




THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
NEW YORK CITY





Meeting the interconnected challenges of climate change, poverty and social justice requires inclusive approaches.

Approaches that elevate local and marginalized voices.

That reach across divides.

And that build collaborations that address root causes and can scale.

The David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award celebrates the leadership needed to do this. **Leadership that builds trust for collective action.**

Please join us the evening of May 9 in New York City as we recognize our 2023 honorees:

- **Kluane Adamek**, Yukon Regional Chief, Assembly of First Nations
- **Dr. Mary Robinson**, Former President of Ireland
- **Jochen Zeitz**, Chairman, President and CEO, Harley-Davidson, Inc.

Program

5:30PM	Opening Reception
7:00PM	Welcome
7:15PM	Award Presentations and Table Conversations
9:15PM	Event Closing

Sponsors

Trustbuilders

Peggy Dulany
Carlos and Gabriela Rodríguez-Pastor

Champions

Bloomberg Philanthropies
Marcos de Moraes
William H. Donner Foundation
David & Susan Rockefeller

Leaders

Endless Network
Mayra Hernández González/Instituto Xilonen
Darla Moore Foundation
Maeve Rockefeller
Adele Simmons
Sarah Timpson
Anonymous

Collaborators

Petr Chitipakhovyan
Serge Dumont

THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

2023 Honorees



Kluane Adamek
Yukon Regional Chief,
Assembly of First Nations

Chief Adamek is an Indigenous woman with mixed ancestry in Canada. As the youngest serving Yukon Regional Chief, and the youngest ever female Regional Chief, she continues to press for change in the ways that women, young people and the next generation are included in decision-making, and she is committed to advancing solutions while approaching leadership from a place of values.

As the AFN's lead on climate change and the environment, she has succeeded in establishing the environment as a top priority for the organization by being a key representative at international conferences and a powerful voice within global conversations on climate. Most recently, she served on the Net-Zero Advisory Body to the Minister of Environment and Climate. She has also served as the Co-Chair of the COVID-19 Northern and Remote Communities Working Group.

In 2020 she was named one of the Top 25 Canadian Women of Influence in recognition of her contributions to the next generation of women in leadership and climate action.



Dr. Mary Robinson
Former President of Ireland

The first woman President of Ireland, Mary Robinson transformed the presidency with a focus on inclusiveness and peace building. She has also been UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, changing the priorities of her office to emphasize the promotion of human rights at the national and regional levels. She also served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region of Africa, on Climate Change, and most recently on El Niño and Climate.

Dr Robinson is Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice at Trinity College Dublin and Chair of The Elders. She is also honorary co-president of the Africa Europe Foundation and co-Chair of AEF's Women Leaders Network.

Mary Robinson is a strong advocate for climate justice and intergenerational dialogue, leading the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice between 2010-2019. Since 2016, in partnership with One Young World, the Mary Robinson Climate Justice Award has been awarded to young leaders working on impactful climate justice initiatives. Dr. Robinson also co-hosts the *Mothers of Invention* podcast.



Jochen Zeitz
Chairman, President and CEO,
Harley-Davidson, Inc.

Jochen Zeitz leads Harley-Davidson, the American motorcycle manufacturer, as it strives to become more inclusive and sustainable. He is also CEO of LiveWire.

He previously served as the chairman and CEO of Puma for 18 years where introduced "PUMAVision", an ethical framework defined by the four key principles of being fair, honest, positive and creative as applied to all professional behavior, business procedures and relationships.

Zeitz co-founded (along with Sir Richard Branson) the global non-profit initiative The B Team to bring together the world's top business leaders to promote sustainable global business practices. Additionally, Zeitz founded the Zeitz Foundation for Intercultural Ecosphere Safety to support creative and innovative sustainable projects and solutions that balance conservation, community development, culture, and commerce, promoting an inclusive, holistic paradigm of conservation that enhances livelihoods and fosters intercultural dialogue while building sustainable businesses.

THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Bridging leadership represents a movement away from less-inclusive forms of decision-making that have dominated much of human history.

It's the form of leadership needed to address complex challenges such as climate change, poverty, and social injustice.

Bridging leaders:

- **Engage across multiple sectors of society** (business, government, nonprofit organizations, communities, and others) or across other divides such as of beliefs or geography
- **Elevate voices of actors that are often marginalized**, such as communities directly affected by a problem
- **Have strong understanding of themselves** and a sense of purpose
- **Recognize themselves/their organizations as part of a system** that needs to change – not as outsiders that only provide resources or expertise to a system
- **Look for root causes** of problems and help achieve solutions that are lasting and regenerative
- **Strive to distribute power** (rather than monopolize it) so that new solutions can emerge.

Award Jury

Peggy Dulany
Serge Dumont
Mo Ibrahim
Paul Polman
Valerie Rockefeller
Carlos Rodríguez-Pastor
Zainab Salbi

**THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER
BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The award gala brings together Synergos' global network of changemakers.

The 300 participants include philanthropists, social investors, nonprofit leaders, and business and government officials who are striving to create more inclusive and scalable solutions on issues of importance to them.

The event provides important opportunities for networking and learning as they hear from our honorees and share their own ideas and inspiration over dinner.



**THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER
BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Honorees 2003-2022

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC

Wendy and Raymond Ackerman, South African entrepreneurs and philanthropists

Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, President, African Women's Development Fund

Nahas Angula, Prime Minister of Namibia

Kofi Annan, seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Founder and Chair, Kofi Annan Foundation

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan

Corazon C. Aquino, Chairperson, Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Foundation, and former President of the Philippines

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Co-chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Marc Benioff, Founder, Chair and CEO, Salesforce

Othman Benjelloun, Founder, BMCE Bank Foundation, and **Dr. Leïla Mezian Benjelloun**, Chair, BMCE Bank Foundation

Michael R. Bloomberg, Founder, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and 108th Mayor of New York City

Sir Richard Branson, Founder, Virgin Unite

Jennifer and Peter Buffett, Co-Chairs, NoVo Foundation

Bill Clinton, Founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and former President of the United States

Christiana Figueres, Founding Partner, Global Optimism

Foundation for Community Development of Mozambique

Ernesto Garilao, President, Zuellig Family Foundation

Bill Gates, Melinda French Gates and William H. Gates Sr., Co-Chairs, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Global Sustainability Network

André Hoffmann, Vice Chairman, Roche Holding

Mo Ibrahim, Founder and Chair, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, and **Hadeel Ibrahim**, Founding Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Saru Jayaraman, co-founder of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United

Simão Jatene, Governor, State of Pará, Brazil

His Highness the Aga Khan, Chair, Aga Khan Development Network

Angélique Kidjo, Founder, Batonga Foundation

Ma Jun, Founder, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs

Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa

Alice Mogwe, Director, Ditshwanelo: Botswana Centre for Human Rights

Alyse Nelson, CEO & Co-Founder, Vital Voices Global Partnership

Eddie Ndopu, United Nations Secretary-General's Global Advocate for Sustainable Development

Cherie Nursalim, Special Advisor on Climate in the Government of Indonesia

Kennedy Odede and Jessica Posner Odede, Co-Founders, Shining Hope for Communities

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance, Nigeria

Sheela Patel, Founder and Director, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres, and Chair, Shack/Slum Dwellers International

Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever

Mamphela Ramphele

David Rockefeller

Carlos Rodríguez-Pastor, Founder, Innova Schools

Güler Sabancı, Chair, Sabancı Holding, and Chair, Sabancı Foundation

Zainab Salbi, Founder, Women for Women International

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia

Corazon Juliano-Soliman, former Minister of Social Development, the Philippines

Ratan N. Tata, former Chairman, Tata Group

Ted Turner, Founder and Chairman, United Nations Foundation

Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation

John C. Whitehead, Chairman of the Board, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

James D. Wolfensohn, Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement and former President of the World Bank

Positions listed are those held at time of event

THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD



Sponsorship at all levels supports Synergos' ongoing work, helping foster collaborations that can break through obstacles, surface and elevate the voices of local people, and create solutions that get to root causes and can scale.

Providing this support offers sponsors visibility in front of Synergos global network of philanthropists and other changemakers.

	Level	Tickets	Recognition in All Materials	Sponsor Reception	Speaking Opportunity
Trustbuilder	\$75,000 +	16	•	•	•
Champion	\$25,000 +	8	•	•	
Leader	\$10,000 +	6	•	•	
Collaborator	\$5,000 +	2	•	•	

Synergos is a global organization that has pioneered the use of bridging leadership, which builds trust and collaboration to solve complex problems.

We have used this inclusive approach with partners around the world for 35 years to achieve extraordinary results meeting local and national needs.



Today, we help dismantle systems that create the most urgent problems of our time: poverty, social injustice, and climate change.

Our country teams are building collaboration on issues of national regional importance - helping local and international partners create systemic change. These partnerships are increasing agriculture and employment in Ethiopia and Nigeria, improving the wellbeing of children in South Africa, preventing child drowning in Bangladesh, and supporting social entrepreneurs in the Arab World who are helping meet the needs of millions.

And we are helping our global networks of philanthropists and other changemakers increase their own capacity to build trust and collaboration on issues of importance to them. We convene them around specific issues for peer learning and to share knowledge and inspiration. Together, they identify, test and build collaborations that shift power and resources to communities directly affected by issues and bridging leaders within them, enabling solutions to reach scale.





THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER BRIDGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

For more information, contact Ashley Gosnell at agosnell@synergos.org.

