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**The Tällberg Foundation Announces its Five 2015 Global Leaders,
Selected by an International Panel from More Than 200 Nominees and 56 Nations**

**The Global Leaders – from Afghanistan, Colombia, Germany, India & the United States –
Illuminate the Challenges and Skills of Leadership in the 21st Century**

Stockholm, Sweden and New York, U.S.A. – September 29, 2015 – The Tällberg Foundation announced today its 2015 Tällberg Foundation Global Leaders. These women and men – each in a most extraordinary way – demonstrate the kind of leadership required by the challenges of the 21st century. By honoring them, the Foundation seeks to draw attention to their work and to illuminate the skills and traits of leadership that they exemplify. The Global Leaders will come together to participate in a workshop in Stockholm in November that will be videotaped and distributed widely online to promote greater understanding of the needs and nature of leadership.

The five Global Leaders were selected by an international jury from a pool of more than 200 nominations drawn from 56 countries. The nominees were selected from a wide range of fields and roles, including Fortune 100 CEOs, national political leaders, innovative and risk-taking social activists and entrepreneurs, artists, religious figures and many others. They were nominated by leaders from around the world as well as the general public.

The Tällberg Foundation Global Leaders, class of 2015, are:

- **Jamila Afghani, Founder and Program Director of the Noor Educational and Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) in Kabul, Afghanistan.** Jamila Afghani's enormously courageous efforts – rooted in knowledge, persistence and vision – aim to educate Imams in Afghanistan about women's rights in Islam as well as on peace, reconciliation and dispute resolution, with the goal of furthering positive social change. NECDO is a local Afghan women's NGO serving women, youth, and children and dedicated to educational activities, including establishing libraries.
- **Antonella Battaglini, Founder and CEO of the Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI) in Berlin, Germany.** Antonella Battaglini is a scientist and a social entrepreneur, whose genius is to marry knowledge, technology and human power in politically practical ways, aimed at producing a sustainable electricity future for Europe. RGI aims to inspire as well as to help other regions to decarbonise their economies in practical, sustainable ways through increasing usage of renewable energy sources, thus combating climate change.

- **Jason Glaser, Founder, President and CEO of La Isla Foundation in San Salvador, El Salvador and Chicago, Illinois.** Jason Glaser's work blends scientific research, advocacy, publicity, business innovation and community development to address the widespread consequences in Central America and elsewhere of chronic kidney disease of non-traditional causes (CKDnT). The Foundation is an international research and policy NGO working at the intersection of public health and human rights to address a fatal epidemic of CKDnT among sugarcane workers in Latin America.
- **Martín von Hildebrand, Founder and General Director, Fundación Gaia Amazonas in Bogota, Colombia.** Martín von Hildebrand has pioneered a new paradigm for Amazon conservation in Colombia, embracing indigenous peoples rights and traditional knowledge, and he seeks to create the world's largest eco-cultural, sustainable development corridor, spanning the Andes-Amazon-Atlantic. Fundación Gaia Amazonas works at the intersection of forest conservation, climate change and indigenous rights, building capacity for local indigenous governance and alliances for inter-institutional collaboration.
- **Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Founder and Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, India.** Dr. M. S. Swaminathan is the scientific leader of the Green Revolution in India and, more recently, has been instrumental in shifting attention from food security as measured by caloric intake to a concept incorporating access to balanced diet and clean water. He also played an important role in the successful effort to make access to food a legal right in India – a model for the rest of the world. The Foundation aims to accelerate use of modern science for agricultural and rural development for the development and dissemination of technology to improve lives and livelihoods of tribal and rural communities.

Selection of the Tällberg Foundation Global Leaders is an integral part of the Foundation's efforts to encourage new thinking about the evolving nature of leadership. The five Global Leaders are also the finalists for the Tällberg Foundation Global Leadership Prize, which will be celebrated in an awards ceremony in Stockholm, Sweden on November 11th. The Prize will be awarded to two individuals, each of whom will receive \$50,000 to encourage his or her continued leadership. The lead donor of the Tällberg Foundation Global Leaders and Global Leadership Prize is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (www.SNF.org), an international grant making organization.

"The world is confronted daily with conditions that seem more complex, more confounding, and more difficult to surmount than ever," said Alan Stoga, Chairman of the Tällberg Foundation. "Yet these extraordinary Global Leaders demonstrate that effective, courageous, and innovative leadership can overcome even the most seemingly intractable issues."

Additional information on the Tällberg Foundation, the Global Leaders, and the Global Leadership Prize is available at www.tallbergfoundation.org.

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About the Tällberg Foundation

The Tällberg Foundation is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit educational organization with offices in Stockholm, Sweden and New York, U.S.A. For more than thirty years, the Foundation has encouraged a global conversation about issues that are critical to the evolution of our societies. We operate under an umbrella of intellectual freedom and through an open-ended learning approach that is unrestricted by special interests, political correctness or the boundaries of cultures and disciplines. Contact us at www.tallbergfoundation.org.