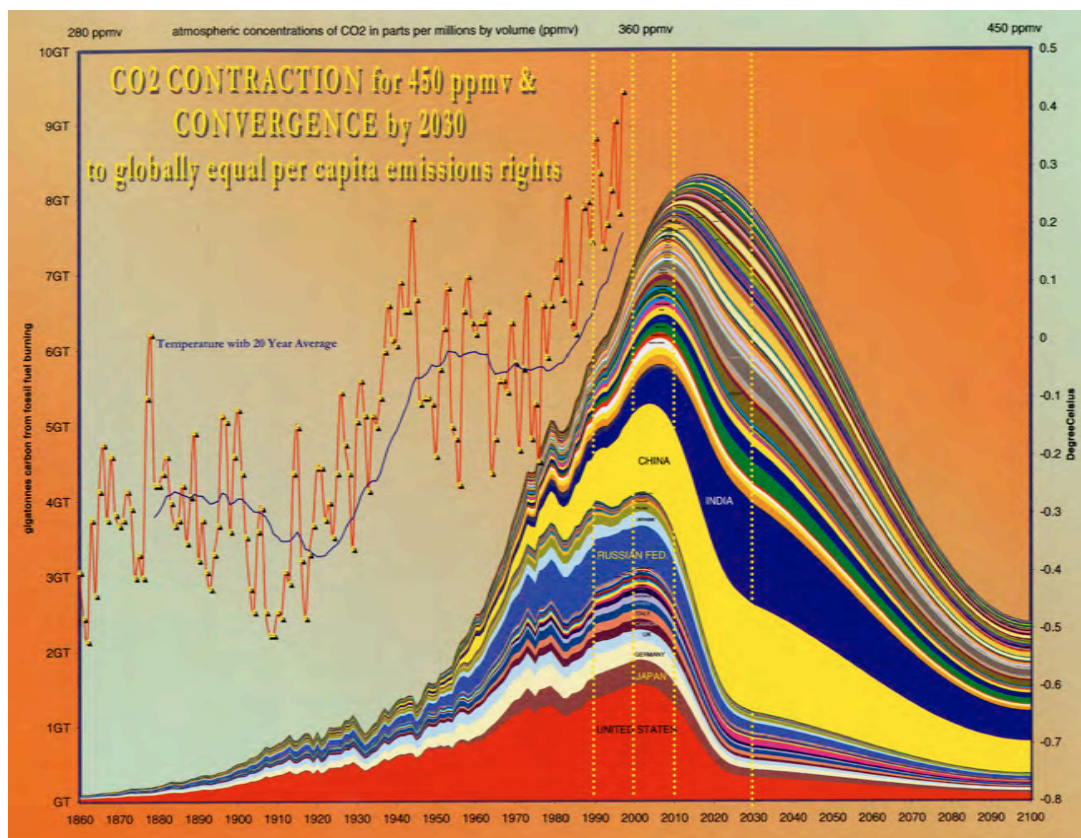


Contraction & Convergence [C&C]

The Twentieth Year of GCI/GCT & Realizing the Objective of the UN Climate Treaty 1989 - 2009

Appeal for Financial Support
for activities and developments
in the promotion of 'C&C'
in the UK and globally



**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Blundell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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.

Yours sincerely,
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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.

Dr. Julian. E. Salt PhD, DIC, MSc, BSc (Hons)

- ex-advisor to UNEP-FI (Climate Change Group)
- ex-Loss Prevention Council (Natural Perils Advisor)
- ex-BRE Consultant (Climate Change Impact).
- 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.

Meyer 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 and 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.



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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 and over the years Aubrey has received many honours for this work. 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sunand Prasad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large 'S' and 'P'.

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 Garnaut have shown that action is now urgent and will not damage economic performance, indeed can help us out of recession.

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 the most focused and significant 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 polity of equal shares in the use of the atmosphere subject to that limit. 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.

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 and 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.

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Yours faithfully



PETER HEAD OBE FREng FRSA
Director, Arup
Head of Global Planning

cc Dr Mayer Hillman, Chairman
Global Commons Trust

Robert Goodland - ex World Bank

From Robert Goodland
RbtGoodland@aol.com;
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 gvernments support C & C. In addition, the UN Climate Convention Secretariat, Fmr. Environmental Minister Michael Meacher, Sir John Houghton, Sir Crispin Tickell and many other luminries 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,
Independent on Sunday.



Joan Walley

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26th February 2009

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

Joan Walley MP
Stoke-on-Trent North

Cc Dr Mayer Hillman Global Commons Trust

CC: Dr AUBREY MAYER

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3rd March 2009

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).

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.

Regards,

Ross Garnaut

"Early Bank"
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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 the most focused and significant 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 polity of equal shares in the use of the atmosphere subject to that limit. 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.

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 and 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.

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,
Nobel Prize-sharing lead author of the IPCC
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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."

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C&C SUPPORT

	<p>"Long before the end of the UNFCCC negotiation, GCI presented a proposal on Contraction & Convergence. We all in this room know the model. Level of contraction and timing of convergence should be negotiated on the basis of the precautionary principle. Suggestions for emission reductions are well known and convergence should be achieved at medium term to satisfy legitimacy."</p> <p>RAUL ESTRADA – CHAIRMAN KYOTO PROTOCOL NEGOTIATIONS</p>
	<p>"Achieving the goal of the climate treaty [stabilize GHG concentrations] inevitably requires Contraction & Convergence."</p> <p>JOKE WALLER HUNTER - UNFCCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</p>
	<p>"Success in the Climate Change negotiations requires a deal between the 'Quad', the USA, China, India and the EU. This is possible around the principle of "Contraction & Convergence". The US insistence on India and China accepting targets was not always merely a negotiating tactic. The idea of per capita equity in the Contraction & Convergence analysis of the Global Commons Institute was seriously discussed in all four capitals in the mid-nineties and the Byrd-Hagel Resolution of the US Senate before Kyoto and the 94 – 0 vote was a statement that such a deal with India and China meant progress."</p> <p>TOM SPENCER - FORMER PRESIDENT GLOBE INTERNATIONAL</p>
	<p>"Equity guides the route to global ecological recovery. Tradable Emissions Quotas will make matters worse unless set as targets and timetables for equitable emissions reductions overall. This means convergence at sustainable parity values for consumption on a per capita basis globally."</p> <p>INDIAN GOVERNMENT - COP 1 1995</p>
	<p>"When we ask the opinions of people from all circles, many people, in particular the scientists, think the emissions control standard should be formulated on a per capita basis. According to the UN Charter, everybody is born equal, and has inalienable rights to enjoy modern technological civilization."</p> <p>CHINA STATE COUNSELLOR DR SONG JIAN - COP 3 1997</p>
	<p>"We support India and propose Contraction & Convergence of global emissions. You cannot talk about trading if there are not entitlements; Contraction & Convergence comes into play when we talk about issues of equity"</p> <p>THE AFRICA GROUP KYOTO - COP 3 1997</p>
	<p>"It does seem to us that the proposals by India and others who speak to Contraction & Convergence are elements for the future, elements perhaps for a next agreement we may ultimately all seek to engage in."</p> <p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - COP 3 1997</p>
	<p>"A set of common principles must be based on a worldwide binding limit on global emissions consistent with a maximum atmospheric concentration [contraction] with progressive convergence towards an equitable distribution of emissions rights on a per capita basis by an agreed date with across-the-board reductions in emissions rights thereafter."</p> <p>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION 1998</p>
	<p>Per capita CO2 emissions meet in the middle. "In the final analysis the per capita emissions in emerging economies will meet those of industrialised countries. I cannot imagine the emerging economies will one day be permitted to emit more CO2 per capita than we in the industrialised countries. With this proposal, emerging nations with rapidly expanding economies could be on board the global climate negotiations scheduled for 2009."</p> <p>ANGELA MERKEL - PRESIDENT OF GERMANY 2008</p>
	<p>"The international climate regime should be based on legitimate principles of equity, such as long-term convergence of emission levels per capita in the various countries."</p> <p>NICHOLAS SARKOZY - PRESIDENT OF FRANCE 2008</p>
	<p>Attempts to deny C&C's pure logic - ecological, political, social and human - are ultimately futile. Nature won't be fooled. Acceptance of C&C brings not imprisonment, but new unfound freedom; 'Justice without Retribution,' as Nelson Mandela once demanded.</p> <p>DAVE HAMPTON - CARBON COACH</p>

<p>"Sweden strives for global emissions converging to equal per capita for all. KJELL LARSSON - ENVIRONMENT MINISTER 2000</p>	
<p>"Emissions should converge towards equal emissions per inhabitant." 3RD NATIONAL CLIMATE COMMUNICATION 2001</p>	
<p>"Contraction & Convergence secures a regime where all nations join efforts to protect our global commons without the risk that any country is deprived of its fair share of the common environmental emission space." SVEND AUKEN - DANISH ENVIRONMENT MINISTER 1999</p>	
<p>"We are conscious that in the end, we will have inevitably to evolve towards a more equitable partition between the North and the South of the capacity of our common atmosphere to support greenhouse gases by a gradual convergence of levels of emissions on a per capita basis." OLIVIER DELOUZE - BELGIAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER 2000</p>	
<p>"If we agree to per capita allowances for all by 2030 [so that global emissions stay below 450 ppm 2o global temperature rise] then assigned amounts for Annex One countries would be drastically reduced. However, because all countries would have assigned amounts, maximum use of global emissions trading would strongly reduce the cost of compliance. In such a scenario Industrial Countries would have to do more, but it would be cheaper and easier." JAN PRONK COP6 2000 - DUTCH ENVIRONMENT MINISTER</p>	
<p>"We do not believe that the ethos of democracy can support any norm other than equal per capita rights to global environmental resources." PRIME MINISTER INDIA - COP 8 2002</p>	
<p>"To forestall further damage deeper cuts in greenhouse gas emissions than as presently contained in the Kyoto Protocol are urgently required and these must be organised as universal equal entitlements as engraved in the principles of the Contraction & Convergence Framework." KENYA GOVERNMENT - COP 11 2005</p>	
<p>"Conference recognises the urgent need for action to mitigate climate change given the potentially disastrous consequences for the planet. We pledge to achieve a low carbon emitting society and commit the SNP to supporting the adoption of the internationally-recognised principle of "Contraction & Convergence"" ALEX SALMOND - LEADER SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY</p>	
<p>Liberal Democrats argue for the principle of contraction and convergence with the long-term goal of equalising per capita emissions globally. CHRIS HUHNE - LIBERAL DEMOCRATS</p>	
<p>"I urge the UK Government to provide leadership on climate change by committing itself to Contraction & Convergence as the framework within which future international agreements to tackle climate change are negotiated. I confirm that the party also supports this pledge." SIMON THOMAS - POLICY DIRECTOR PLAID CYMRU</p>	
<p>"The Kyoto Protocol says nothing about the future beyond 2012. To address that timescale the Green Party advocates the adoption by the UNFCCC of a framework of Contraction & Convergence (C&C) as the key ingredient in the global political solution to the problem of Climate Change mitigation, and urges the UK and other governments use it as the basis for negotiations in the international fora." GREEN PARTY REAL PROGRESS - CLIMATE POLICY STATEMENT</p>	



"To make provision for the adoption of a policy of combating climate change in accordance with the principles of . . .
"Contraction & Convergence" and for connected purposes."
COLIN CHALLENGER - CHAIR ALL-PARTY GROUP CLIMATE CHANGE



Any framework which involves radical emission reductions would in practice resemble the Contraction & Convergence approach advocated by the Global Commons Institute. Indeed, in terms of domestic policy aims, the UK Government has already implicitly accepted this approach in adopting the 60% carbon reduction target for 2050; and it is therefore inconsistent not to adopt such an approach internationally. We do not see any credible alternative and none was suggested in evidence to our inquiry. We therefore recommend that the UK Government should formally adopt and promote Contraction & Convergence as the basis for future international agreements to reduce emissions.
ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT COMMITTEE HOUSE OF COMMONS



"The Government should press for a future global climate agreement based on the Global Commons Institute's "Contraction & Convergence" approach as the international framework within which future international agreements to tackle climate change are negotiated. These offer the best long-term prospect of securing equity, economy and international consensus."
ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION



"Contraction & Convergence helps greatly. It is inclusive and makes clear what needs to be achieved. Without such a shared model, there will not be the necessary relationships that create the new and exciting possibilities and the trust for shared action."
CHRIS MOTTERSHEAD - DISTINGUISHED ADVISOR ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT BRITISH PETROLEUM PLC



"Almost any conceivable long-term solution to the climate problem will embody a high degree of contraction and convergence. Atmospheric concentrations of GHGs cannot stabilize unless total emissions contract; and emissions cannot contract unless per capita emissions converge."
JOHN ASHTON - UK CLIMATE AMBASSADOR PEW REPORT



"The solution to climate change requires a globally equitable model of emissions reductions. The Contraction & Convergence model calls for already large polluting countries to cut their emissions, while newly industrialising countries increase theirs, up to the point that we converge at a sustainable level. That, I hope, will be the ethos that will guide cities around the world."
KEN LIVINGSTONE - MAYOR OF LONDON



"I admire GCI's Contraction & Convergence model and their now nearly twenty year crusade by to get it established as the international basis of policy to meet the objective of the UN Climate Treaty. Their presentation of it is a dauntingly hard act to follow."
NICK BUTLER - DIRECTOR CAMBRIDGE ENERGY STUDIES



"I support the concept of Contraction & Convergence as does the Environment Agency"
SIR JOHN HARMAN - CHAIRMAN UK ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



" . . . there is an emerging proposal here that is important and helpful - a broad long-term commitment to equal per capita emissions. It's a tough proposal. If we take it as part of the progressive agenda to move to that it will be helpful in bringing the world together as it brings the developing countries as part of this effort with an ethical and political commitment, not immediate, but towards convergence in terms of per capita emissions."
KEMAL DERVIS - CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR UNDP

"Business and government cannot solve the problem alone. Solutions must be global and participation of all major emitters is essential. Companies cannot determine the scale of needed investment without a stabilization threshold for greenhouse gas concentrations. The short-term "patchwork" of the Kyoto Protocol is not cost-effective. A global long term, market-based policy framework in a new partnership with China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico is needed. Emissions rights with common metrics that can be adjusted over time to reflect evolving developments will ensure that a truly global solution to the problem is achieved."

G8 CLIMATE CHANGE 2005 BUSINESS LEADERS



"A formulation that takes the rights-based approach to its logical conclusion is that of Contraction & Convergence" [GCI]
IPCC WG3 THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT



"The global framework develops so that CO2 concentration in the atmosphere is held at or below 400 ppmv. This long-term climate objective is met by ensuring that short-term targets are linked to and consistent with it, with a gradual transition towards a system of equal per capita rights to use the absorptive capacity of the atmosphere."

STEPHEN BYERS - MP INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE TASK FORCE



"The Byers report refers to a new basis of equity and common, but differentiated, responsibilities. We need environmental equity with a cap and trade programme. Contraction & Convergence is the name that we must give to it. We must link that battle with the battle against poverty."

UK ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CLIMATE CHANGE



"Policy-makers need consensus on a global framework for climate stability based on principles of precaution and equity such as Contraction & Convergence."

UNEP FINANCIAL INITIATIVE



There is no other method of rationally and ethically guiding global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions:"

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS 2006



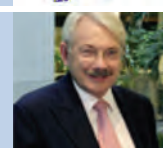
"The UIA commits itself to campaigning for the most effective outcome possible at COP15 through advocacy of an emission limitation agreement based on the principle of contraction and convergence."

INTERNATIONAL UNION ARCHITECTS TURIN CONFERENCE 2008



There is a desperate need to create an effective policy for preserving healthy ecosystems by providing incentives and the resources to do so. The Contraction & Convergence approach promoted by UN is a well thought through and potentially powerful approach which also addresses fair distribution.

PETER HEAD - DIRECTOR ARUP



"The per capita approach is generally referred to as 'contraction and convergence' (Global Commons Institute 2000) and has figured in the international debate for some time. It has been promoted by India and has been discussed favourably in Germany and the United Kingdom (German Advisory Council on Global Change 2003; UK Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution 2000). Recent reports have shown increasing support for this approach internationally: see, for example, Stern (2008) and the Commission on Growth and Development (2008).

ROSS GARNAUT - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST



"An international agreement is essential. It must be based on the criteria of effectiveness, efficiency and equity. Effectiveness demands a long-term global goal capping global emissions and providing a long-term trajectory for investment in low carbon technologies. This should be at least a halving of global emissions by 2050. A pragmatic principle of equity would require an equalisation of per capita emissions by then. This will require developed countries to cut by around 80%."

NICHOLAS STERN - UK GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST





"Contraction & Convergence - The logic is compelling. It is a formula for future global emissions that could, without exaggeration, save the world. Some environment groups such as Greenpeace see the formula as a dead-end. They are profoundly wrong."
Vote for New Statesman best climate framework
Results January 2008 . . .

2% are saying Kyoto Protocol
81% are saying Contraction & Convergence
12% are saying Kyoto2
5% are saying Greenhouse Development Rights



"A framework involving technology together with social, political and economic change with quantifiable targets is the only way forward. This is why we support the well-known concept of "Contraction & Convergence" (C&C) as proposed by the Global Commons Institute as the basis for the agreement. It satisfies developing countries' demands for equity and US demands that major developing countries such as China and India be involved in any targets."
SCIENTISTS FOR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY



"The WBGU recommends emissions rights be allocated according to the "Contraction & Convergence" approach."
GERMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL



"I note what you say about Aubrey Meyer's Contraction & Convergence proposal and I agree that in the fight against climate change C&C makes an important contribution to the debate on how we achieve long-term climate stability taking account of the principles of equity and sustainability."
TONY BLAIR - UK PRIME MINISTER



"The Churches can give their backing to Contraction & Convergence publicly and unanimously because at its core, it is just. It appears Utopian only if we refuse to contemplate the alternatives honestly."
DR ROWAN WILLIAMS - ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY



"Climate change is likely to impose massive economic costs. The case for being prepared to spend huge resources to limit it is clear as the cost will be repaid many times over by the avoidance of disaster. The developed world does not have the moral right to increase the risk of flooding in Bangladesh. Long term the only sound strategy is that of contraction and convergence cutting greenhouse emissions to the point where they are shared equally, worldwide, on a per capita basis."
LORD ADAIR TURNER - CHAIRMAN OF CLIMATE COMMITTEE



"We believe contraction and convergence is the best way forward because it recognises that growth in energy use in developing countries will happen. Even if we could achieve a reverse in trends of energy use in developed countries, there is not yet anywhere enough alternative and renewable energy available to get us off of fossil fuels fast enough. For the developing world the situation is even more urgent because that is where most energy intensive industrial and manufacturing activity is heading."
TIM SMIT - CEO THE EDEN PROJECT



"An approach receiving significant attention is Contraction & Convergence, the science-based global climate-policy framework proposed by the Global Commons Institute with the objective of realizing safe and stable greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. It applies principles of precaution and equity, principles identified as important in the UNFCCC but not defined, to provide the formal calculating basis of the C&C framework."
BOB WATSON - FORMER CHAIRMAN IPCC

"Contraction & Convergence - and its mechanism for financing sustainable development is the only proposal so far which is global, equitable and growth-oriented."
CONGRESSMAN JOHN PORTER CHAIR, GLOBE USA



"The idea of 'Contraction & Convergence' is destined to be one of the most important principles governing international relations in the 21st century. It is a powerful ethic that incorporates global justice and sustainability and thereby bridges the dominant concerns of the last century and this one. It is the only way to accommodate the interests, ethical and economic, of developing countries and rich countries in the struggle to find a solution to the most important environmental problem facing the world."

DR CLIVE HAMILTON - THE AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE



"The approach of contraction and convergence presents a new economic development paradigm for the twenty first century and beyond."
MRS. RUGANO KARIMANZIRA - CHAIR, AFRICA GROUP

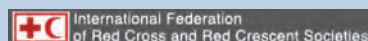


"The most realistic way to bring about the required reduction in ghg emissions which will have the combined effect of reducing the damage imposed on the insurance industry and encouraging the transition to renewable energy) is that proposed in the concept of Contraction & Convergence."

UK CHARTERED INSURANCE INSTITUTE



"Any political solution to climate change will need to be based on reductions in emissions, otherwise known as contraction. As the climate is owned by no one and needed by everyone, we will also have to move towards equally sharing the atmosphere, known as convergence. Collective survival depends on addressing both."
WORLD DISASTERS REPORT 2000 INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS/CRESCENT



"The vision of "Contraction & Convergence" combines ecology and equity most elegantly."
HEINRICH BOELL FOUNDATION

"The assiduous campaigning over the last decade by the Global Commons Institute - based on its idea of 'contract and converge' - under which the rich nations undertake to reduce emissions even as developing nations are permitted to grow their emissions until such time as per capita emissions converge at the same level, has given this kind of approach some real credibility. So, too, has the readiness of developing countries such as China, Brazil, Indonesia and Argentina to accept emissions targets for their own counties - not least because they are already beginning to feel the impacts of climate change. The real strength of this approach is that it is based upon a trading system, with rich nations needing to purchase additional carbon credits from poorer nations."

JONATHON PORRITT - FORUM FOR THE FUTURE



"There are a number of measures (of varying scale) that can be used to reduce the amount of CO2 that is being emitted, these include: - Contraction & Convergence conceived by the Global Commons Institute (GCI) in the early 1990s consists of reducing overall emissions of GHGs to a safe level, 'Contraction', where the global emissions are reduced because every country brings emissions per capita to a level which is equal for all countries, 'Convergence'."

BMA 2008 - "HOW CAN THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE BE REDUCED?"



"CHC advocates a global framework for action with 'contraction and convergence' a favoured option, and seek the means to influence key decision makers."
CLIMATE AND HEALTH COUNCIL





"Admiration is frequently expressed, regarding the elegance and simple logic of Contraction & Convergence and it has been widely supported by policy makers as a basis that should underlie the next stage of policy formulation."
SIR JOHN HOUGHTON - FORMER CHAIR IPCC WORKING GROUP ONE



"Many governments around the world have accepted the concept of Contraction & Convergence as the only equitable response mechanism to the threat of climate change."
GRACE AKUMU - DIRECTOR, CLIMATE NETWORK AFRICA



In the end, they will need to give much weight to equal per capita rights of emissions. They will need to allow long periods for adjustment towards such positions-within the over-riding requirement to stay within an environmentally responsible global emissions budget. One possible way of bringing these two elements together would be the "contraction and convergence" approach that has been discussed favourably in Germany and India.
ROSS GARNAUT - CLIMATE STRATEGIST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT



"I not only support the C&C concept, I find it inconceivable that we will avert climate catastrophe without a regime built on some variation of this approach. In the debate about climate change, an impression has been created that the problem is too daunting and complex to prevent. Contraction & Convergence provides a way forward that is both fair and feasible."
JOHN RITCH - WORLD NUCLEAR ASSOCIATION



"It is absolutely remarkable that the idea of Contraction & Convergence has taken such a firm hold worldwide in such a short space of time."
TESSATENNANT-CHAIRASSOCIATIONFORSUSTAINABLE&RESPONSIBLEINVESTMENTINASIA



"Contraction & Convergence is an extremely powerful idea and we are moving remorselessly towards it."
MICHAEL MEACHER - FORMER UK ENVIRONMENT MINISTER



THE WORLD BANK

"... an approach receiving significant attention is Contraction & Convergence [C&C] - a science-based global framework whereby total global emissions are reduced (contraction) to meet a specific agreed target, and the per capita emissions of industrialized and the developing countries converge over a suitably long time period, with the rate and magnitude of contraction and convergence being determined through the UNFCCC negotiating process. It applies principles of precaution and equity; principles identified as important in the UNFCCC but not defined."
WORLD BANK ON CONTRACTION & CONVERGENCE



"A brilliant, imaginative and simple means of reaching a just global agreement on emission reductions is called Contraction & Convergence (C&C). It was first proposed by the Global Commons Institute (GCI) in 1990. Recognition of its unique qualities as a framework for combating climate change has grown at an astonishing rate since that date."
MAYER HILLMAN - AUTHOR OF HOW WE CAN SAVE THE PLANET



"In the light of the long-term perspective two basic requirements must be met: Stabilisation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at a level in accordance with the overall objective of the Climate Change Convention. A fair distribution of rights and obligations, by establishing the concept of percapita emission rights for all countries, as proposed in the 'Contraction & Convergence' scheme."
DAVID HALLMAN - WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

"The Scientific Case for Setting a Long-Term Emission Reduction Target. The framework of this study builds on the RCEP work which uses a contraction and convergence methodology. Contraction & Convergence is an international policy framework for dealing with global climate change developed by the London-based Global Commons Institute."

DEFRA ON C&C



UK building industry leaders wrote to Mr Blair saying this framework-based market is contraction and convergence. "We highlight the point made by the Corporate Leaders Group on Climate Change that getting the right global climate change framework in place is the most urgent action. The Contraction & Convergence Framework, accepted by the UN and by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (amongst others) could well provide a fair structure for the engagement of all nations."

CIBSE AND ICE ON C&C



"The leading model advocating equal per capita emissions rights globally is 'Contraction & Convergence', to which all equity frameworks and proposals owe their existence."

CHRISTIAN AID



Tearfund wrote to Mr Blair saying this framework-based market is contraction and convergence. "The C&C framework is global, long-term, effective, and, importantly, equitable, without which it would stand no chance of being agreed. From the outset developing countries have a guarantee of equitable allocations and assurance as to when this would happen."

TEARFUND ON C&C



Contraction & Convergence (C&C) provides a simple framework for globally allocating the right to emit carbon in a way that is consistent with the physical constraints of the biosphere. The approach rests on two simple principles contraction: reducing humanity's emissions to a rate that the biosphere can absorb convergence: distributing total emissions so that each person ultimately gets the same portion of the 'global budget'. The extension of C&C to all demands on the biosphere is referred to as Shrink & Share.

JONATHON LOH GFN - WWF ON C&C



"To minimise the danger of global temperature rises exceeding 2°C, a level considered dangerous, a concentration of no more than 400ppm of CO₂ in the atmosphere is recommended [Byers Report] . . . and the EU's burden of responsibility to meet this science-based cap should be apportioned on the basis of equal global rights to carbon consumption."

GREENPEACE ON BYERS REPORT



"A recommendation in the Byers report is to build on the global climate change framework of both the UN Framework convention on climate change. It refers to a new basis of equity and common, but differentiated, responsibilities. We need environmental equity with a cap and trade programme. Contraction & Convergence is the name that we must give to it. We must link that battle with the battle against poverty."

COLIN CHALLEN MP - BYERS REPORT IS C&C



"Thanks very much for passing on the very nice animation of C&C and risk. One of the things we will be looking at in my newly formed group here at Victoria University in Wellington is burden sharing issues, so the new work on C&C in the UK is of interest to me."

MARTIN MANNING - IPCC TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNIT WG1



The idea of contraction and convergence is particularly persuasive as it addresses two key threats to humanity, climate change and unequal development, in one framework.

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"The commission might have added that contraction and convergence is comprehensive, scientifically based and equitable, unlike the Kyoto Protocol, and that contraction and convergence meets every single objection raised by the United States to Kyoto."

LORD BISHOP OF HEREFORD



Aubrey Meyer has done an amazing job and has shown extraordinary persistence and ingenuity in working out a scheme of this kind, and I very much admire him for it. Above all he's laid out a kind of intellectual and legal framework which is what you need if you're going to see global arrangements in place, and these global arrangements should I believe be fully reflected in the Bill that is now before UK Parliament to regulate Climate Change

SIR CRISPIN TICKELL - DIRECTOR OF THE POLICY FORESIGHT PROGRAMME JAMES MARTIN INSTITUTE OXFORD



Contraction & Convergence includes the identification of a fixed level for stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations, and comprehensive global participation. Any framework that incorporates long term targets can offer countries greater certainty about their national targets and provide a clear signal to allow business to plan ahead and help drive investment in new and better technologies.

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"To make sense of our own actions we need to have an overall direction; contraction and convergence provides that direction."

SUNAND PRASAD - PRESIDENT OF RIBA



"Long-term convergence of per capita emission rates is an important principle that should be seriously considered in international climate change negotiations."

PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN AND INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON C&C



Any framework which involves radical emission reductions would in practice resemble the Contraction & Convergence approach advocated by the Global Commons Institute. Indeed, in terms of domestic policy aims, the UK Government has already implicitly accepted this approach in adopting the 60% carbon reduction target for 2050; and it is therefore inconsistent not to adopt such an approach internationally. We do not see any credible alternative and none was suggested in evidence to our inquiry. We therefore recommend that the UK Government should formally adopt and promote Contraction & Convergence as the basis for future international agreements to reduce emissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT COMMITTEE, "THE INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE"



"My colleagues and I at the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution would like to express our thanks to you and GCI for your remarkable pioneering work in establishing Contraction & Convergence as it is the basis upon which so much of our own work has been established."

SIR TOM BLUNDELL - CHAIRMAN, RCEP



"Contraction & Convergence is the approach with the most merits. It is the buzz phrase now on the negotiator's lips."

SIR DAVID KING - "THE HOT TOPIC"

"One approach on the table is contraction and convergence - rich countries contracting their emissions quickly, while developing countries are given some room to grow on condition they make cuts later."

THE AGE REPORTING ON THE G8 2008 IN TOYAKO JAPAN

"The British government has modelling under way in the most favoured method - contraction and convergence - but there is no diplomatic agreement that this is the best way to proceed."

THE GUARDIAN REPORTING ON THE G8 2008

C&C represents a far greater departure from business as usual than does Kyoto. It is strong medicine for a dire malaise, and as with all strong medicine there are potential side effects. One is that the scheme might eventually do away with world poverty and the north-south divide. Not all aspects of the proposal should displease the conservatives, for by including every human being in existence under its umbrella it obliterates concern about 'free riders' in the developing world that exists under Kyoto.

TIM FLANNERY - AUTHOR OF THE WEATHER MAKERS



When I was RIBA President we looked at Kyoto and saving 60% by 2050 looked a reasonable start. But the thing that attracted about Contraction & Convergence or C&C was that it looked at the global dimension and what is a 'fair share' of carbon emissions for your country C&C gives a framework within which to address that. We're comfortable supporting C&C and Aubrey Meyer.

JACK PRINGLE - FORMER PRESIDENT OF RIBA



The fundamental attraction of Contraction & Convergence to me is that it's logically based. It's not based on essentially market issues and arbitrary decisions about how many tons of CO2 permits are going to be allowed. It also doesn't have the risk in my view of one of the real issues with trading that some of the poorer nations and poorer peoples of the world will mortgage their future on a futures market of trading permits.

PROF PAUL JOWITT - PRESIDENT ELECT ICE



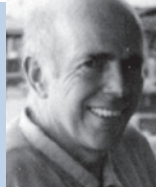
"We need to go to the United Nations and need to say both to our own citizens, our own communities and global communities through the United Nations, C&C is the only real way forward to ensure a healthy future."

ANGELA MAWLE - CEO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION



"C&C is an excellent virtuous cycle policy tool. There are many benefits to our wellbeing of adopting it. Articulating these benefits, health and other professional groups will offer the hope and inspiration necessary to counter global warming, and so act in accordance with our obligations."

ROBIN STOTT - CHAIR CLIMATE AND HEALTH COUNCIL



"The C&C framework is very powerful as it addresses two main issues; one is the scientific basis and the rigour, and the other is our intuitive feeling about the moral needs of our community. Scientifically and in terms of equity it gives us targets, timescale and a transparent fairness that through the convergence enables us to leave our children something better than we have now."

LORNA WALKER - CABE COMMISSIONER



We can empower the UN to deliver C&C as a global policy. As climate change is the greatest threat to mankind, what better vehicle through which to get the UN pulling together again. We need to get our own politicians to press our own governments to do this. We need to get our own government to press Europe to do this. We need to use our formidable clout as Europe to get it delivered by the UN. The great thing about C&C is that it offers the prospect that if you're clever and if you really get to it, you can make this work for you, not just for the world, but for you individually and as a country.

JON SNOW - CHANNEL FOUR TV NEWS



The benefits of the C&C approach in three words are simplicity, economics and international. With a simple international structure, C&C makes economics kick in which is absolutely fundamental to getting the biggest infrastructural change in human history.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MAINELLI - DIRECTOR Z/YEN



FIFTEENTH SUMMIT

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Colombo, Sri Lanka - August 2-3, 2008

"The Heads of State or Government affirmed that every citizen of this planet must have an equal share of the planetary atmospheric space. In this context, they endorsed the convergence of per capita emissions of developing and developed countries on an equitable basis for tackling climate change."



His Excellency Mr. Hamid Karzai
President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



His Excellency Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed
Chief Adviser of the Government, The People's Republic of Bangladesh



His Excellency Lyonchhen Jigmi Y. Thinley
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan



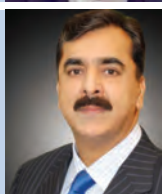
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President of the Republic of Maldives



The Rt. Hon'ble Girija Prasad Koirala
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President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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INSURANCE INDUSTRY VIEWS OF C&C

http://www.gci.org.uk/Animations/BENN_C&C_Animation.exe

"This animation of C&C and risk is brilliant. The Kyoto Protocol is having negligible effect. If successful, Kyoto will result in a slowdown in the rise of global temperatures by 0.02C to 0.28C. That isn't going to help a great deal and we must decide what comes after Kyoto. It has to have the US, India and China on board. The best hope is a system called contraction and convergence, which works on the premise that everyone on the planet has the right to produce the same amount of greenhouse gas. A level is set for the planet and it is divided by the number of people, so that each country knows how much it can emit per head of population. The overall level is then brought down by agreement."

BILL MCGUIRE, DIRECTOR - BENFIELD HAZARD CENTRE, UCL

"Even if we do not know the speed or severity of feedback effects, we must consider the probabilities of disastrous acceleration in climate change within very short timescales. Risk assessment is the core activity of the insurance industry, the biggest industry in the world. Assessment of risk must fully include feedback effects. Insurers are the leading experts in risk and risk modeling. C&C demonstrates how this can be done. C&C already has a high profile with insurers. Governments need to listen to the insurance industry and make C&C central to government policy around the world. From a risk management point of view, C&C produces an important assessment of the risks we face from human-induced runaway climate change and how to frame a response at the policy level."

PROF DAVID CRICHTON - BENFIELD HAZARD CENTRE UCL

"C&C is so open and transparent. Within the insurance sector it is recognised by CEOs who know they need a long-term global framework within which they can assess their risk. Without C&C they're stuck with a guesswork approach. A stable insurance industry is essential for a stable economy and a stable financial sector. Insurance needs a long term global framework so it can plan for the future. C&C will help bring this about. It needs to be adopted at the highest level, from the UN down through every business sector."

DR JULIAN SALT - DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

"Aubrey Meyer's insight into the problem of mitigation of climate change bears the true hallmark of genius: it is simple and robust. His "Contraction & Convergence" model provides a transparent framework that incorporates the clear objective of a safe global level of greenhouse gases, and allocates the responsibility for achieving this internationally with the irresistible logic of equal shares. At the same time, the model recognises the practical need for an adjustment period to permit nations to conform to the new logic and prepare for a climate-friendly economy. It is no doctrinaire solution, but a brilliantly pragmatic and elegant solution."

DR ANDREW DLUGOLECKI - ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTOR, CARBON DISCLOSURE PROJECT
ADVISER ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO UNEP FINANCE SECTOR INITIATIVE

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