out the production and consumption of ozone depleting substances¹⁷ (ODS). Mankind's first real strategy with Environmental Laws and regulations was a major success. Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan stated, *"Perhaps the single most successful international agreement to date has been the Montreal Protocol!"*

Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty – 1991

The Antarctic Treaty was signed in Washington, 1st December 1959. Its main purpose was to demilitarize Antarctica, to establish it as a zone free of nuclear tests and the disposal of radioactive waste, and to ensure that it is used for peaceful purposes only; to promote international scientific cooperation in Antarctica; to set aside disputes over territorial sovereignty.

It remains one of the most successful Protocols in force today and may be classified as a 'long-term sustainability' legalized document.

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), known as the 2nd 'Earth Summit', held in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992, acknowledged the change in Earth's Climate was a real concern of humankind, recognised concerns for developing countries and the determination to protect the climate system for present and future generations.

The main outputs of UNCED were¹⁸: The Rio Declaration, covering 27 environmental principles, / Agenda 21, 40-chapter action plan comprising recommendations to governments, to establish a Sustainability Development Commission to monitor progress, / A Declaration on Forests... / A Convention on Biological Diversity, / A Framework Convention on Climate Change.

*"The big failure at Rio was a failure of political leadership, commitment and vision."*¹⁹

The United States signed the Climate Change Convention, but it was substantially watered down at the insistence of the United States²⁰.

Michael Wines, American journalist reported: *"last month (May 1992) President Bush successfully wielded a threat to boycott the Earth Summit to win concessions from most of the world's nations on a global warming treaty..."*²¹

This year, 2024, 'the Global average temperature reached at about 1.55°C²² above pre-industrial levels', demonstrating the present climate change strategy has failed.

Both follow up conferences, **the Kyoto Protocol²³ and the Paris Agreement²⁴** have failed to meet their main targets.

Environmental Management Tools:

It is Important to review various international operating Strategic EIA Processes, and the development of modern Project Management Services for planning major Infrastructure Projects.

'Impact Analysis' was recognised as a realistic tool towards implementing International Law Principles in the first Earth Summit in Stockholm 1972²⁵. It recognised the importance for proper planning to be applied for integrating development with environmental needs, with the aim to avoid adverse effects on the environment and obtain important social and economic benefits for anthropogenic projects. In the second Earth Summit in Rio²⁶, Principle 17 sought for a mandatory EIA to be included in national law for any activities that are likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environmental surroundings, while Agenda 21²⁷, called on all countries to assess environmental surroundings for all development projects through EIA prior to any decisions.

In the '**Pulp Mills of the River Uruguay Case' (Argentina v Uruguay) [2006]**²⁸, it involved international treaties and the disagreement surrounding the Statute of the River Uruguay (1975). Part of the judgement explicitly recognised EIA²⁹ as an important practice in International Law. The findings were criticised and supported by several judges, though Judge Keith³⁰ did not agree. This demonstrates that judicial assessment of complex, technical and scientific matters in many international environmental cases, pose significant challenges.³¹

The approach towards a restructured management plan for anthropogenic projects has also to consider and embrace those projects which have been completed to a satisfactory performance level in the UK, and Internationally, and carried out under Contract Law procedures with the use of 'modern advanced project management solutions' (APMS), and in line with and supported by fiscal government policy. *"Advanced Project Management Solutions 'APMS' are an integrated set*

of project management tools which have been used in an integrated and co-ordinated way, and proven on several major Projects, to achieve good performance standards over several years".
Reference – Addendum: Explanatory Note – Environmental Attachments.

In the UK the *Salford Quays Project* covered the reclamation and redevelopment of a redundant inner city brownfield site including contaminated land³². Once Salford City Council (SCC) had presented a comprehensive 'Project Co-ordinate Programme'³³ to the 'Department of the Environment' (DoE), 'derelict land grant funding'³⁴ was released to carry out the five-year programme of works and attract EU and other support funding packages. The full project embraced over 100 No. Infrastructure Contracts and attracted over 20 separate development projects and was completed within the 5-year programme without any major claims. All major Contracts in the UK use the structured Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) model form of General Conditions of Contract³⁵ and were used with proven management services tools and procedures. The '*project co-ordinate programme*'³⁶ is one such integrated APMS tool which achieved proven performance over a 4-year period by the City Council (SCC) and the Department of the Environment (DoE).

The International *Islamabad Sewage Treatment Plant*³⁷ *Project* covered the construction of an integrated Sewage Treatment Plant carried out under a French Soft Loan for the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad, and the Whole of the Works went into Commercial Operation in accordance with the time programme on 18th August 2007, despite the major Earthquake in the region in early October 2005. APMS tools included 'critical path analysis monitoring/control' procedures and are used to trace accurate critical path records through a 'project co-ordinate programme' embracing all Contracts, including the 'On-Shore' and 'Off-shore' Contracts. Such performance indicates the advantages for specialised Environmental Courts to embrace such procedures to ensure correct decisions are achieved, thus avoiding major extensions of time, and avoiding major delay and additional project costs.

Environmental Harm, embracing Climate Change.

Air Pollution

UK Air pollution legislation has evolved over the last 30 years with Part 1 of the EPA 1990 seeking prevention of Air pollution through permit-based control, leading to the Environmental Permitting Regulations for England and Wales and progressive amendments. This was followed by the Clean Air Act 1993³⁸ to address vehicle emissions. The Environment Act 1995 created the establishment and operation for 'GHG' emissions trading scheme, embracing the importance of transboundary effects around the globe. After Brexit the Environment Act 2021³⁹ recalled the importance of Air Quality and smoke control regulations in England and Wales.

Pollutants causing concern are carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and ozone⁴⁰. Fine particles in vehicle emissions, each less than 10 micrometres across, 'PM10', cause respiration problems by entry of chemicals into the lungs. Ozone at ground or at tropospheric levels is a highly corrosive pollution, based on reaction between sunlight / NO₂ / volatile organic compounds (VOCs) causing summer problems in cities, and 'photochemical smog', comprising micro particles of VOCs/ NO_x. The Secretary of State's Guidance Note 6/9 (04)⁴¹ issued conditions for emissions into the air and guidance on Best Available Techniques (BAT) not entailing excessive cost.

Defra's 'Air Pollution in the UK 2019'⁴² was issued in September 2020, as the UK was required to report air quality data on an annual basis under various⁴³ EU Directives. The Report provides background information on pollutants covered by various EU Directives and UK's Air Quality Strategy: covering the sources / effects / monitoring networks / UKs modelling methodology.

The pollutants covered in the report are SO₂ / NO/ NO₂ /PM10 & PM2.5 particles/ Benzene/ 1,3-Butadiene CO / Metals/ PAH/ O₃.

Sulphur dioxide is another major pollutant produced by chemical plants and not effectively controlled under earlier legislation of the 1950s. The method of control was to discharge at height over the surroundings which dispersed over a wide area and fell as acid rain harming freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems in UK and beyond into Europe indicating incompleteness.

The earth's wind pattern forces⁴⁴ change, North / South, at 30° and 60° latitudes along 'fronts', while rotational deflections travel great distances around East / West hemispheres in what is called the 'Coriolis'⁴⁵ effect over the surface, spreading man's pollution. Careful global organization from all cultures is now urgently required.

The fragmented progress of UK Air Pollution legislation has lacked structure and remains incomplete, also lacking any unified co-ordinated directive from the global stage. It is now essential to restructure an intelligent approach towards setting out a UK structured framework for 'air pollution' controls based upon 'common but differential responsibility'.⁴⁶

Water Pollution.

The EU 'Water Framework Directive' (WFD) is a complex and particularly elaborate measure which is unusually difficult to understand'.⁴⁷ In the case **C-461/13 Bund fur Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland**, Advocate General Jaaskinen said 'The WFD is a complex and particularly elaborate measure which is unusually difficult to understand'.

However, the EU WFD does cover all the main aspects relating to Water Pollution control.

In the UK, the Water Framework Directive (WFD) regulatory controls was transposed in 2003⁴⁸ and updated in 2017⁴⁹. It focuses target performance⁵⁰ (for member states) to undertake to achieve 'good status'⁵¹, whereas regulatory controls based on specification standards to harness nutrient controls appears to be the preferred choice for 'protecting the water, soil and air'.⁵²

Agricultural Pollution.

After Brexit there is an opportunity for UK policy and regulatory control to give greater emphasis to specification and process standards, followed by performance targets, through a clearer programme of measures⁵³ for 'River Basin Management Plans' (RBMP) for nutrient control defined standard levels.

A comprehensive updated co-ordinated planned framework is required to embrace the 'UK Implementation of the Nitrates Directive in England'.⁵⁴ This, with the follow up 'Explanatory Memorandum' of NPPR 2008⁵⁵ and 'Consultation Guidance'⁵⁶, together with 'several important Nitrate Pollution Regulations' (NPPR 2016⁵⁷, RPADPR 2018⁵⁸, FW (EU Exit) R 2019⁵⁹).

Following exit from the EU, an approach to reference these important pieces of legislation in a 'reference Chart for environmental legislation for agricultural nutrient controls chart' would be a useful tool, **Reference, Addendum: Environmental Attachments**⁶⁰. This coordinated structure plan approach requires as a starting point a particular 'environmental impact analysis tool mechanism for managing UK Water Pollution' which would embrace a UK Common Agricultural Policy (CAPUK), good agricultural and environmental conditions for UK farms (GAECUK)⁶¹

Plastics Pollution:

The 'Resolution adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly' on 2 March 2022, to 'End plastic pollution'⁶², recalled the United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 1/6, 2/11, 3/7, 4/6, 4/7 and 4/9.

They affirmed the urgent need to strengthen global coordination, cooperation and governance to take immediate action towards the long-term elimination of plastic pollution in marine and other environments, and to avoid detriment from plastic pollution to ecosystems and the human activities dependent on them⁶³.

“The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment”, noted with concern the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.⁶⁴ The draft ‘Chair’s Text’⁶⁵, stated, in December 2024, the objective of this Convention is to protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution.⁶⁶

Major quantities of plastic accumulate in our Oceans, particularly in huge subtropical oceanic areas called gyres. – these are massive circular currents that trap floating debris for decades. *See, Addendum: File Note- Environmental Attachments.*

Climate Change

Over a decade ago, the UK put into force the Climate Change Act (CCA) 2008⁶⁷, setting targets for a reduction of Greenhouse Gases by 2050, to provide for a system of carbon budgeting⁶⁸ for the purpose of limiting GHG from the atmosphere. The Act established ‘The Committee on Climate Change’⁶⁹(CCC) to assist in ‘carbon management’, to monitor, advise and report with ‘carbon budgets’ and on ‘monitoring / control’ procedures towards the ‘2050 target’⁷⁰ for reduction of GHG.

Under general ancillary powers⁷¹ the committee may exercise its duties to take action to ensure it carries out its functions under the guidance of National Authorities and the Secretary of State. The British Standards Institute (BSI) fast tracked their Specification for ‘Carbon management in Infrastructure’⁷² in May 2016, to enable accuracy, transparency, consistency, relevance and completeness of carbon management and GHG emissions quantification. The scope of PAS 2080 is about Carbon management as part of wider climate change mitigation; it is not about wider environmental or sustainability issues⁷³.

Under the specification the management of ‘whole life carbon’ in UK infrastructure is defined as embracing the ‘transport’, ‘energy’, ‘water’, ‘waste’ and ‘communication’ sectors⁷⁴, and the management services covers the assessment, removal and reduction of GHG emissions measured as ‘carbon dioxide equivalent’, which relates and covers for the 6 gases quoted in the Kyoto protocol⁷⁵.

The methodology control procedures for the ‘practitioner’ calculating Infrastructure GHG emissions, is covered in the specification,⁷⁶ which were responsible for over half of the UK’s GHG consumption in 2010 emissions, a total: 981 million tonnes Mt CO₂e⁷⁷ and a programmed emissions target of 178 Mt CO₂e in 2050. CO₂e is a unit for comparing the radiative forcing of a greenhouse gas to carbon dioxide⁷⁸ and is calculated using the mass of a given GHG multiplied by its global warming potential. ‘GWP’ which is the factor describing the radiative forcing impact of one mass-based unit of a given greenhouse gas relative to an equivalent unit of CO₂ over a given period⁷⁹. In 2019 the Climate Change Committee (CCC) Report, ‘Net Zero - The UK’s contribution to stopping global warming’⁸⁰, led to the (CCC) committing the UK Government by law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels by 2050, which relates to ‘net zero’.

The 'Office of Environmental Protection'⁸¹ (OEP) is responsible for Environmental governance, including environmental targets, environmental improvement plans, environmental monitoring and importantly to embrace compliance with the five main environmental principles⁸² recorded in the Environment Act 2021.

Following Brexit, and the one-year transition period, the ECJ responsibility as the supreme court in UK ceased. This is now the opportunity for the UK to set out a new structure plan framework for climate change, based on CCA 2008 and augmented to include relevant latest global 'climate change' targets all as set out under the UNFCCC on climate change⁸³. It is important to ensure comprehensive environmental analysis on climate change is included in a suite of EIA handbooks.

Renewable Energy:

After Brexit the UK government published its new strategy for renewable energy, "*The British Energy Security Strategy*"⁸⁴ is aimed at a faster decarbonization with the approach towards earlier energy security and independence. This early strategy so soon after Brexit had been triggered, because of Russia's special operations in Ukraine, together with UK's increasing reliance on foreign sources, and its principal target is to secure clean and affordable British energy for the long term. The energy renewables⁸⁵ targets included offshore & onshore wind power, solar and related technologies, Nuclear⁸⁶ and Hydrogen, though with coastal tidal power conspicuously omitted. The European Commission issued the 2nd Report on 'Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services'⁸⁷ - Biodiversity Strategy to 2020' in February 2014, which solely concentrates on mapping the land mass and was based on river basins for their UK state at that time.

Following Brexit, the UK has once again become an Island State, and located at the northern end of the Atlantic gulf stream has massive potential for large renewable energy projects around the irregular shaped coastline and smaller Islands.

While it remains premature to consider major marine opportunities for the Irish and North Seas at this time, the estuaries and jagged coastlines are already being discussed⁸⁸ and legislation should now be in place.

The High Seas in perpetual motion: It is beyond the scope of this paper to cover 'World energy⁸⁹ and power consumption⁹⁰', except to mention the vast kinetic energy resources that are available, once additional methodologies⁹¹ have been developed to harness earth's natural energy sources, as it will provide a longer-term sustainability for all mankind, once the World's legislation has been ratified and brought into force. At present over 2/3rd of the world is beyond jurisdiction.

The '**Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction**' (BBNJ Agreement) was adopted on 19 June 2023. It is not yet in force. The objective of this agreement is to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond normal jurisdiction, for the present and in the long term..... The BBNJ will "enter into force" when at least 60 countries ratify it. The agreement was opened for signature on September 20, 2023. It will be closed on September 20, 2025. This means countries have given their consent to be bound to it.

Legality status for this important piece of legislation may be checked through the High Seas Ratification Tracker⁹², relating to the 106 duly signed Countries.

Long-term Sustainability:

A new approach towards the protection, care and maintenance for Earth must be led by a global framework structure of Environmental Laws, integrated to the concept of 'long-term sustainability'. Throughout history mankind's ever evolving fragmented legal systems has only embraced the land masses, approximately just over a third of the planet surface.

Oceans, Beyond Normal Jurisdiction: Under the 'United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine Biological Diversity'⁹³, man at last, in 2023, addressed Laws for the major areas of Earth's surface beyond normal jurisdiction. The Agreement is targeted to be brought into force by September 2025, with *'the objective to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction for the present and in the long term.'*⁹⁴

Total Renewable Energy: Long-term sustainable energy is better achieved with a permanent (24/7) total supply of green renewable energy, harnessed from the planet's natural energy forces. Over 70% of the surface of this earth is permanently covered by water in perpetual motion. Once Man has finally grasped the knowledge to develop his additional methodologies to harness the kinetic energy of the seas, and their huge tidal energies around the coastal areas, long term sustainability will be achieved.

In UK, now again an independent Island state, massive tidal energy sources are available because of its unique position, at the head of the north Atlantic gulf stream, along the edge of the western European continent flow current, and between two major masses of water, the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans.

Coastal Management: In 2017, the United Nations estimated that around 40% of the world's population, 2.4 billion people, live withing 100 km of the coast, and 10%, 600 million people live at or below 10 masl⁹⁵. In 2019, and beyond, extreme wildfires, droughts, floods, and extreme rainfall events occurred worldwide, affecting many cities and settlements close to the coastlines. Damaging and worsening anthropogenic conditions in coastal areas, coupled with the requirement to adapt to climate change, demands a Master Plan for a Global 'Coastal Management' framework embracing the main Continents. The Coastal footprint must include the beaches, continental shelves, their slopes and margins, and the contiguous regional high seas. Environmental Impact Analysis tools, based on strategy plans and programmes, must target longer term stability over the next 100 years, to be linked to 'climate change'.

New Global Organization:

A Global Organization must be Structured to replace Man's present fragmented and ever evolving systems, which are presently cluttered with a mix of multiple cultures, religious extremes and comprising an erroneous patch work of divisive boundaries, denoting nations territories around the world. Population growth and uncertain environmental principles are further driving mankind's intention away from true singular Anthropogenic principles. The Global Organization Structure Plan to be developed under 5 main Continents, embracing Antarctica.

The Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty to be considered as a suitable Model. The treaty of 1991 was used for peaceful purposes only, to promote international scientific cooperation, and to set aside disputes over territorial sovereignty. It remains one of the most successful Protocols in force today and may be classified as a long-term sustainability legalised document.

Conclusions

A Global Environmental Structure Plan must now be set out and established for our common future, to enable near future anthropology Projects to be built, as the bridge for future generations to achieve successful long-term sustainability.

A structured framework of integrated Environmental Laws must lead the way to meet the challenge of 'climate change' and all other adverse conditions harmful to our environment. The approach to be through a new specialised World Body Environmental Court, to be exempt from the influences of present religious and cultural ideals.

A Comprehensive Management Structure system to be set out, to co-ordinate and develop all anthropogenic Projects. Integrated Strategic Plans and Programmes to be adopted, together with proven 'advanced project management solutions'.

A comprehensive Suite of Handbooks to be developed to manage the strategic 'Environmental Impact Assessment' (EIA) process, to tackle climate change and other adverse harmful effects on the environment.

A lead Tier Global Organization to be set out and developed for the care, maintenance and protection of Earth. To be developed based on five main Continents, for peaceful purposes, without religious / cultural influences.

A new structured 'Coastal Management Master Plan' to be developed for all continents, to tackle pollution, together with embracing the boundary conditions for the vast total green renewable energy supplies available in, on and under the 'High Seas' and Oceans. 'Long-term sustainability' to be the principal target.

For the UK, as an Island State, a 'Total Renewable Green Energy Plan' to be developed to include Tidal Energy, and to be embraced within the present 'British Energy Security Strategy'.

Present Water Pollution policy in the UK needs to address and include for improvement to present Agricultural Legislation Control procedures, as present run-off control procedures within the Rivers Basins areas requires major change,

ADDENDUM: Environmental Attachments.

1 Chart: History of Climate Change Chart

2 Chart: UK Agricultural legislation controls reference Chart.

3 File Note – Plastics Pollution

4 Explanatory Note – APMS – Advanced Project Management Services.

Chart – History of Climate Change

The United Nations 1st Earth Summit in Stockholm

Conference on the Human Environment on 16th June 1972

Including the Stockholm Declaration and Action Plan for the Human Environment
embracing 26 Principles, placing environmental issues at forefront of international concerns.

United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

is responsible for coordinating responses to environmental issues within the United Nations system.
established after UNIP in Stockholm in June 1972.



Brundtland Report

United Nations published 1987

Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Norwegian Prime Minister, Chair of World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED)

Sustainable development three fundamental pillars: **social, economic and environmental**



The Montreal Protocol

Agreement signed 1987 – entered into force 1989.

On Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Global agreement to protect the Earth's ozone layer by phasing out the chemicals that Deplete it.

Includes both production and consumption of ozone-depleting substances.



The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. (UNFCCC)

Signed in some 153 Countries at the 2nd Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992, - 27 Principles.

Signed **Convention on Climate Change (CCC)** Articles 27 - (CBDR)], & **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**, endorsed Rio Declaration & Forest Principles, & adopted **Agenda 21**, for sustainable development.

Countries submit plans for climate action, **nationally determined contributions (NDCs)** - Paris Agreement (Article 4).

The **Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)** to monitor and report on implementation of the

CBD has two supplementary agreements: Cartagena Protocol & Nagoya Protocol (Biosafety – LMOs: governing movement of 'Living Modified Organisms').

The UNFCCC was formed in 1994.

To stabilise the greenhouse gas emissions and to protect the Earth from the threat of Climate Change.

Conference of the Parties (COP)

On Climate Change / Environmental Topics

Apex decision-making body of the UNFCCC

The first conference (COP 1) was held in 1995 in Berlin.



The Kyoto Protocol was adopted on 11 December 1997

Operationalises the UNFCCC

By committing industrial Countries and economies in transition to limit and reduce gases (GHG) emissions.

In accordance with agreed individual targets.

28 Articles / Annex A – CO₂/CH₄/N₂O/HFCs/PFCs/SF₆ & Sectors & Source Categories / Annex B – Quantified emission limitation or reduction commitment.

Article 12 - Allows CERs (**Certified Emission reductions**) [equivalent: 1 tonne CO₂]



The Paris Agreement (2015)

Legally binding international treaty on climate change.

Adopted by 196 Countries at COP 21 in Paris, on 12th December 2015

Works on a 5-year cycle of increasingly ambitious climate action carried out by the Countries.

Adopted at COP21 to control 'green house gases' to 1.5°C by 2030.

UK Agricultural legislation controls reference chart

Protecting our Water, Soil and Air, A Code of Good Agricultural Practice (DEFRA, 2009), Chapter 4 (*Replaces 3 Codes - Water / Air / Soil*)
Manure Management Plan: a step-by-step guide for farmers (DERA, 2003)
Water (Prevention of Pollution) (Code of Good Agricultural Practice) Order 2009, SI No.46
Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010 No.639)
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Reg 4 amends s93 WRA 1991, to ensure it's 'fit for purpose'

review every 4 years begins on 1st January 2016

File Note

January 2025

Subject: **Plastic Pollution**

History:

Plastic was first developed in mid-19th Century = replacement for natural materials such as ivory and tortoiseshell.⁹⁶

1st Synthetic plastic, called celluloid. – created by John Wesley 1869. First produce photographic film, later consumer products: combs, buttons, billiard balls, etc.

Early 20th Century, invention Bakelite. This paved the way for mass production of plastic products.

Plastic packaging became most visible use of plastic in our daily lives. Environmental Impact. Can take hundreds of years to decompose.

Plastic in Food and Beverage Industry. -keep food fresh and prevent spoilage.

Ocean Plastics.

Nearly half plastic sinks because of low buoyancy.

Other half floats – majority does not go far out to sea. 80% beach on coastline within month.

HDPE likely to travel long distances.

Plastic accumulates in huge subtropical oceanic areas called gyres. -massive circular currents that trap floating debris for decades.

5 gyres in our oceans. Great Pacific Garbe Patch(GPGP) , in North Pacific, between Hawaii & California. (Estimated twice size of Texas.)

Around 100 million kilograms of plastic estimated in (GPGP)- 1.8 trillion pieces larger than 0.5 mm. About 8% of the mass is microplastics.

Definition: Microplastics are plastic pieces that measure less than five millimetres across. (Some microplastics have formed by breaking away from larger plastics that have fragmented over time. Others have been made small intentionally, for example cosmetic microbeads used in facial scrubs.)

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CHAIR'S TEXT1

Plastics. In the Ocean:

<https://noc.ac.uk/under-the-surface/ocean-plastics>

Explanatory Note: Advanced Project Management Solutions

Typical Definition: Advanced Project Management Services are proven services, utilising integrated management services tools, as instruments, to achieve consistent satisfactory project performance, to timescale and budget, covering identification, planning, organization, control and communication techniques, and where necessary, embracing transboundary borders to satisfy cultural requirements for global projects.

Classification: Proven success of a few significant size projects.

(Levels: for example ... Performance achievement at least 3 significant size projects)

[Domestic and global / various disciplines / various recognised contract suites]

Management services tools / Instruments: Utilization of a few individual management services tools, combined to create satisfactory instruments to supervise / manage the progress throughout the duration of the project up to satisfactory completion / performance standard.

Communication: Creation of a satisfactory working relation between Parties to the Contract, to ensure correct communication, where necessary embracing cultural requirements, in compliance with the Employer's regulations and guidelines.

Example 1: UK Project Government Funding through Department of Environment (DoE) + EU + others Salford Quays Project⁹⁷: adopted '*advanced project management services*' based upon strategic structured planning and skeleton co-ordinate programme for development throughout the (5 year) project period.

The unpublished Paper "A Study into Project Management Services at Salford Quays" (submitted to the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1989) describes in detail the foundation principles adopted towards advancing the necessary plans and programmes for a proper strategic and structured approach for management of the Project.

The Paper is structured under five main headings: **Identification / Communication / Planning / Organization / Controls.**

Identification: Problem areas covering risk assessments likely to result in Developers / Contractors Claims

Communication: Forging the correct relationship between the various Parties involved in the Project, including Government / City Council / Developers / Contractors / Leading Officers representing the various Parties.

Example 2: International Funded Institution (IFI): French Soft Loan.

Islamabad Wastewater Project⁹⁸, 2005-2007: Adopted (APMS) services to achieve timely completion and budget in 2007, despite major Earthquake in 2005, civil unrest in 2007 (Lal Masjid Mosque Islamabad) and Employer (CDA) programme slippage of trunk sewer Contract. Project Co-ordinate Programme / Test on Completion Structure Plan / Approach to Completion Structure Plan, were 3 main tools used to deliver programme).

Example 3 Wadi Arab and Wadi Hassan Double Project⁹⁹. (IFI) German funding (KfW) Project.

APMS adopted in November 1997 to recover the heavily delayed Wadi Arab Project. Employer: Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), Amman, Jordan. Engineer: JV of German Environmental Consultants (DAR) GmbH/ Rhein Ruhr International (RRI) GmbH / Sigma

Example 4: (IFI) German funding (KfW) Project.

Fethiye Wastewater Project¹⁰⁰. APMS services were adopted to meet Client's requirement for early commercial operation prior to the Turkish National elections in February 2004. **[Reference to archived Project Completion Reports]**

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