

Endorsement of Professor Brendan Mackey as
Chairman of the Climate Crisis Commission by
Michael Wilson, Hawaii State Supreme Court Justice,
Retired, and Member of the Climate Crisis
Commission Steering Committee

The matter of the next chairperson of the Climate Crisis Commission is of seminal importance to IUCN and the environmental systems IUCN is obligated to protect. As a member of the steering committee of the Climate Crisis Commission, it is a privilege to support the recommendation of our commission to all IUCN members that Professor Mackey be elected our chair.

There are two striking reasons to vote for Brendan. First, he is a father of the commission who originated the idea of the commission and successfully fought (virtually) for its creation at the last IUCN Congress in Marseilles. Second, he is a world renown climate scientist who until recently was a dedicated member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

I have worked beside Brendan for nearly a decade, following his leadership since the IUCN congress in Hawaii in 2016. At that time I was the chief elections officer for the IUCN Congress. He is an extraordinary leader who convened the climate crisis working group at the Hawaii Congress. The work of our group lead to the resolution adopted in Marseilles in 2021 creating the climate crisis commission. Since then he has served as the real leader of the climate crisis commission.

An observer of our climate crisis commission for the last four years would be aware that the commission needs a scientist with proven commitment to take action in order to become relevant, bold and innovative. Brendan is a veteran, respected climate scientist-leader honored by his colleagues internationally by being selected as a member of the intergovernmental panel on climate change. He is also an eminent authority within IUCN who has previously served on the council. Now that his term

with the IPCC has concluded, the timing is fortuitous for the planet and IUCN. Please follow the recommendation of our steering committee to vote for Professor Mackey as the first duly member-elected chair of the climate crisis commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance. My whats app is 1-808-228-1250. My email is wilsonhawaii_2001@yahoo.com. I will be available at the Congress in Abu Dhabi. My purpose in Abu Dhabi is to do everything possible to achieve the election of Professor Mackey. Thank you for your consideration.

With Aloha, Michael Wilson

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