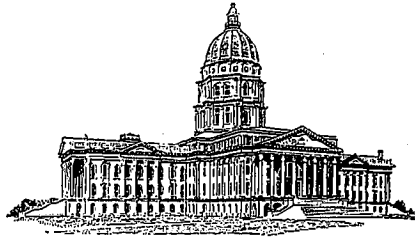


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Thank you to Chairman Brunk, Vice-Chair Patton, and Ranking Minority Member Loganbill, as well as the rest of the committee for allowing me to share testimony from the research I have done concerning UN Agenda 21. To be frank, complete disclosure, if you will, I am not a fan of the United Nations. It is, as Brian Sussman describes it, "The only place in the universe where communists, socialists, Islamists, strongmen, thugs, and dictators are able to cast a vote equal to that of countries beholden to principles of freedom and liberty."

I realize that some people hear "Agenda 21" and hear the theme music from the "Twilight Zone" play in their head. It has been painted by some as a conspiracy theory. An objective view of the document, as well as the seminal documents that led to Agenda 21, show quite a different story. Agenda 21 began in 1969, and since 1972 has been guided by Maurice Strong. His guidance has been crucial to the creation of Agenda 21 in 1992.

My objective today is to provide some historic background and some starter resources so you can do your own research. I'm confident you will be alarmed by the information and see the need to pass this resolution.

A short history of Agenda 21 (and by default, Maurice Strong) is in order.

HISTORY

May 9, 1969 – Secretary General of the UN, U Thant, predicts that the earth has only 10 years to avert environmental disaster and blames the causation on the United States. (Document: "Ten Crucial Years", by U Thant, address to the UN General Assembly).

June 1972 – UN holds first environmental conference in Stockholm. 113 countries, hundreds of Non-governmental organization (NGO's) and many media outlets attend. The conference was led by Maurice Strong. He was the Secretary General of both the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, which launched the world environment movement, and the 1992 Rio Environmental Summit (which produced Agenda 21), he was the first Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (Document: <http://www.mauricestrong.net/>). Mr. Strong has no formal training in environmental sciences, nor does he have any college degrees, or even a high school diploma.

Former UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, (also a former Nazi military officer), spoke on the importance of a "unified world government to stop the environmental tragedy. The conference declaration, drafted by Maurice Strong, spoke about social progress, and reducing the gap between rich and poor (in other words, between the United States and other countries) all in the name of stopping the alleged environmental crisis.

1976 – UN sponsors the World Conference on Human Settlements (AKA Habita

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Habitat I, the document created at the conference was used to craft Chapter 7 of Agenda 21. Chapter 7 is entitled "Human Settlements." Points made in Habitat I were:

- 1) "Private land ownership is a principal instrument in accumulating wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice. Public control of land use is therefore indispensable."
- 2) "Fiscal controls are to be employed, e.g. property taxes, tax penalties and tax incentives in order to eradicate private lands."

1982 – Maurice Strong publishes a UN sponsored document, "World Charter for Nature." The theme of the work is that mankind's place in nature is no more significant than any other species. It attacks free markets and quality of life choices. The language is heavily borrowed from Marx's "Law of Matter" and Lenin's "Decree on Land."

1983 – A Maurice Strong authored UN resolution first uses the phrase "sustainable development." This document was the rationale behind the World Commission on Environment and Development (AKA Brundtland Commission). The commission worked for four years and issued a manifesto titled, *Our Common Future* (OCF). OCF is frequently cited by environmentalists and is the source for statements such as:

- The use of natural gas as a source of electricity is unsustainable because it will eventually run out, plus it emits carbon dioxide, which is forcing climate change. However, the sun's rays are ever abundant and free; therefore the development of solar power is sustainable.
- Despite the fact that dams can be used to produce emission-free energy, and reservoirs provide precious stores of water, they are unsustainable because they harm a variety of species. The sustainable alternatives are low-flow showerheads and toilets, water rationing, and preventing farmers from growing water-intensive crops.

OCF led to the 1992 United Nation's Earth Summit.

1992 – UN Earth Summit (AKA Rio Conference). The conference was chaired by Maurice Strong. In his opening speech he stated, "***Gone are the days of national sovereignty; instead the world community needs to embrace a system of wealth transfer in order to ensure environmental security.***"

It was here that Agenda 21 was born. The full title, "Agenda 21: United Nation's Sustainable Development," is a 351 page document, divided into four sections, and 40 chapters.

Section I: Social and Economic Dimensions

Section II: Conservation and Management Resources for Development

Section III: Strengthening the Role of Major Groups

Section IV: Means of Implementation

Agenda 21 was signed by 178 nations, including the United States.

1993 – President Clinton issues Executive Order 12852 creating the President's Council on Sustainable Development. This council publishes numerous documents including a 170 page document about Agenda 21 called, "Towards a Sustainable America: Advancing Prosperity, Opportunity, and a Healthy Environment for the 21st Century." (1999).

A multi-million dollar grant was given to American Planning Association to create, *Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook: Model Statutes for Planning and the Management of Change* (Document: <http://www.planning.org/growingsmart/>). It took 7 years to complete and an additional two years to reach the final revised version. It contains blueprints (sample

legislation, ordinances, rules, regulations and statutes) to be incorporated into the General Plans of every city and county in the United States in order to implement Agenda 21.

2012 – Rio + 20 will be held June 20-22. Its document is called, “The Future We Want - Zero draft of the outcome document.”

Agenda 21 would have the United States give away our technology and patent rights to developing nations. It clearly states that developing nations should receive “favored” status as recipients of this technology.

The main principle of Agenda 21 is known as the precautionary principle – If an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or to the environment, in the absence of scientific consensus that the action or policy is not harmful, *the burden of proof that it is not harmful falls on those taking the action.*

In the European Union, UN principles carry the force of law. They are used to craft laws on food, technological development, trade, and environmental and consumer protections. In the United States it is used by federal, state and local governments to establish policy. The EPA is heavily influenced by this principle. One only need look at the many rulings, regulations and edicts that have been issued by them, particularly since the beginning of the Obama administration. The EPA has used the precautionary principle in establishing “fracking” rulings, carbon emissions, etc.

(Document: The EPA’s Faulty Science Can be Stopped,

http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/04/the_epas_faulty_science_can_be_stopped.html)

(Document: Exxon’s Big Bet on Shale Gas, <http://tech.fortune.cnn.com/2012/04/16/exxon-shale-gas-fracking/>)

Local governments are members of the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). ICLEI is tasked with carrying out the UN Agenda 21 initiatives at the local level. ICLEI now uses the name Local Governments for Sustainability. Over 600 cities and counties in the U.S. are members. Costs are paid by taxpayers. Dues are based on your home country’s GDP and the percentage of population your city, county etc. represents of that population. Dues are paid to the World Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. (<http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=iclei-home>)

ICLEI is specifically referenced in the resolution as the driver of Agenda 21 in the United States. In Kansas we have many members.

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Johnson County, KS Links to projects done due to ICLEI membership:

http://sustainable.jocogov.org/JoCoCommunityGHG_11-16-09.pdf

http://sustainable.jocogov.org/County_Org_GHG_Inv_08-10-09.pdf

Lawrence, KS

Mission, KS

Prairie Village, KS

Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS

Other sources to research:

<http://www.democratsagainstunagenda21.com/>

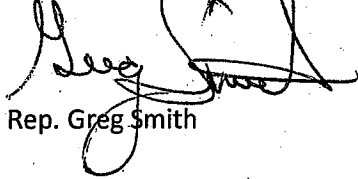
Behind the Green Mask: U.N. Agenda 21 by Rosa Koire

Agenda 21: An Expose of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Initiative and the Forfeiture of American Sovereignty and Liberties by Ron Taylor

Eco-Tyranny by Brian Sussman

Climategate by Brian Sussman

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Smith", written over the typed name.

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