### The World that Calls Us

# One Planet - One Habitation

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# Knowledge for ascent

Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone.

— Bahá'í holy writings

Everyone can play a part in building a more sustainable world. Local communities can do much for collective action using the innovative capacities of their members. Youth consistently demonstrate an openness to new ways of organizing society, a willingness to learn through front-line action, and a readiness to commit themselves to high endeavors and the well-being of future generations.

A flourishing global civilization in harmony with the natural environment is our vision. This world is one of integration and balance, beauty, and maturity. It is a world with a redefined sense of progress, filled with communities and individuals working together with the support of institutions toward the realization of their highest hopes. It is a world without the destructive moral compromises—social, economic, and environmental too often seen as necessary to progress.

Movement toward this vision has begun, with high ambitions and calls for action. Yet the transformation is too slow. The longer we wait, the harder it will be. Will humanity act on the truth that its own destiny and that of the planet are irrevocably linked? Or will still greater calamities be required to move it to action?

The gulf between words and action is a central challenge. Yet far stronger consensus and collective will among the nations is needed around the values demanded by the current stage of humanity's development, putting those values into practice for the common good and discarding whatever stands in the way.

This is a high endeavor indeed, to leave a priceless legacy for future generations. Let us join together in rising to its demands.

(based on One Planet – One Habitation §44)