



A RENEWABLE WORLD

Energy, Ecology, Equality

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A Renewable World shows how the quadruple crises facing humanity – of climate, energy, finance and poverty – can instead be regarded as a unique opportunity for building a new, global green economy. It is a book for those who want to influence the decisions on how we can turn visions into practicality, and the steps that are needed to achieve this outcome.

Specifically, it deals with accelerating the renewable energy revolution, creating green jobs and renewing local economies, renewing human settlements in an urbanising world, biosphere protection and renewal, renewing the world's agricultural soils, and renewing and invigorating international cooperation.

The current multi-faceted global crisis is about the 'insecuritisation' of much of humanity because of short-term, unregulated speculation. Now, particularly in the face of the global financial crisis, as well as the crisis of climate change, the need for long-term thinking is becoming too compelling to ignore. It is becoming clear that we need to learn to live off the earth's renewable energy resources whilst simultaneously restoring its living natural capital.

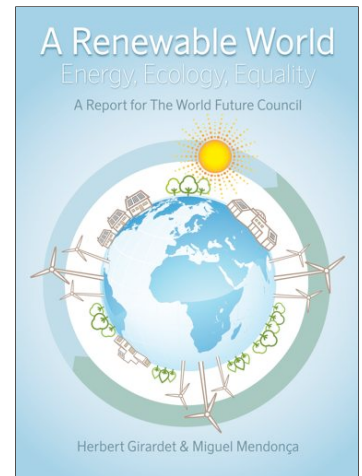
A Renewable World is all about the key steps needed to make a global green recovery happen.

Recent climate research indicates that, after decades of inaction, the challenge now facing us is not just to reduce annual global emissions of greenhouse gases, but to reduce their actual concentrations in the atmosphere. The book outlines this can be achieved whilst simultaneously enhancing the livelihoods of billions of people. It shows how best policies and best practices can, if amplified by international cooperation, bring about a green recovery.

This full colour illustrated book draws on the expertise on global issues being developed by the World Future Council and other leading thinkers and practitioners. It deals with the urgent issues listed here in a holistic and comprehensive way. We can all help to influence and accelerate the measures that are needed. *A Renewable World* seeks to show how.

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