

**Some letters from eminent persons
supporting the application for funds
by the Global Commons Trust
to support the continuation of
the climate change campaign for
'Contraction and Convergence'
from the Global Commons Institute**

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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sirs,

Aubrey Meyer and "Contraction and Convergence"

I am writing as a former Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution concerning Aubrey Meyer's contributions to the global debate on how to avoid dangerous rates of climate change and to support his application for funding from your Foundation.

Aubrey began his campaign to establish Contraction and Convergence in the UK in 1989 and in 2000 the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution under my chairmanship advocated it to Government. Since then Contraction and Convergence has proved to be a defining concept in the work of many in the UK and beyond. It has been the subject of review and advocacy by many including the House of Commons Select Committee for Environmental Audit and this year the Committee was advised by Lord Adair Turner of the UK Climate Change Committee that Contraction and Convergence does in fact form the basis of the UK Climate Bill.

The remarkable impact of Contraction and Convergence reflects the fact that the argument is firmly rooted in the science of climate change. It marries the limit to future human emissions to the idea of equal shares in the use of the atmosphere. It is a rational, flexible and transparent concept that is now the most widely cited and probably the most widely supported proposal.

All this is consistent with the wide uptake of the Contraction and Convergence concept globally. However, Aubrey has achieved this impact with very little funding. I am therefore asking that financial support is given to this campaign particularly at this time as this year - 2009 - leads to a UN event in Copenhagen in December at which it is intended that the global plan to avoid dangerous rates of climate change is agreed and established for the long-term.

I believe that Contraction and Convergence must be the basis of the global deal on climate change. I also believe that it makes sense for Contraction and Convergence to be formally endorsed as the basis of the global deal by the UNFCCC. We are now closer than ever to achieving that. With financial support for this campaign this will be achieved soon and I ask you to support this strongly.

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Sir Tom Blundell


26th February 2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

For time and motion reasons this has to be very brief. So let me state it succinctly. If I have repeatedly stated to those that do not know him or his work that Aubrey Meyer is probably the most important person on the planet, I am not being flippant.

Contraction and Convergence represents the joining of science and ethics, prescience and social justice. It is fundamentally about the reconciliation of the human condition set against the background of ever accelerating anthropogenic climate change. If this may sound high-falutin' the reality is that C and C is not only utterly grounded in the reality of the science and economics of the here and now but is in its essence graspable by everybody. While governments and their advisors seek complex ways of avoiding what is at stake, Aubrey has got to the heart of the matter. This is thus why his argument is also the central pillar and chapter of Cromwell and Levene eds. *Surviving Climate Change, The Struggle to Avert Global Catastrophe* (Pluto Press, 2007).

In short, I commend Aubrey and his work which has been pursued remarkably, tenaciously, singularly for the best of two decades. And essentially with little or no financial support. It is time that the 'value' of Aubrey's efforts were properly recognised. Esme Fairbairn would be doing more than Aubrey a great service by offering its support to GCI.


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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT - CONTRACTION & CONVERGENCE - AUBREY MEYER

Aubrey Meyer has asked me to write a letter of support. I run a leading commercial think-tank in the City of London, Z/Yen Group, and have been the creator and Principal Advisor to the London Accord, the largest financial and economic initiative into climate change – www.london-accord.co.uk – Z/Yen's *pro bono* work on climate change.

Over the last twenty years, Aubrey Meyer's sustained work through the Global Commons Institute on 'Contraction and Convergence' - C&C - is widely recognized as one of the most focused and significant contributions to the global debate on what to do avoid dangerous rates of climate change. C&C marries population to the economic, financial and equity issues of future human emissions. It is a rational, flexible and transparent concept that is now the most widely cited and arguably the most widely supported proposal in the process as a whole. Therefore, it is challenging.

Aubrey began his campaign to establish C&C in the UK in 1989 and by 2000 C&C was being formally advocated to the UK Government by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. Since then C&C has proved to be a defining concept in the work of many in the UK and beyond. It has been the subject of review and advocacy by many including the House of Commons Select Committee for Environmental Audit. This year the Committee was advised by Lord Adair Turner of the UK Climate Change Committee that C&C does in fact form the basis of the UK Climate Bill. Last year members of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change, nominated Aubrey Meyer for the Nobel Peace Prize in honour of the concept and the campaign.

Aubrey's success is all the more remarkable as all this has been achieved with very little funding. So I am writing to commend that financial support is given to this campaign, particularly at this time, when we have the UN event in Copenhagen in December at which it is intended that the global plan to avoid dangerous rates of climate change is agreed.

I am one of the many people who believe that C&C, or something close, must be the basis for a global deal on climate change. I appeal to you to support C&C.

Yours faithfully

Professor Michael Mainelli
cc Dr Mayer Hillman

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in respect of potential new funding for Aubrey Meyer of The Global Commons Institute.

I have known Aubrey since 1992, when we first met by phone. I was a Research Associate in the Dept. Peace Studies, University of Bradford. Instantly I clicked with Aubrey and his then audacious vision of Contraction & Convergence. Upon seeing the first graphics come out of the fax machine I was hooked and convinced that one day the concept of C&C would be utilized by the UN in some form as the basis for a future climate deal. What I and Aubrey didn't know at the time is that it would be virtually 20yrs of hard work on his part until he finally gets recognition for his ground-breaking ideas.

To say that Aubrey is/was ahead of his time is an understatement. He has

incredible vision in tandem with phenomenal drive and determination. He will not rest until this concept is adopted internationally. In to the bargain he is incredibly honest and modest.

I thus urge you as a Trust to back his efforts financially, as you will not get better return on your investment, especially in these troubled times.

yours sincerely,

Julian E. Salt.

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- ex-Research Fellow (Bradford University)
- ex-Honorary Research Fellow (Benfield Grey Hazard Centre, London).



26th February 2009

To Whom It May Concern

Financial Support for Global Commons Trust and Contraction and Convergence

Climate change is recognised almost universally now as the greatest threat facing our civilisation. As an institute whose worldwide membership is daily engaged in the design of the built environment that contributes around half of global carbon emissions, one of the RIBA's key policy positions is action to avert catastrophic climates change. The first element of this policy is endorsement of a science based, equitable and practical principle to underpin a global climate treaty. namely 'Contraction and Convergence'. At this important moment when world governments are meeting in Copenhagen to hammer out a Climate Treaty, I am writing to ask you to support the Global Commons Institute [GCI] which has developed this brilliant and simple concept over twenty years on a shoestring.

Over the last twenty years, GCI's work, under Aubrey Meyer's leadership of the Contraction and Convergence - or C&C - concept and campaign, has created a global standard that is now widely recognized as the most focused and significant contribution to the global debate on what to do avoid dangerous rates of climate change. It is a rational, flexible and transparent concept that is now the most widely cited and arguably the most widely supported proposal in the process as a whole.

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GCI's and Meyer's work is all the more remarkable as it has been carried out with very little funding. Unfortunately at this important juncture there is a real chance of the work stalling through lack of funds. So I am asking that financial support is given to the Global Commons Trust, the charity that supports the GCI.

I am one of the many people who believe that C&C must be the basis of the global deal on climate change. I have also argued that, given the scale of the need for education and for people around the world to understand the scale of the challenge, it makes sense for C&C to be formally endorsed as the basis of the global deal by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC]. I believe that we are now closer than ever to achieving that. With financial support there will be a greater likelihood of achieving an effective treaty at Copenhagen and I appeal to you to give what financial support you can to the Global Commons Trust.

Yours sincerely

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Sunand Prasad
President

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Dear Sir/Madam

AUBREY MEYER

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I have recently been presenting a lecture around the world for the Institution of Civil Engineers showing research into how the world could move to a sustainable way of living by 2050 which addresses climate change and ecological footprint reduction. In my paper and lecture I refer to policies including Contract and Convergence as critical to achieving this outcome and stress the urgency of action. The work of Stern and Garnault have shown that action is now urgent and will not damage economic performance, indeed can help us out of recession.

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Yours faithfully



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Director, Arup
Head of Global Planning

cc Dr Mayer Hillman, Chairman
Global Commons Trust

Robert Goodland - ex World Bank

From Robert Goodland
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Thursday, 26 February, 2009

Subject: Contraction and Convergence

To Whom It May Concern

I urge you and your Trust to do all in your powers to support the Global Commons Trust so that Contraction and Convergence is in a position to reduce the awful risks of climate change just as soon as humanly possible. We are in dire straits with few tools at the world's disposal to save at least some semblance of our beautiful world for our children.

The Contraction and Convergence tool devised by GCT and Aubrey Meyer is arguably THE single most powerful tool for helping to prevent truly disastrous climate change, but only if it pushed fully into place and used asap.

This is a very considered statement as i have been doing what little lays within my ambit for some years now. Im convinced that C & C is the major part of the climate change solution. I served as the UN/World Bank Group's Environmental adviser for 23 years until my 62-year retirement in 2001. Since then i have been doing what i can to prevent the worst damage from climate change.

You have seen that a major and increasing number of -- importantly Southern -- national governments support C & C. In addition, the UN Climate Convention Secretariat, Fmr. Environmental Minister Michael Meacher, Sir John Houghton, Sir Crispin Tickell and many other luminaries energetically support C & C.

You will have seen that UK's All-Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group nominated Aubrey Meyer for the Nobel Peace Prize in order to accelerate the use of C & C.

I want to make this recommendation just as strong as possible for yr purposes. Please therefore dont hesitate to contact me 24/7. Im not exaggerating when i lable this issue one of life and death

Warm personal regards
Dr Robert Goodland

Geoff Lean - Independent on Sunday

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to lend my support to the application for funding from the Global Commons Trust.

I have the greatest respect for Aubrey Meyer, whose 20 year long tireless advocacy of contraction and convergence has single-handly brought it to the forefront of international attempts to tackle climate change. He has achieved the apparantly impossible in taking his remarkable concept to the point where it is widely regarded as the key to any long term arrangement to move to a low carbon world, and where it has been adopted as policy by many governments and endorsed by many leading authorities worldwide.

This achievement is all the more remarkable because Aubrey has done all this with virtually no funding. He deserves to be resourced properly, and I hope you will consider helping him.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Lean,
Environment Editor,
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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to provide a letter of support to a funding application which I understand Aubrey Meyer is making on behalf of the Global Commons Institute to your organisation.

I write in a personal capacity but as an MP of almost 22 years standing who has had long involvement with environment issues first as a councillor in Lambeth, and more recently as the vice chair of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Select Committee. It is very clear to me that the public awareness and international engagement with the issue of climate change is not commensurate with the scale of the challenge that faces the planet in trying to urgently reduce carbon emissions.

Aubrey's work on Contraction and Convergence makes a key contribution by marrying the limit to future carbon emissions to avoid dangerous levels of climate change with the polity of equal shares in emissions subject to that limit. The theory is rooted in the science of climate change and I believe it should form the basis of a global deal on climate change.

It is vital that Aubrey is able to continue his work and it is for this reason that I am hopeful you will fund Aubrey's proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Dr Mayer Hillman Global Commons Trust

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last twenty years, Aubrey Meyer's sustained work through the Global Commons Institute [GCI] with the "Contraction and Convergence" - or C&C - concept and campaign, has created a global standard that is now widely recognized as an outstanding and essential contribution to the global debate on what to do avoid dangerous rates of climate change.

This is remarkable and reflects the integrity of the argument where C&C is mathematically rooted in the science of climate change and marries the limit to future human emissions that avoids dangerous rates of climate change to the politically compelling requirement of equal shares in the use of the atmosphere subject to that limit. It embodies the economic political reality, that adjustment to equal per capita emissions entitlements will take time. It is a rational, flexible and transparent concept that holds out the best hope of all urgent proposals that might form a basis of an environmentally and economically rational global agreement on climate change mitigation. The contraction and convergence idea was at the core of the proposals for international agreement that are part of the Garnaut Climate Change Review, commissioned by and presented to the Australian Prime Minister and all State Premiers (R. Garnaut, 2008, The Garnaut Climate Change Review, Cambridge University Press; www.garnautreview.org.au).

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Regards,

Ross Garnaut

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Several voices in the International Insurance Industry have acknowledged that C&C is a rigorously rational concept and also that it has been communicated globally with what they describe as nothing short of genius. In 2007 Aubrey was awarded the prize for achievement on environment and finance by the UNEP Finance Initiative. On February 23rd 2009, the Chartered Insurance Institute, in its third report on climate change and insurance, recommended C&C as the basis for a solution to the mitigation of climate change

All this is consistent with the wide uptake of the C&C concept globally. However, Aubrey's success is all the more remarkable as all this has been achieved with very little funding. So I am asking that financial support is given to this campaign particularly at this time as this year - 2009 - leads to a UN event in Copenhagen in December at which it is intended that the global plan to avoid dangerous rates of climate change is agreed and established for the long-term.

I am one of the many people who believe that C&C must be the basis of the global deal on climate change. I have also argued that, given the scale of the need for education and for the whole planet really to understand the scale of the challenge, the crystal clarity of C&C makes it the obvious policy to be formally endorsed as the basis of the global deal by the UNFCCC. I believe that we are now closer than ever to achieving that. With financial support for this campaign this will be achieved soon and I appeal to you to support this vigorously.

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Dlugolecki,
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04 March 2009

Financial support for Global Commons Trust and Contraction & Convergence

I am writing to support the application by GCT for financial support from your Trust.

It is now axiomatic that human-induced climate change is the gravest threat to global security and the future and survival of humanity on Earth. However, the world community has struggled to reach consensus on the framework for an international agreement that will lead to a satisfactory coordinated response. Rather, negotiations are constantly derailed by short-term concerns, vested interests, and conventional thinking.

GCT supports Aubrey Meyer who, through his work with GCI, has developed a framework for international cooperation that addresses the fundamental impediments to successful negotiation of a new climate change agreement. This approach is called Contraction & Convergence (C&C), and it remains a singular beacon of sanity in the madness of climate change treaty negotiations and is humanity's best hope for a global deal that is the real deal – one that will solve the problem.

The sustained effort of GCI over 20 years is a testimony to Aubrey's integrity, commitment, and resolve. The logic and calculus of C&C is inescapable once an objective analysis is undertaken. For years, it was foolishly dismissed as impractical! Somewhat ironically, those who now view the problem with a clear head are increasingly accepting that C&C presents the only politically acceptable solution to the foundational question of how the permissible emissions can be distributed amongst the people of Earth.

As with all great ideas, C&C is deceptively simple, addresses the root causes of the problem, and is recognized as a grave threat to those vested interests who fear the climate change problem's successful resolution because of the fundamental changes it will wrought on our economic status quo.

This is the crucial year for climate change as it culminates in the Copenhagen conference and hopefully the generation of a new agreement for the next commitment period. It is absolutely critical that C&C's message is heard loud and clear throughout the year in the lead up to Copenhagen, as well as during the conference. Also, it is likely that Copenhagen will not deliver the definitive answer the global situation demands and that key issues will continue to be negotiated in the coming years – therefore requiring continuation of the C&C campaign.

I encourage and urge the Trust to invest in GCI during the coming year and beyond. I am convinced that GCI's time will come, and that Aubrey Meyer's contribution will prove to be of historic significance.

Yours sincerely,



To Whom It May Concern

**Support for the funding application of
Aubrey Meyer and the GCT**

I write to support enthusiastically, Aubrey Meyer's application for funding to underpin the activities of the Global Commons Trust. In the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this coming December, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in human history. If we are to have any chance of avoiding climate catastrophe, it is imperative that a greenhouse gas emissions reduction mechanism is presented to the conference that is both equitable and realistic, and which can bring the required level of emissions cuts over the timeframe that climate science demands.

That mechanism is Contraction & Convergence [C&C] the extraordinarily innovative brainchild of Aubrey Meyer, which has been taken forward in recent years through the Global Commons Institute with the support of the Global Commons Trust.

C & C already has many supporters in government and industry circles around the world. In the months left before Copenhagen, however, it is imperative that the mechanism is promulgated as widely as possible as the only option available to bring the climate change beast to heel. To help accomplish this, I urge you as strongly as I possibly can to support Aubrey and the GCT – for all our sakes and those of our children and grand children.

Yours sincerely

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From: Sir Crispin Tickell's Office <ct@crispintickell.net>

Subject: Aubrey Meyer: Contraction and Convergence, the Global Commons Trust

Friday, 27 February, 2009

To Whom It May Concern

I write to commend a candidate for financial support from your Foundation. Aubrey Meyer is appealing for support for the Global Commons Trust (GCT) which for many years has sustained work on Contraction and Convergence.

Contraction and Convergence is more than a slogan, and over the years has set a global standard that is now widely recognized as a significant contribution to the many issues, including equity, underlying the global debate on mitigating and adapting to climate change. I won't go over the practical details which you know already, but I am sure that you, like me, must be impressed by the degree of support that Contraction and Convergence has received, most recently by Lord Turner, of the Climate Change Committee who told the House of Commons Select Committee for Environmental Audit, that Contraction and Convergence lay at the basis of the work of the Committee.

Aubrey Meyer has received many honours for his work. Last year members of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change, nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. Contraction and Convergence has also entered the literature and is used by many, without always recognition of its author, as the basis for the work leading up to the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change next December. As a member of the Copenhagen Climate Council preparing for this event, I am well aware of what Aubrey Meyer has achieved.

His success is remarkable as it has been done with very little funding. With the Copenhagen Conference now ahead of us it is all the more important that everyone, from the global community to national governments, local communities and individuals, should understand what is at stake and work for a successful and practical outcome. That is why the Global Commons Trust and through it the Global Commons Institute needs your support. I very much hope that you can and will help.

With all good wishes
Crispin Tickell

Sue Lee

Secretary to Sir Crispin Tickell, Director

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CC Dr Mayer Hillman

Chairman

Global commons Trust

Tim Smit - EDEN

March 2nd, 2009

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as both an admirer of the work of the Trust and of Aubrey Meyer and his work in developing the concept of Contraction and Convergence. The detail of the work of the Global Commons Trust and the scientific basis are well documented elsewhere. The reason for my letter is that we work with around 30,000 schoolchildren a year at Eden out of a total audience of around 1.1m a year. The current generation of schoolchildren is massively concerned about climate change and they feel impotent in the face of it. What comes out time and time again is the realisation that the lifestyle commentary about changing light-bulbs, insulating houses and driving less feel woefully inadequate to them. They know the issue is more serious than any of these suggested measures could possibly address.

When Governments acknowledge we have forty years or less to radically reduce our carbon emissions the case is won, but the solution seems to remain in thrall to the same politics that have anchored us in stasis for so many years.

Every group of children I speak to about C&C understands its simplicity and potential instinctively. Its basis in equity is hugely important.

So...please allow me to express to you my belief that what is being suggested here may in years to come be seen as marking a moment as important as the dawning of the Renaissance. I know we live in a world of hyperbole, but in this case I believe it to be true. The lives of countless people could be improved and indeed secured were this work to get the support it needs.

May I ask you to look upon this application kindly?

Yours sincerely,

Tim Smit

Chief Executive

The EDEN Project

Frank Jotzo - Australia National University

"Over the last twenty years, Aubrey Meyer's sustained work through the Global Commons Institute [GCI] with the "Contraction and Convergence" - or C&C - concept and campaign, has created a global standard that is now widely recognized as an outstanding and essential contribution to the global debate on what to do to avoid dangerous rates of climate change.

The C&C concept embodies the economic political reality, that adjustment to equal per capita emissions entitlements will take time. It is a rational, flexible and transparent concept that holds out hope to form a basis of an environmentally and economically rational global agreement on climate change mitigation. The contraction and convergence idea was at the core of the proposals for international agreement that are part of Australia's Garnaut Climate Change Review (R. Garnaut, 2008, The Garnaut Climate Change Review, Cambridge University Press; www.garnautreview.org.au). I worked as economic advisor on the relevant parts of the Review.

Aubrey's success has been achieved with very little funding. So I am asking that financial support is given to this campaign particularly at this time as this year - 2009 - leads to a UN event in Copenhagen in December at which it is intended that the global plan to avoid dangerous rates of climate change is agreed and established for the long-term."

Dr Frank Jotzo

The Australian National University

Research Fellow, College of Asia and the Pacific

Deputy Director, ANU Climate Change Institute

Theme leader climate change, Environmental Economics Research Hub

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT AUBREY MEYER AND C&C:

2002 Michael Meacher, the UK Environment Minister

"If ever there was an initiative that deserved recognition & support, it is the brilliant and relentless campaign waged by this fiercely independent, creative and apparently tireless individual."

2003 The UN Climate Convention Secretariat

"Achieving the goal of the treaty, inevitably requires contraction and convergence".

2003 The Archbishop of Canterbury

"C&C appears utopian only if we refuse to contemplate the alternatives honestly."

2003 Sir John Houghton, Royal Commission Environmental Pollution

"Since the formulation of 'Contraction and Convergence', Aubrey Meyer has tirelessly and selflessly argued for and promoted it with great energy and tenacity in scientific, economic and political fora. Admiration is frequently expressed regarding its elegance and simple logic and it has been widely accepted by policy makers and by NGOs as a basis that should underlie the next stage of policy formulation. There is no other proposal in play that meets so many of the required principles and criteria or that has any real chance of succeeding. It is bound to be strongly influential in the crucial round of international negotiations in the FCCC that is about to begin. The personal dedication of Aubrey Meyer, born of a deep concern for global humanity and its future, is what has brought the Contraction and Convergence proposal to the influential position it holds today."

2007 Sir Crispin Tickell Pres. Green College Oxford & UN Ambassador

"Aubrey Meyer has done an amazing job and shown extraordinary persistence and ingenuity in working out a scheme of this kind. I very much admire him for it. Above all he's laid out an intellectual and legal framework which is needed if you're going to set global arrangements in place."

2005 Independent on Sunday, a UK broadsheet

"Meyer is one of the three most important people in the world."

2005 The New Statesman, a UK Journal

"Meyer is one of the 10 people in the world most likely to change it." (Obama another)

2007 Dr. Julian Salt Director of Climate Solutions

"Aubrey Meyer is the most courageous and brilliant climate researcher I have ever met. He is willing to say what other's merely think. He is quite fearless of any audience and the most eloquent of speaker's because he knows that ultimately the concept of Contraction and Convergence [C&C] is indestructible and will in the fullness of time be adopted in some form by the UNFCCC. He has developed his arguments over twenty years with a minimum of funding and has refused to compromise his position in any way for financial gain or glory. He is tireless in his research and quest to understand every nuance of the climate debate. It has been an honour for me to have known and worked with such a brilliant mind and such an honest person as Aubrey.

He has much support from very well placed and respectable people and deserves global recognition for his work. He is quite simply a modern-day genius who will one day be respected for his vision and beliefs. He should be considered for the Nobel Peace prize as his efforts ultimately will save the planet from the ravages of man-induced climate change."

2008 UNITAR Seminar

"Meyer is arguably the world's leading carbon strategist" and "the Mandela of Climate Change" for demonstrating the end of global apartheid.

2008 The Guardian, a UK broadsheet

"Meyer is one of fifty heroes of the planet."

AWARDS

Andrew Lees Memorial Award - 1998

"Aubrey Meyer, almost single-handedly and with minimal resources, has made an extraordinary impact on the negotiations on the Climate Change Treaty, one of the most important of our time, through his campaign for a goal of equal per capita emissions, which is now official negotiating position of many governments, and is gaining acceptance in developed and developing countries alike."

The Schumacher Award - 2000

"Aubrey Meyer set up his Global Commons Institute (GCI) in 1990, with minimal resources, to campaign to bring the threat of global warming to the attention of the public and to policy makers. For over ten years, with great determination and meticulous attention to scientific detail, he has presented his case counteracting the arguments put forward by corporate interests. Of special significance is his formulation of 'contraction and convergence', a strategy for fairly sharing the rights to emit carbon dioxide worldwide. This is increasingly recognised as the most logical and effective way of preventing climatic catastrophe while promoting justice and equity. It has made an extraordinary impact on the Climate Change Treaty negotiations."

A Findhorn Fellowship - 2004

"Aubrey Meyer is a professional violinist who largely bracketed his career to address the global challenge of climate change. He attended the first UN meetings on climate in the early 90's and he has since fully engaged with the issue and developed the C&C model as an antidote to it. He created and directs GCI as a vehicle to advance C&C to virtually all who will listen and presented it at the Restore the Earth conference in 2002. Its genius lies in its capacity prospectively to reduce greenhouse emissions by the amount the UN IPCC say is required to minimise the likely devastating effects of global warming. His views are increasingly endorsed by prominent members of the British establishment. I hope you join me in welcoming Aubrey to the Fellowship and in supporting his remarkable, indeed heroic, initiative. Aubrey Meyer is arguably the world's foremost carbon strategist and to global warming what Michael Moore is to the US electoral saga - a delightful maverick who just might 'save the day'."

City of London Life-Time's Achievement Award - 2005

"From the worlds of business, academia, politics and activism, Aubrey Meyer has made the greatest contribution to the understanding and combating of climate change having led strategic debate or policy formation. In recognition of an outstanding personal contribution to combating climate change at an international level through his efforts to enhance the understanding and adoption of the principle of Contraction and Convergence."

Honorary Fellow of Royal Institute of British Architects - 2007

"For his challenging and inspirational promotion of environmental issues, in particular his development of the concept of Contraction and Convergence. Architects adopted C&C at RIBA Council in 2006 and asked Aubrey to present C&C at their annual conference in October. There, RIBA's Chairman declared climate change as the dominant agenda for the 21st Century, called for C&C targets and committed RIBA to campaigning for C&C. He was an inspirational speaker at the RIBA's 2006 Annual Conference in Venice and reported the event as follows: "Meyer, formerly a professional musician, started with a virtuoso performance that was simultaneously moving, terrifying and informative. He played the violin theme to Schindler's List to images of the environmental holocaust he went on to argue that we face."

Eurosolar Award - 2006

"For inspiring renewable energy projects, in the 'Media' category, the Eurosolar Award 2006 goes to Aubrey Meyer for Contraction and Convergence communications."

The UNEP FI Global Roundtable Financial Leadership Award - 2007

"UNEP FI for the first time recognized executives within the financial services who have contributed in a significant manner to the development of financial ideas, innovative products, institutional change and or the carbon markets themselves through the UNEP FI Carbon Leadership Award. Four executive awards were given for each category of financial services: Banking, Insurance/ Reinsurance, Asset Management/Private Banking and Pension Funds. In addition, an award was given for a representative from civil society who had worked towards the same end. Award winners were selected from a large number of entries by a small group of UNEP FI's long term climate change advisors. The civil society category award for the most impressive commitment and innovative thinking around climate change and the financial sector with the UNEP FI Carbon Leadership Award went to Aubrey Meyer of the Global Commons Institute."