

EDITORIAL



Sustainable Development, the second area of intervention of Fondation Ensemble, after Water and Sanitation, represents **39%** of our support.

Dear Reader,

Tomorrow, 20 to 22 June, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held in Rio. World governments and civil society have put the transition to a green economy at the top of the Agenda. They hold in their hands, inescapably bound, the well-being of humanity, social justice and the reduction of risks to the environment.

20 years after the launch of the Agenda 21, financial, social and environmental crises have posed tough tests to prevailing models based on indiscriminate growth, ignoring the increased scarcity of natural resources and the capacity of ecosystems to absorb waste. What can be hoped from this Earth Summit? We posed the question to Bertrand Charrier, Member of the Foundation's Board, who confided his vision to us (see P.2). No one doubts that Nations have fallen behind, far behind, by allowing climate change to increase without any real controls. But the challenges remain within our grasp. Numerous initiatives are popping up everywhere in the world (see P.3), capable of reconciling the interests of man and his environment. It is there, each day that passes, that the survival of species and ecosystems is played out: Our common future.

Among all these endangered species, I do not forget, of course, the 9 billion individuals that we shall soon be. For the human community is not spared. How many families have been displaced because of climate change? How many foreseeable conflicts will there be when we are faced with cruel shortages of natural resources and solidarity? Let us hope that this Earth Summit will provide the opportunity for these millions of individuals to have their voices heard. This is our ambition for this new issue.

Jacqueline Délia Brémond
Vice-President

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Creation of stone embankments: one of the solutions supported by the Foundation against soil erosion.



Well-managed wood resources can provide sustainable income for the local communities. Rainforest Alliance / Peru.




Sustainable agriculture is one that succeeds in reconciling conservation of soil and water resources, crop yields and food security.



Example, in Mozambique, of an installation generating sustainable energies.

INTERVIEW

'We Have Not Yet Accepted Our Collective Capacity to Think in Terms of Our Common Destiny'



Bertrand Charrier, PhD in physics, is a member of the College of Qualified Personalities of the Fondation Ensemble. In charge of relations with Think Tanks and Academic Milieus for the AFD (French Development Agency) (1), he has exercised the highest responsibilities at the heart of the Green Cross International (2) and the World Water Forum. 'Bataille pour la Planète' ('Battle for the Planet'), his first book, was released in 1997. In the context of the new Earth Summit, Rio+20, he gives us his vision.

In Rio, twenty years ago, there was a real passion. What about today?

Locally, on the ground, things are moving. It is undeniable. But on a more global level, we have become quickly disillusioned. Global governance of the environment is not getting into place. Look at climate change where we are going from one half-failure to another. What has been done about biodiversity? It has been caught up in the tentacles of experts. The findings are alarming. What about the effectiveness of policies in the energy area when 2 billion people still do not have access to electricity? What about CO2 emissions, which break all records and create fear for an increase in temperature well above 2°C that will have terrible human and environmental consequences! We are living during an acceleration of crises. The financial crisis has everyone in its grasp and leaves us no margin for manoeuvre in order to allow us to re-orient the economy over the long term. The current financial instruments are locking us into a short term vision. All the indicators are flashing red.

How can we remain optimistic about future challenges?

Firm decisions must be made to overturn old development models for new ones. The current economic system was able to function on the basis of a few billion people on Earth. But the growth of goods consumed and their associated waste, together with demographic growth, have accelerated without control since the 1970s. How can we continue to count on a revival of growth, on the emergence of a green economy, without questioning ourselves about the substance of this growth, the limits of natural resources and the allocation of the benefits of this growth? We can hope to manage in a sustainable way by adopting a supportive and equitable vision. We have to make access to essential goods the basis of economic and human systems. The great difficulty today is that we have not yet accepted our collective capacity to think in terms of our common destiny. We have not yet realized that we can organize together, listen to each other in our diversity. Work out together sustainable developments, which are economically efficient, socially equitable and ecologically viable. These are the real challenges of the Rio+20 Summit. And afterwards...

What commitment is most important to you in the Foundation?

The vision of the Fondation Ensemble is to act for a sustainable and sound future for all the inhabitants of the Planet by promoting harmonious relations between man and nature. For example, with regard to water, the Foundation's priority area of intervention, the actions led with its partners favour an integrated approach which goes far beyond potability. Water is considered a social bond. In addition, when the Foundation facilitates access to solar energy for the poorest

populations, it is a question of targeting an activity, a vector of well-being, which indirectly promotes the economic development of the beneficiaries.

How can we make global what works locally?

It is important to create communities of expertise, like the Foundation does here, with this Newsletter and on its Website. For it is thanks to knowledge and the sharing of experience that change is possible. Experience shows that the spin-off of projects that work is not always simple on a large scale. We often have to rely on the energy and charisma of those who hold the projects...

The Foundation must not forget, in its concern for capitalization, to remain in contact with the actors of change even beyond the duration of the support period. I am thinking particularly of the moment when they find themselves again confronted with the search for new funding. Very often, too much energy is devoted to this and the project is weakened. Sharing experience between donors could prove valuable for solutions to be envisaged together in order to facilitate these spin-offs over the long term.

What is your impression after three years of involvement with the Foundation?

I appreciate the dynamics of generosity, efficiency and enthusiasm. The Fondation is well recognized in the world of development actors for its professionalism and for its actions. We have opened the Fondation to other forms of economic activities (social entrepreneurship, low technologies...). The results are satisfying, even-though with the challenges evoked, we obviously would have to do a thousand times more...!



Bengal Florican

There are no more than around 1,500 left in the world with 980 in Cambodia. (WCS / Cambodia).

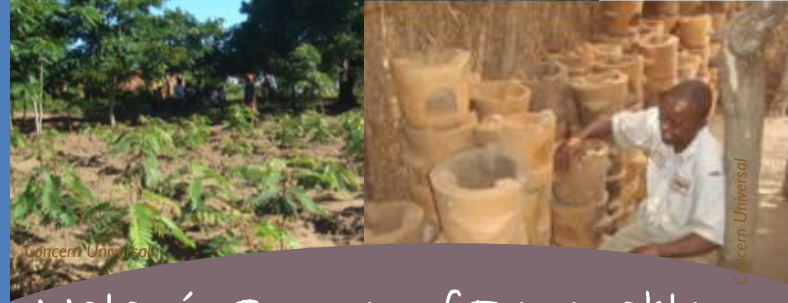


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Malawi: Sources of Renewable Energy

For the last two years, the Foundation has supported the actions of Concern Universal in Malawi. 180,000 beneficiaries are mobilizing today, in the district of Balaka, to protect their timber resources, exploit new sources of energy and to gradually break the vicious cycle of poverty. A communicative energy...

14 Village Committees have been created and have taken in hand the rehabilitation of 160 hectares. 200 tree nurseries have seen the light of day. In total: 1 million seedlings have been produced. Around 660,000 fruit trees have been re-introduced (60,000 jatrophas). But everyone knows that protecting the forest also means consuming less wood. Therefore, 44% of communities have chosen to use improved stoves and 750 peoples have been trained in their manufacture and distribution. Electricity of solar origin has appeared into schools benefiting 8,000 students and teachers. From 2011, the objectives of this program have been exceeded. *Rendez-vous* at the end of the year for the final results and evaluation.

Total Budget: €1,000,000
Fondation Ensemble Grant: €250,000
Beneficiaries: 180,000

For more information: www.concern-universal.org

FOCUS PARTNERS

Protecting the Lives of the Floricans Contributes to a Better Life for Communities.

Closed in 2009 with the Fondation Ensemble, this program set up in Cambodia by Birdlife and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), initially planned for the creation of 4 protection zones for the Bengal Florican in the Tonle Sap region (30,000 hectares). An ex-post follow-up visit conducted by our Team, at the beginning of the year, allowed us to witness the obvious success achieved. By dint of perseverance...

It took 8 years and all the energy of WCS for them to obtain national recognition of these zones, henceforth protected. Since then, two additional zones have been created and new funding followed. 'The project motivated me', confided Mr. Soubn Kanil, Head of the Village Committee, 'and in 1999 I began to promote Ecotourism. In this way I can protect the zone while I make money'. In his steps, the Foundation team went to observe, close-up, the florican population (which has increased from 200 to 980 between 2005 and 2011), and were able to taste 'friendly rice' produced by the community with the support of management committees. So many encouraging signs for the long term.

Total Budget: €190,487
Fondation Ensemble Grant: €108,307
Beneficiaries: 72,000

For more information: www.birdlife.org and www.wcs.org



Mon voisin éléphant

ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY

THE FOUNDATION DEVOTES EACH YEAR 50% OF THE SMALL GRANTS FUND TO THIS. SINCE 2008, 28 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED FOR 13 ENDANGERED SPECIES.

Organic Farming Can Help Small Producers to Double their Yields.

Partner of Codegaz, from the beginning of this year, the Foundation has chosen to become involved in the province of Siem Reap, in the north of Cambodia, with the poorest rural communities. One thousand families will benefit this year from innovative solutions in organic farming and, little by little, will find the means of ensuring their food security in a sustainable way.

Training on IRS (Intensive Rice-Growing System) is undertaken on site, respectful of the soil and water resources. Sustainable market garden cultivation, no longer requiring the purchase of chemical inputs, has been introduced. Codegaz hopes, in this way, to reduce the costs of production and to double the traditional yields. A boon for producers and their families! Since surplus production obtained can then be sold on the stands of the local markets and generate new sources of income. In the same way, Codegaz encourages on-site breeding of poultry, following organic methods. This will be enough to ensure, over the long-term, food diversity for beneficiary families and,



indirectly, for surrounding villages. In order to provide financing for basic materials, micro-credits solutions are being studied. Everything here is envisaged to perpetuate the life of existing communities on site and to stop a rural exodus with disastrous human and environmental consequences...

Country: Cambodia
Total Budget: €47,200
Fondation Ensemble Grant: €23,600
Beneficiaries: 1,000 Families.

For more information: www.codegaz.org

RAIN FOREST ALLIANCE

PERU

The Fight against Deforestation

A San Martin coffee grower beside a sign warning that this zone is certified and that hunting is forbidden.

www.rainforest-alliance.org

Rainforest Alliance

CHRISTIAN AID

MALI

Reinforcement of Food and Nutritional Security

'I am one of the operators of the market garden wells in Dioubairou. Thanks to these wells, we have enough water and can do two cycles of shallots. Before, I harvested 150 kg on my plot. This year, I have produced 1.5 tons of fresh shallots in two cycles. **Naw Banou, inhabitant of Dioubairou.**

www.christianaid.org



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NOE CONSERVATION

GUINEE BISSAU

Conservation of Marine Biodiversity

'Me, I have always fished for the guitar ray. Now, if you tell me that I have to stop and that you will propose another activity to me, I will do it and thank the National Park of Orango and Noé Conservation for that!' **Antonio Cassidu, Village of Uite, Island of Orangozinho.**

www.noeconservation.org

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€5.6 MILLION

55 PROJECTS

550,000 BENEFICIARIES

575,000 HECTARES PROTECTED

1.1 MILLION TREES PLANTED



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MALAWI

Social Entrepreneurship and Solar Electrification

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www.solar-aid.org



Solar Aid

NEAR EAST FOUNDATION

MALI

Creation of Market Garden Areas

'Personally, it is as if the project came for me. The garden has helped me to have the money and condiments that were very difficult for us. The revenues gained from the sale of the products have helped me to pay for my daughter's clothes and for my own and help my husband cope with the daily expenses'. **Aissata Maiga, from Mounouwel.**

www.neareast.org



Near East Foundation

LA VOUTE NUBIENNE

BURKINA FASO

Sustainable Housing

'La Voûte Nubienne (The Nubian Vault) is a good work, which is changing modern life. Presently there is no more wood to build in the traditional manner. *La Voûte Nubienne* helps the population to have a very beautiful house, which is less expensive. What is particularly interesting is that it is not necessary to have substantial means in order to be able to afford to a house.' **Batio Ido, farmer in Tiodié.**

www.lavoutenubienne.org

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BURKINA FASO

Creation of Improved Stoves

'With the improved stove, you don't have heat or smoke. You have air, it doesn't burn. I no longer have sore eyes or a cough, a pain in my chest or burning in my heart. And the children are healthier also. **Kamoré Claudia, user of an improved stove.**

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