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CHRISTIANA FIGUERES

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She is currently the convener of Mission 2020, a global initiative that seeks to ensure the world bends the curve on greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 in order to protect the most vulnerable from the worst impacts of climate change and usher in an era of stability and prosperity. Her responsibilities include Vice Chair of the Global Covenant of Mayors, Climate Leader for the World Bank, Distinguished Fellow of Conservation International, Board member of Climate Works and the World Resources Institute, member of the Rockefeller Foundation Economic Council on Planetary Health, and member of the Leadership Council of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.

In the natural world a newly discovered tropical moth (Struthoscelis christianafigueresae and a wasp (Pseudapanteles christianafigueresae) have been named after her. Costa Rica has recently issued a commemorative postage stamp in her honor.

She has a long trajectory in the field of global climate change, having been a member of the Costa Rican negotiating team 1995- 2009, and having played a number of key roles in the governance of the UNFCCC before formally joining the secretariat.

She initiated her life of public service as Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Costa Rica in Bonn, Germany in 1982. Moving to the USA, she was Director of Renewable Energy in the Americas (REIA) and in 1995 founded the non-profit Center for Sustainable Development of

the Americas (CSDA) which she directed for eight years.

She has a Masters Degree in Anthropology from the London School of Economics, and a certificate in Organizational Development from Georgetown University. Ms. Figueres has received honorary doctorate degrees from University of Massachusetts Boston, Concordia University, Georgetown University, Cranfield University, and Warwick University. She is the mother of two daughters and speaks Spanish, English and German.

Recognition from press and journals

- Medal of Honour from The Guardian 2015
- Hero of El Pais newspaper of Spain 2015
- Top 10 of Nature Journal of Science 2015
- Global Thinker of Foreign Policy Magazine 2015
- Number seven of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders Fortune Magazine 2016
- Top 100 Time magazine Influential Leaders of the World 2016
- One of the 5 most powerful women in science, BBC Mundo 2017

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- Leadership
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