

A Celebration of Global Leaders and Leadership
Hosted by Jan Eliasson, Alan Stoga and the Tällberg Foundation

Eliasson Global Leadership Prize

of the TÄLLBERG FOUNDATION

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The Tällberg Foundation is paying tribute to four outstanding Global Leaders who have demonstrated the kind of leadership demanded by the challenges of the 21st century: innovative, imaginative, flexible, systems-based, risk-taking and, above all, ethical. By honoring them, the Foundation not only seeks to nurture and extend their accomplishments, but also to encourage others to follow their examples.

Tällberg Global Leaders are nominated through an open, online process. Anyone from any country from any discipline is eligible: politicians, statesmen, scientists, educators, social entrepreneurs, educators, environmentalists, artists, religious and military figures, and others—literally anyone who meets the broad criteria. An international jury reviews the nominations and selects the people who, in their judgment, best exemplify the types of leaders needed today.

The Tällberg Global Leaders of 2017 join the leaders from the past two years to comprise a self-reinforcing network of leaders who are working—in diverse fields, organizations, countries and cultures—to produce positive social change. As different as they are, these leaders share common ideas, dreams and challenges. Together with the Tällberg Foundation board and leadership jury members, they can help each other achieve goals and overcome obstacles.

This evening we will also award the inaugural Eliasson Global Leadership Prizes of the Tällberg Foundation. The leadership prize is named in honor of the international and Swedish diplomat, Ambassador Jan Eliasson, who most recently served as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Prizes are given annually to outstanding leaders in any country and any discipline whose work is global in application, innovative, courageous and rooted in universal values. Two Global Leaders will each receive \$50,000 to encourage his or her continued leadership.

Program

Welcome

Alan Stoga, Chairman, Tällberg Foundation

“Markings” with interludes of music, Part I

Reading by Ambassador Jan Eliasson from Dag Hammarskjöld’s book “Markings” of 1963 with interludes of music by Kajsa Williams-Olsson

A perspective on the Tällberg Global Leaders

Remarks by Sunitha Krishnan, 2016 Tällberg Global Leader and co-Founder of Prajwala, an anti-trafficking organization; human rights activist; film producer in Hyderabad, India.

Presentation of the 2017 Eliasson Global Leadership Prizes of the Tällberg Foundation

Announcement of the Prize winners by Muni Figueres, Former Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States

A conversation about leadership

The discussants are Rodrigo Rubido Alonso, Rebecca Heller, Fiorenzo Omenetto and Bright Simons. The audience will have an opportunity to pose questions.

“Markings” with interludes of music, Part II

Reading by Ambassador Jan Eliasson from Dag Hammarskjöld’s book “Markings” of 1963 with interludes of music by Kajsa Williams-Olsson

Reception

“Markings” with music



Jan Eliasson

Jan Eliasson (Stockholm, Sweden) is a Swedish and international diplomat. He most recently served as the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2016. He was elected President of the United Nations General Assembly, for its sixtieth session 2005-2006. Eliasson has also served as Swedish State Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1994 to 2000 and as Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2006.

Previously, he was a UN mediator in the Iran/Iraq conflict, in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and in Darfur, Sudan, and active for the UN in countries such as Somalia, Mozambique and the Balkans. He has a profound interest in water issues, in particular for the developing world, and was the first chairman of Water Aid, Sweden.

The Swedish Government has appointed ambassador Jan Eliasson from June 1, 2017 as the new Chairman of the SIPRI Governing Board.



Kajsa William-Olsson

Swedish cellist Kajsa William-Olsson is frequently heard as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral musician throughout the world.

After early studies in Gothenburg and Stockholm, she played with the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, and has since 1996 been a member of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra.

As a founding member of the VITALIS and the Hanna String Quartets, Ms. William-Olsson has performed extensively throughout Europe. As a member of the ARK trio for Soprano, Cello and Piano, she has commissioned and performed new pieces for their unique setting. She regularly teaches and performs at the MMCJ Festival in Japan, and appears as a chamber musician in major international festivals. In recent seasons she has also performed concertos in the United States, Europe and Asia.

In June of 2017, she was invited as one of twenty-two international musicians to join the New York Philharmonic for special performances marking the end of her husband Alan Gilbert's tenure as music director and the launch of a new idea that Mr. Gilbert created with Jan Eliasson to form an orchestra for the United Nations. Ms. William-Olsson shared a stand with Yo-Yo Ma during that week.

Ms. William-Olsson plays a Giovanni Grancino cello dated 1709.

The 2017 Tällberg Global Leaders are:

RODRIGO RUBIDO ALONSO, an architect, co-founder and executive director of Instituto Elos based in Santos, Brazil that is dedicated to participative leadership, community, mobilization and community building;



REBECCA HELLER, the director and co-founder of the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), headquartered in New York and operating globally, which organizes law students and lawyers to develop and enforce a set of legal and human rights for refugees and displaced persons;



FIORENZA OMENETTO, the Frank C. Doble Professor of Engineering, and a Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Tufts University in Boston who has pioneered the use of silk as a material platform for advanced technology with application in photonics, optoelectronics and nanotechnology;



BRIGHT SIMONS, technology innovator, development activist and social entrepreneur, based in Ghana, whose work challenges the received wisdom about social and economic development strategies and programs in Africa.





*“Without passion,
nothing happens;
without compassion,
the wrong things
happen.”*

JAN ELIASSON
FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

About the Eliasson Global Leadership Prize of the Tällberg Foundation

The Eliasson Global Leadership Prize is given annually to outstanding leaders from any country and any discipline whose work is global in application, based on universal values, innovative, optimistic and courageous. The Tällberg Foundation awards this prize to people who have demonstrated the willingness and capacity to address the complexity of 21st century challenges, and who have a track record of accomplishment as well as the prospect of continuing impact.

The prize is named in honor of the international and Swedish diplomat, Jan Eliasson, who most recently served as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Board of the Tällberg Foundation believes that he embodies the kind of leadership they seek to honor with this prize since—like Jan Eliasson—great leaders can make a profound difference only if they operate in concert with universal human values, are tireless in their efforts, and innovative in their approaches. That said, this is not a prize for diplomats, but an award that takes Eliasson’s approach to leadership as a yardstick against which others can be measured.

The Eliasson Global Leadership Prize carries a stipend of \$50,000.

Prize winners are nominated through an open, online process and ultimately selected by an international jury drawn from a wide range of nationalities, professions and ideologies.

The Tällberg Foundation’s commitment to honoring great leadership dates back to 2005.

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- 2005 Russell Ackoff, *Chairman, Interact, U.S.*
 - 2006 Lord John Browne of Madingley, *former CEO, BP, U.K.*
 - 2008 Kofi Annan, *Former Secretary-General, United Nations*
 - 2009 Gro Harlem Brundtland, *Former Prime Minister, Norway*
 - 2010 Achim Steiner, *Executive Director, U.N. Environment Program*
 - 2011 Jens Stoltenberg, *Prime Minister of Norway*
 - 2012 Bill and Melinda Gates, *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, U.S.*

2015 Jamila Afghani, *Founder and Program Director of the Noor Educational and Capacity Development Organization (NECDO) in Kabul, Afghanistan;*

Martín von Hildebrand, *Founder and General Director of the Fundación Gaia Amazonas in Bogota, Colombia.*

2016 Sunitha Krishnan, *Co-Founder of Prajwala, an anti-sex trafficking organization in Hyderabad, India;*

Christiana Figueres, *a career diplomat and accomplished international public servant, former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.*

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The Tällberg Foundation's Board of Directors is responsible for the overall design, integrity and funding of the Prize process. The Board appoints a jury who selects the Eliasson Global Leadership Prize winners. Jury members, who are global leaders in their own right, are drawn from a wide variety of national, cultural, and professional backgrounds; jury membership is substantially renewed every year. Each jury develops its own criteria within the broad purposes that have been laid out by the Board.

The 2017 Jury Members

Defne Ayas

Director, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art, The Netherlands; Board Member, Tällberg Foundation.

Tom Cummings

Founder, Leading Ventures; former Global Head, Learning and Organization Effectiveness, Unilever; Board Member, Tällberg Foundation.

Vishakha Desai

Senior Advisor for Global Affairs to the President of Columbia University, Senior Research Scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs; President Emerita, Asia Society.

Aiko Doden

NHK Senior Commentator, NHK World Senior Producer, Japan.

Nabil Fahmy

Founding Dean, The School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, The American University in Cairo; former Egyptian Foreign Minister (2013–2014) and diplomat.

Scott Miller

CEO, Core Strategy Group; Co-Founder of RealLeader.com, Co-developer of Michelle Obama’s “Partnership for a Healthier America” initiative.

Laszlo Jakab Orsos

Vice President of Art and Culture, Brooklyn Public Library; former Director, PEN World Voices Festival of International Literature.

Alan Stoga

Senior Advisor, Kissinger Associates; President, Zemi Communications; Chairman, Tällberg Foundation.

Carole Wamuyu Wainaina

COO, Africa 50 Infrastructure Fund, Casablanca, Morocco; former, UN Assistant Secretary-General.

Jury secretary

Muni Figueres, former Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States and Board Member, Tällberg Foundation.

About the Tällberg Foundation

How on Earth can we live together?

The Tällberg Foundation (www.tallbergfoundation.org), with offices in Stockholm and New York, aims to provoke people to think differently about the global issues that are shaping their present and their future.

The Tällberg Foundation board members are Alan Stoga (Chairman), Mark Abdolliahian, Defne Ayas, Mats Björkman, Tom Cummings, Muni Figueres and Maarten Koets.

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