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Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations



Now for the Long Term One year on

The report of the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations was published in October 2013. Since then, the report has been accessed online well over one million times; it has been showcased at 34 events across the globe; and it has been presented to and endorsed by a range of world leaders.

Commissioners are initially taking forward four of the report's recommendations.

Worldstat

Recommendation: Establish Worldstat to improve the reliability and availability of statistics.

Action: Eminent statisticians as well as senior representatives of international organisations, foundations, and the media gathered at the Oxford Martin School in May 2014 to discuss how to progress Worldstat. Participants agreed the need for a global advocacy organisation/watchdog for trustworthy, accessible, and useful statistics. A working group of experts is now collaborating to produce a proposal to be directed at foundations and international organisations.

C20-C30-C40

Recommendation: A 'Coalition of the Working' comprising countries, companies and cities to counteract climate change.

Action: The Oxford Martin School convened leading figures from a range of countries and organisations in July 2014 to discuss the creation of a C20-C30-C40 coalition. The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and World Business Council for Sustainable Development strongly support the concept, and are discussing a scoping exercise to prioritise its potential activities. The Oxford Martin School is now approaching national representatives to discuss potential country members of a coalition.

Index on the Long Term

Recommendation: Create an index to track the effectiveness of countries, companies and international institutions on longer term issues.

Action: After a meeting with the Secretary-General of the OECD, the Oxford Martin School and the OECD are exploring the possibility of an index assessing countries' commitment to governing with the long term in mind. The Oxford Martin School and the OECD are now working together to determine such an index's appropriate scope and methodology.

Fit Cities

Recommendation: A city-based network to fight the rise of non-communicable diseases.

Action: Led by Commissioner Professor Peter Piot, discussions have been held with the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, about the possibility of London hosting a meeting of mayors to advance the Fit Cities recommendation. Representatives of the Oxford Martin School and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine are now meeting senior health officials from the Mayor of London's office to continue these discussions.

“I want to congratulate Professor Goldin and each and every member of the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations on the outstanding report.”

Al Gore

Nobel Laureate and 45th Vice-President of the United States

“Only rarely is a report of a high-profile commission smart, readable, bold, thoughtful, analytically tough, and actionable. And on an issue that is fundamental to our shared humanity: acting now to secure our children's future.”

Nancy Birdsall

President, Center for Global Development

Media coverage in
30 countries

**34 events in
14 countries**

Report accessed
**1.1 million times in
171 countries**

“The global integration of the past 30 years has created huge opportunities but poses huge system-wide threats. The Oxford Martin Commission not only articulates these new challenges but tells us where to look for solutions. It is hard to think of a more important agenda.”

Andy Haldane
Chief Economist, Bank of England

“We cannot condemn the citizens that follow us to problems they cannot solve. The sky we live under will envelop future generations. They should be able to look up, and be glad for the decisions we made, even when they were hard ones.”

Nandan Nilekani
Oxford Martin Commissioner



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Commission Chair Pascal Lamy has presented the report around the world including to Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations; Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund; and Herman Van Rompuy, President, European Council.

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