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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Welcome to the *International Summit on Psychology and Global Health: A Leader in Climate Action*. The American Psychological Association and the Portuguese Psychologists Association (Ordem dos Psicólogos) are delighted to bring together leaders in the field of psychology from nearly 30 countries from around the world to advance psychology's contributions to global issues.

Historically, psychology has lacked a unified global voice, which has resulted in fragmented messaging and a decreased potential for significant impact. This Summit will focus on elevating psychology's role in addressing the global crisis of climate change, specifically to help achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

The attendees, who are primarily representatives of national psychology associations, have already adopted a joint proclamation on collaboration and a draft policy resolution. During the summit, they will develop and adopt concrete actions to increase psychology's influence on efforts to prevent and mitigate climate change impacts and prepare communities for the inevitable challenges ahead.

The Summit will feature representation from every region of the world, as well as remarks from António Guterres, UN Secretary General (schedule permitting) and Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal. To maximize impact, the Summit will feature presentations and workshops by respected association leaders and experts in climate change and communications, as well as joint work sessions guided by industrial-organizational psychology consultants.

We are excited to welcome you to Lisbon to jointly create a unified voice for global psychology to significantly contribute to one of the great challenges of our time. Together we will work to advance our discipline and show the world the importance of psychology.



Amanda Clinton
Senior Director, Office of International Affairs
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Sofia Ramalho
Vice President
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A tall, cylindrical industrial chimney stands vertically against a vibrant blue sky. The chimney is painted in alternating horizontal bands of red and white. A significant plume of white smoke or steam billows out from the top of the chimney, curving slightly to the left as it rises. The base of the chimney is obscured by a dense, white cloud of smoke.

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INTRODUCTION

THERE IS OVERWHELMING AGREEMENT AMONG CLIMATE SCIENTISTS THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS OCCURRING FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED, CAUSED IN LARGE PART BY HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

Climate change has already resulted in the destruction of habitats and subsequent threats to endangered species, higher levels of acidity in the oceans, increased numbers of natural disasters, more extreme weather, decreased availability of water, and increased spread of disease. Scientists anticipate that these threats will increase unless global warming is reduced substantially and soon.

Climate change is a threat to social, economic, and environmental sustainability. It can harm physical health, and it can also be detrimental to mental health and well-being. While there are significant mental health impacts from drastic events like hurricanes, there are also adverse effects from more gradual climate change. Changes in temperature and weather patterns affect agriculture, food sources, and livability, which can harm livelihoods and force people to migrate. This can diminish personal and professional identity, impede social support structures, and increase feelings of helplessness, fear, and fatalism. Both acute and long-term changes in climate have been shown to contribute to the loss of social cohesion and even to elevate hostility and interpersonal and intergroup aggression.

Psychological science provides solutions to encourage environmentally-friendly individual behaviors. Successful strategies can include making behaviors easier, delivering information, providing feedback on behavior, and “foot-in-the-door” techniques with the hope that small changes can eventually lead to bigger ones.

Psychology is also important in helping people adapt to climate change. Coping with climate change is a complicated process, involving emotional responses and motivational issues related to the needs for security, stability, and control. Psychologists can help to build resilience, foster optimism, cultivate active coping, increase preparedness, and emphasize social connections. Health service psychologists can also provide care to people suffering from PTSD and other mental health conditions as a result of climate change-related events.

No single association can effectively combat our global climate crisis. The international community of psychology must come together as one to mobilize our memberships, raise our voices, and implement our science in order to effect real, long-lasting societal change.

SUMMIT CONVENERS



American Psychological Association

The American Psychological Association, in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA's membership includes nearly 118,400 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve lives.



AMANDA CLINTON

**Senior Director for the Office of International Affairs
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Amanda Clinton, M.Ed., Ph.D., is the Senior Director for the Office of International Affairs at the American Psychological Association (APA). Prior to joining the APA, Dr. Clinton served as Professor of Psychology at the University of Puerto Rico where she specialized in culturally relevant programs, early childhood, social-emotional development, and bilingualism. Dr. Clinton is a licensed psychologist and a credentialed school psychologist with experience in community clinics, pediatric hospitals, public schools, academic settings, and public policy. Dr. Clinton completed a APA/AAAS Congressional Fellowship in the office of Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) where she helped write the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016 (passed as the 21st Century Cures Act). Dr. Clinton's scholarly work includes publication of *Integrated Assessment of the Bilingual Child* and numerous peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, as well as Associate Editorship of both the *Journal of Educational and Consulting Psychology* (JEPC) and the *Interamerican Journal of Psychology*. Dr. Clinton has won several prestigious awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship and Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Educator/Mentor of the Year. Dr. Clinton earned her master's degree at the University of Washington and her doctoral degree at the University of Georgia.



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Portuguese Psychologists Association

The Portuguese Psychologists Association presents itself as the professional public association representing professionals in psychology who, in accordance with the precepts of its statute and the applicable legal provisions, practice the profession of psychologist in Portugal. Created in 2008, OPP has more than 23,000 registered members and is currently chaired by Francisco Miranda Rodrigues. It should be noted that the OPP is a professional entity independent of individual, collective and/or institutional interests.



SOFIA RAMALHO

Vice President

Portuguese Psychologists Association

Sofia Ramalho has served as the Vice-President of the Portuguese Psychologists Association since December 2016. She graduated with a degree in Psychology (5 years) in 1997, with a pre-specialization in Health and Clinical Psychology. She earned her Pre-Bologna Master of Science in Psychology (2 years) in 2005, with a specialization in Psychological Intervention with Children and Adolescents from the Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências da Educação, Oporto University (FPCEUP). She is a specialist in the psychology of education, as well as in work, social and organizational psychology. She is a member of the advisory board of the psychology department of the Faculdade de Psicologia e de Ciências da Educação, Oporto University. Ramalho is a Portuguese Psychologists Association Representative Member of the Advisory Board of Knowledge Academies of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal, and a former Member of the Representatives Assembly of the Portuguese Psychologists Association. She is the Coordinator of Psychological Services in Colégio de Nossa Senhora do Rosário, Oporto (14 years), where she has developed collaborative psychological consultancy and action-research projects with Portuguese universities on psychological intervention and education innovation, with published conference papers. She has been a Specialized Consultant for Education in the Municipality of Odemira since June 2019. Ramalho is also a former Human Resources Consultant and Trainer, and former Coordinator of Psychological Services for the Catholic University, Oporto.

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PROCLAMATION

We, representatives of national and international psychological organizations in attendance at the Lisbon Inaugural International Summit on Psychology and Global Health, are committed to ongoing collaboration in the application of psychological science to jointly advance progress on critical global issues, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Our commitment of professional, scientific, educational, cultural, and applied resources will be directed to achieve progress on matters of utmost importance for which psychology offers the greatest contribution. Our initial efforts will be focused on Sustainable Development Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Our mutual work on applications of psychological science to climate change will also provide a framework and model for future collaboration focused on proposals to address critical global issues.



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ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

Secretary-General of the United Nations

SCHEDULE PERMITTING

António Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, took office in January 2017. Having witnessed the suffering of the most vulnerable people on earth, in refugee camps and in war zones, the Secretary-General is determined to make human dignity the core of his work, and to serve as a peace broker, a bridge-builder and a promoter of reform and innovation.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015, heading one of the world's foremost humanitarian organizations during some of the most serious displacement crises in decades. The conflicts in Syria and Iraq, and the crises in South Sudan, the Central African Republic and Yemen, led to a huge rise in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) activities as the number of people displaced by conflict and persecution rose from 38 million in 2005 to over 60 million in 2015.

Before joining UNHCR, Mr. Guterres spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor.

As president of the European Council in early 2000, he led the adoption of the Lisbon Agenda for growth and jobs, and co-chaired the first European Union-Africa summit. He was a member of the Portuguese Council of State from 1991 to 2002.

Mr. Guterres was elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1976 where he served as a member for 17 years. During that time, he chaired the Parliamentary Committee for Economy, Finance and Planning, and later the Parliamentary Committee for Territorial Administration, Municipalities and Environment. He was also leader of his party's parliamentary group.

From 1981 to 1983, Mr. Guterres was a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, where he chaired the Committee on Demography, Migration and Refugees.

For many years Mr. Guterres was active in the Socialist International, a worldwide organization of social democratic political parties. He was the group's vice-president from 1992 to 1999, co-chairing the African Committee and later the Development Committee. He served as President from 1999 until mid-2005. In addition, he founded the Portuguese Refugee Council, as well as the Portuguese Consumers Association DECO, and served as president of the Centro de Acção Social Universitário, an association carrying out social development projects in poor neighborhoods of Lisbon, in the early 1970s.

Mr. Guterres is a member of the Club of Madrid, a leadership alliance of democratic former presidents and prime ministers from around the world.

Mr. Guterres was born in Lisbon in 1949 and graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering. He is fluent in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish. He is married to Catarina de Almeida Vaz Pinto, Deputy Mayor for Culture of Lisbon, and has two children, a stepson and three grandchildren.

FROM un.org/sg/en/content/sg/biography



MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA

President of Portugal

President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has been Secretary of State for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, and a member of the Council of State (2000-2001 and 2006-2016). He has been President of the Municipal Assembly of Cascais, local councillor and leader of the opposition in the Town Hall of Lisbon, and President of the Municipal Assembly of Celorico de Basto. President Rebelo de Sousa was also one of the founders of the People's Democratic Party, later the Social Democratic Party, and was party leader from 1996 to 1999. He has been Vice-President of the European People's Party, of which the Social Democratic Party is a member.

After beginning his teaching career in the area of Legal and Political Sciences, he was in charge of the main disciplines of the Legal and Political Science Group. He has chaired the scientific and pedagogical boards and the Institute of Legal and Political Sciences of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon. Representing the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, he was head of the delegation that concluded the first agreement with the Faculty of Law of Bissau, and he has lectured at Agostinho Neto and Eduardo Mondlane Universities and the University of Eastern Asia. He has been a Professor at the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences and the Faculty of Law of the Portuguese Catholic University, as well as a member of the steering committee and the scientific board of the Faculty of Law of the University of Oporto, which has awarded him an Honoris Causa Doctorate.

President Rebelo de Sousa has chaired or been a member of the managing bodies of several associations, social solidarity institutions, and the Santa Casa da Misericórdia of São Bento de Arnóia. He has been a member of the Managing Council and Chairman of the Board of the Casa de Bragança Foundation and curator at the National Museum of Ancient Art and the Vieira da Silva-Arpad Szenes and António Quadros Foundations. President Rebelo de Sousa received the Commendation of the Order of Saint James of the Sword from former President of the Republic Mário Soares and the Grand Cross of the Order of Henry the Navigator from former President of the Republic Jorge Sampaio.

President Rebelo de Sousa has a Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, a PhD in Legal and Political Sciences, with Distinction and Commendation awarded by unanimous decision. He became a tenured Professor in 1992, appointed by unanimous decision.

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INVITED SPEAKERS



ARTHUR C. EVANS, JR.

***Chief Executive Officer
American Psychological Association***

Scientist-practitioner, clinical/community psychologist, and health care innovator, Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, is CEO of the American Psychological Association. In this position, he heads the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with 118,400 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students among its members and affiliates.

Before joining APA, Dr. Evans served for 12 years as Commissioner of Philadelphia's Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, a \$1.2 billion health care agency that is the safety net for 1.5 million Philadelphians with service needs. He has been recognized nationally and internationally for his leadership in the transformation of the Philadelphia service system.

Dr. Evans has also received numerous honors for his work, including being named an "Advocate for Action" by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in 2015 and being granted the American Medical Association's top government service award in health care in 2013. His work as a strong advocate for social justice has led to his receiving three different awards named for the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. A highly sought-after speaker, Dr. Evans has given many invited presentations at national and international meetings, including in Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and the Caribbean.

Dr. Evans has held faculty appointments at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and the Yale University School of Medicine. He holds a doctorate in clinical/community psychology from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in experimental psychology from Florida Atlantic University, where he also completed his undergraduate work. He was inducted into the Florida Atlantic University Alumni Hall of Fame in 2017.

INVITED SPEAKERS



ROBERT GOULD

President and Chief Executive Officer
One Degree Strategies

Robert (Rob) Gould is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Communications at George Mason University and a member of the research staff of the Center for Climate Change Communication. He is also the founder and President/CEO of One Degree Strategies, a consultancy dedicated to encouraging decision makers to adopt policies and create programs that encourage people to make better choices for their health, well-being, and the environment.

Rob, as the former Managing Director of the global public relations firm Porter Novelli's founding office in Washington, DC, brings both his academic training in behavioral science and over 25 years of successful experience in communications to supporting public engagement on climate change. His current assignments include providing strategic counsel to the Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health & Climate Solutions initiative and the Center for Disease Control's Climate & Health program. Rob's previous climate and health assignments include directing the "What We Know" initiative of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the award-winning ScienceToGo "Ostrich" Campaign in Boston funded by the National Science Foundation. Rob has a PhD in experimental social psychology.



TERRI MORRISSEY

Director
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Terri Morrissey holds a B.A. in Psychology, MBA (Dean's Award for Excellence) and Diploma in Business & Executive Coaching. She is a business psychologist and Chairperson of the international organization and leadership development practice, This Is.

She was the CEO of the Psychological Society of Ireland from 2015-2019 and Chair of its Science & Public Policy Committee. She is currently a Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, Dublin in the Department of Psychology. Morrissey has extensive experience working with global and blue-chip organizations in leadership and culture change. She is co-author with Richard Plenty of *Uncertainty Rules? Making uncertainty work for you* to be published early 2020 (<https://mindyourselfbooks.ie/3/>).

INVITED SPEAKERS



JOSÉ MANUEL PALMA-OLIVEIRA

*Professor
University of Lisbon*

José Palma-Oliveira is a Professor at the University of Lisbon and past-president of the Society of Risk Analysis-Europe. He was the 2016 recipient of the Society of Risk Analysis Presidential Merit Award for his humanitarian and scientific contributions, and for being a distinguished educator and mentor to international students and a leading member of Society in thought and action. Dr. Palma-Oliveira is also a Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the University of Virginia, Department of Systems and Information Engineering.

Dr. Palma-Oliveira is interested in the interaction between human societies and the Environment with a focus on risk perspectives. He has contributed significantly to environmental and risk policy in Portugal and in the EU. Dr. Palma-Oliveira was President of the Board of the Foundation for the Protection of the Salinas (wetlands) Samouco between 2001 and 2008, and a Board member of the European Federation of Transport and Environment (Brussels-EU advocacy group) from 1997 to 2010. During this time, he was an invited expert in EU policy working groups, where he developed a model of modal transport change.

Dr. Palma-Oliveira is the CEO of Palma, LTD, a consultant of Ambimed for hazardous hospital waste, a consultant of Secil for co-processing of alternative fuels and coordination of science policy, and was the Chairman of Parks of Industrial Ecology, focusing on waste treatment compounds. He played a key role in the design and implementation of the most advanced solid waste compounds of large areas in Portugal.

Dr. Palma-Oliveira works currently as a consultant in Portugal, North Africa, the United States, and Brazil. He has a 100% success rate in dealing within the so-called "NIMBY" or high-risk perception projects. His unique approach to risk communication and risk environmental analysis is based on the construction of a shared knowledge base and grounded in an understanding of the logic and payoff perceived by diverse stakeholders and decision makers. He is actively working with communities and companies on resilience, and recently edited a book with Igor Linkov on the resilience of critical infrastructures.



RICHARD PLENTY

*Director
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Richard Plenty holds a Ph.D., C.Psychol and Diploma in Business & Executive Coaching. He is the Managing Director of This Is. Dr. Plenty is an experienced British international organizational psychologist. He has lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and North America, and has worked in the field of organization development and business psychology in a variety of sectors and territories. Plenty is a Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland in the Department of Psychology and the co-author of *Uncertainty Rules? Making uncertainty work for you* to be published early 2020.



FRANCISCO RODRIGUES
President
Portuguese Psychologists Association

Francisco Rodrigues is a psychologist and consultant in organizational development, leadership, personal behavior, and team effectiveness. He is a specialist in Work, Social, and Organizational Psychology and Counselor at National Education Council (representing the Portuguese Council of Professional Associations). Mr. Rodrigues was also Executive President of the first European Federation of Psychologists' Associations European Semester of Psychology (Portugal, July-December 2015) and Executive Director (April 2010-December 2016) of the Portuguese Psychologists Association. He has served as President of the Portuguese Psychologists Association, since January 2017.



JANET SWIM
Professor of Psychology
The Pennsylvania State University

Janet Swim, PhD, studies social and psychological influences on individual and collective efforts to create conditions where all may live more harmoniously with other people and the planet, now and in the future. She uses correlational and experimental research in the lab and in the field to study preferred ways of responding to environmental problems and how messaging, social interactions and experiences in nature influence how people make sense of social and environmental problems'. Dr. Swim's current research examines: 1) the effects of emotions, beliefs about nature, and key influencers on engagement in personal and collective action to address environmental problems; 2) placing the self within ecological systems; and 3) self-transformative and behavioral consequences of meaningful encounters with nature on vacations and everyday settings, such as homeowner yards. She is a professor of psychology at the Pennsylvania State University and Co-Chair of the APA Climate Report Task Force.

INVITED SPEAKERS



AVA THOMPSON

Past President
Co-Chair of the Hurricane Dorian Steering Committee
Bahamas Psychological Association

Ava D. Thompson, PhD, is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor at The University of The Bahamas, where she also serves as Coordinator of the Psychology Program, a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and a Senator. Her professional psychology activities reflect a macro-disciplinary focus with national, regional, and international engagement. She is Past-President of the Bahamas Psychological Association (BPA) and was the founding President of the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations (CANPA). She continues to serve a leadership role in CANPA and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), the global voice of psychology.

Her recent and current scholarship includes historical perspectives on Bahamian and Caribbean psychology, culturally-relevant pedagogy, indigenous models of child and adolescent mental health, and integration of human rights and social justice frameworks into Psychology Education and Training (PET). Dr. Thompson's ongoing clinical and research projects involve integrating her forensic psychology training with human rights and Bahamian social/educational challenges to address youth mental health and enhance the childcare and juvenile justice systems. She has served as a reviewer for multiple publications and is currently a member of editorial boards of several journals, including the *Caribbean Journal of Psychology* and *Interamerican Journal of Psychology* (IJP). Dr. Thompson has been directly engaged in post-disaster efforts since 2000 and is Co-Chair of BPA's Hurricane Dorian Steering Committee.



RICARDO VARGAS

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Consulting House

Ricardo Vargas is the Founder and CEO of Consulting House. He is an expert in leadership development and change management. As a management consultant he implemented projects in 19 countries and directly trained or supervised the training of over 25,000 managers, during 22 years of practice.

Ricardo is the author and co-author of five management books published in Portugal, Spain and Brazil, and over 100 articles published in management magazines. A doctoral candidate, researching self-leadership, Vargas is an invited lecturer for the Erasmus Mundus European Master Degree of Work, Organizational, and Personnel Psychology and several other Psychology and Management advanced courses.

Ricardo was awarded Consultant of the Year 2007 in Portugal, for the innovation and effectiveness of his work, by a jury of peer CEOs of consulting companies and management journalists. He is currently the only person in the world with the three globally recognized professional certifications: Certified Management Consultant, Professional Certified Coach, and Certified Speaking Professional. He approaches each speech as an opportunity to challenge his participants to transform the way they understand and act in order to transform the lives of those they lead.

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WHEREAS there is overwhelming agreement among climate scientists that climate change poses a serious global threat, is occurring faster than previously anticipated, and is contributed to by human behavior;

WHEREAS despite the widespread acceptance of climate change science, human behavior has nevertheless not changed significantly enough to combat the deleterious effects of climate change. Research suggests that this is in part due to psychological factors: Climate change is a complicated, abstract, value-laden problem, which cannot be solved by individual behavior -- the worst effects of which are longer-term;

WHEREAS current research and public communications on the impacts of climate change have often emphasized the major physical damage caused by extreme weather, such as floods, droughts, hurricanes, and wildfires;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate-caused increased displacement, migration, and conflict among individuals and populations;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate change's disproportionate impact on already vulnerable groups with fewer resources, including low-income individuals and those who live in rural and remote areas, people of color, indigenous and/or culturally diverse communities, women, children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to the strong linkage between climate-caused extreme events and inequality, where psychology can play a role to raise awareness of the social construction of risks in research, policymaking and media communication;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate change-related major acute and chronic adverse mental health outcomes, including stress, trauma, and shock; post-traumatic stress disorder and other forms of anxiety; depression; and substance use disorder;

WHEREAS research shows that human behavior has an impact on climate change and that psychology as a science focuses on the study of human behavior, including the origins, consequences, and conditions that allow for interventions to modify it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our psychology organizations will advocate for and support international and cross-disciplinary collaboration to help prevent and mitigate climate change and facilitate people's adaptation to its effects, utilizing many relevant psychological subdisciplines:

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS

We will encourage governmental, educational, health, and corporate leaders to move immediately to adopt norms, values, and policies to promote sustainable preventive and corrective behaviors at community, organizational, and individual levels;

We will continue to develop and publicize the psychological evidence base for behavior change, ensuring that public policy, organizational, and individual responses are informed by the science of psychology;

We will showcase and support to policymakers and others the role of psychology as a key science to understand and tackle climate change within an interdisciplinary approach to global challenges;

We will encourage our members to advocate for the rights of those most susceptible to the negative mental health impacts of climate change, for example, by encouraging policymakers to fully fund programs to aid those who suffer harm from severe climate change-related events;

We will highlight to policymakers and others the importance of psychological services and supportive interventions to help minimize harm to mental health and well-being, especially among vulnerable populations, and for initiatives to increase community resilience;

RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUSED ON OUR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

We will inform our respective members and the public about climate change, emphasizing scientific research and consensus on its causes and short- and long-term harms, and the need for immediate governmental, societal, community, and personal action;

We will encourage our members and other leaders to be vocal advocates concerning the necessary mitigatory, preparatory, and responsive adaptations to climate change;

We will promote awareness of the psychological blindness that leads to regarding inequalities as a social fate, instead of a political choice; and

We will support the development of a public awareness campaign to encourage individuals, organizations, and communities to adopt behaviors to help prepare for and recover from gradual climate change and acute climate change events.

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