

Tällberg Foundation Announces 2019 Winners of the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize

Deputy President William Ruto to Present Awards

Nairobi, Kenya—November 13, 2019—Today the Tällberg Foundation announced the winners of the 2019 Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prizes, that are awarded annually for extraordinary leadership—in any field and any country—that is courageous, innovative, rooted in universal values and global in application or in aspiration.

The 2019 laureates:

- **Anne Goldfeld**, American physician-scientist and humanitarian working at the intersection of scientific discovery and delivery of care for infectious diseases;
- **Saul Griffith**, Australian scientist, engineer, and entrepreneur focused on urgent, scalable solutions to achieve a clean energy, zero carbon future;
- **Faustin Linyekula**, Congolese dancer, choreographer, director and storyteller who pushes audiences to understand their deeper history, and the continuing consequences of how they and their countries emerged from the past.

“The jury chose these extraordinary leaders, who work in very different contexts on very different challenges, because of their shared commitment to making the world a better place through concerted, creative, and realistic action,” said Alan Stoga, Tällberg Foundation chairman. “Taken together, they represent an incredibly positive and powerful statement about the state of leadership today,” he continued.

The winners are participating in a global workshop, “New Thinking for a New World” that has been convened by the Tällberg Foundation in partnership with the Senate of Kenya and Strathmore University Business School. They will be honored at a dinner on November 13 in the presence of guest of honor William Ruto, the Deputy President of Kenya.

“We are pleased to welcome and to celebrate these global leaders,” said Senator Kenneth Lusaka, Speaker of the Senate. “They are extraordinary people and demonstrate that focused, inspired hard work can solve even the most difficult problems.”

Jury motivations

The winners were chosen from among 1,600 nominees from 150 countries and dozens of different occupations, positions and causes. The jury’s selections reflected the following considerations:

Anne Goldfeld: *For her life-saving, pioneering leadership at the intersection of molecular biology, medicine and community-based treatment;*

Saul Griffith: *For his urgency, imagination and drive to find practical, scalable solutions to possibly unsolvable planetary problems;*

Faustin Linyekula: *For his creative use of dance and other art forms to educate, motivate and, inspire people to understand their history and to change their futures.*

Winners of the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize, originated in 2005 and reintroduced in its current form in 2014, each receive a \$50,000 honorarium. The Tällberg/Eliasson prizes are generously supported by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF).

“In its efforts to identify true signals of leadership across disciplines and geographies, the Tällberg Foundation works to cut through the familiar noise,” said SNF Co-President Andreas Dracopoulos. “SNF



is proud to support the Prize in its push towards a more inclusive and expansive idea of leadership. Individually, the sorts of leaders Tällberg identifies and honors are humanistic visionaries doing work which as transformative potential. Collectively, they represent hope for our future.”

About the Tällberg Foundation

The Tällberg Foundation, with offices in Stockholm and New York, aims to provoke people to think—and therefore act—differently about the global issues that are shaping their present and their future. For more information, contact office@tallbergfoundation.org.

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