Sample List of

231 Positive Tipping Point Organizations and Institutions

which have the potential to contribute very helpful 5-10 page overviews
on how to achieve Zero Carbon ASAP,
and make significant progress on many other challenges at the same time

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Introduction

The original list--from which this shortened version is derived--is in Appendix 10 of "Brainstorming Zero Carbon ASAP Campaign" (157 pages; June, 2019). That "Appendix 10" list has 616 organizations and institutions in it, with Twitter profiles, and how many Twitter followers (circa. June, 2019). That longer list was made to emphasize that there are many wide-ranging considerations--which many trustworthy and reliable organizations and institutions in many fields of activity can illuminate--that need to be carefully thought through to make a successful *cultural transformation* to Zero Carbon Economies ASAP… and that compiling 5-10 page overviews from such organizations and institutions should surely be done when we are in a *Planetary Scale Emergency*.

The 30 categories (same categories as used for the 616 list) for the 231 positive tipping point organizations and institutions included in this document (see p. 6) could be significantly expanded--as such an unprecedented *cultural transformation* will affect everyone on Earth. However, those 30 categories, and the 231 organizations and institutions in those categories (in this document), should be sufficient to highlight how valuable having a clearinghouse website of 5-10 page overviews on how to achieve Zero Carbon from thousands of positive tipping point organizations and institutions would be.

When this value is recognized, three or four universities (with much student volunteer assistance) could collaborate and use either list (the 231 or the 616) as a starting point, compile a list of a thousand positive tipping point organizations and institutions, create such a clearinghouse website, and—

1) provide a clear visualization of transformations needed in every aspect of our lives--since different organizations will focus on priorities in their fields of activity (food systems; water scarcity; migration, housing; land rights; biodiversity; civic engagement; peacebuilding; emergency assistance, etc.)

2) be on the cutting edge of curriculum development for making significant progress on most, or all, of the challenges we face at this critical time

3) provide local newspapers, and other news sources, with numerous positive ways of reporting on Climate Emergency Action

4) provide a kind of magnified summary statement which will help people understand how much collaboration is needed

5) build awareness that everyone's investments of time, energy, and money in the everyday circumstances of their community life ("votes" which are made every day) can have a positive and cumulative effect on the solutions-investment-training-employment sequence--and create countless solution-oriented jobs

6) open up many new lines of discussion on how people can work through differences, get on the same side, and help each other

7) be a great asset to the "over 1747 local governments in 30 countries (that) have declared a Climate Emergency" (as of July 6, 2020)

It is worth emphasizing here that each organization and/or institution submitting a 5-10 page overview will be focusing on what are the key issues *in their field*, and what are the key solutions to those issues--*in the context of the convergence of unprecedented challenges we are faced with* [for one risk assessment, see "Unprecedented Challenges Ahead--July 2020" (2 pages)(by this writer)]. Thus, a clearinghouse of such 5-10 page overviews would surely be a valuable resource for surveys of key local leaders, and responses to such surveys will almost certainly, at this critical point, support the need for local Community Visioning, and many supporting Neighborhood Learning Centers. Thousands of local Community Visioning/collaborative problem solving initiatives [many examples of local Community Visioning and strategic planning ; 13 minute documentary of Community Visioning (*highly recommended*)] can help accelerate Climate Emergency Action at this critical time, and result in much forward progress towards positive tipping points on many other challenges at the same time. For more detail on local collaborative problem solving and community education, see the second half of the Climate Emergency Op-Ed "We interrupt this broadcast…." (January, 2020), and the "17 Tweet Series" (June, 2020)(at Twitter or as a document).

There may be people who would dismiss this approach of compiling 5-10 page overviews from thousands of positive tipping point organizations and institutions, by saying that we have not only already heard from the key organizations and institutions, but we are enacting what they have recommended. We do not want create unnecessary wrangling, when we urgently need everyone's help to limit Global Warming to 1.5°C, and carefully untangle and remedy the convergence of unprecedented challenges we now have. But we *can* acknowledge the following five points, which are provided to reinforce resolve to create clearinghouse websites with overviews from positive tipping point organizations and institutions.

1) There is still relatively widespread mass media silence (or brief mentions which are lost amid the swirl of the everyday news cycle), which helps reinforce the sense that there is no real Climate Emergency, or a 6th extinction underway, or many of the other very serious challenges which have been identified by many observers and commentators [Ex: see my risk assessment summaries "Unprecedented Challenges Ahead--July 2020" (2 pages) and the first two chapters of "Harvest Song" (78 pages; Nov-Dec, 2018)].

2) There is a bias towards technological solutions so that we do not have to change very much from our present levels of consumption (of energy, material goods, etc.)--even when much of our built infrastructure (especially in mega-cities) is inappropriate for circular economies.

3) The complexity of our cultural landscapes as a whole makes it difficult to identify and remedy "social and environmental externalities" (Ex: toxic waste is much more of a problem for poor people.)

Here is one very helpful quote, from a United Nations Environment Programme paper (2011) which is still very much relevant to our current circumstances:

"Most economic development and growth strategies encouraged rapid accumulation of physical, financial and human capital, but at the expense of excessive depletion and degradation of natural capital, which includes the endowment of natural resources and ecosystems. By depleting the world's stock of natural wealth – often irreversibly – this pattern of development and growth has had detrimental impacts on the wellbeing of current generations and presents tremendous risks and challenges for the future. The recent multiple crises are symptomatic of this pattern. Existing policies and market incentives have contributed to this problem of capital misallocation because they allow businesses to run up *significant, largely unaccounted for, and unchecked social and environmental externalities."* From "Towards a Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication" United Nations Environment Programme 2011; [in Introduction, see section "An Era of Capital Misallocation" (insufficient numbering—see the first and second pages of the introduction) (confirmed June 6, 2020)]

In contrast to the mega-complex cultural landscapes we have now, this writer prefers that priorities (for urgently and drastically cutting global emissions, and for many of our other very serious challenges) be given to small cities, towns, and villages--as more sustainable-friendly in the long run; as having less complex vulnerabilities; which will create more emphasis on downsizing and focusing on what basic necessities are most needed; where it is easier to see the results of our actions; and where a truly natural circular economy (sewage treatment; food miles; less packaging; zero waste; etc.) is much easier to implement, and more likely to actually happen. He also believes that it is possible for local communities and regions to use Community Visioning Initiatives and Neighborhood Learning Centers to do ongoing collaborative problem solving and community education, and to make profound changes in less than ten years.]

4) This writer has a bias towards "cultural solutions"--as what we as a culture (or conglomeration of cultures) decide to value will be a key determinant of what we eventually call "home". Consider the following quotes:

a) "… every article in the bazaar has moral and spiritual values attached to it… if we feel it is beyond us to guarantee the concomitant results of all our transactions, it necessarily follows that we must limit our transactions to a circle well within our control. This is the bed rock of swadeshi. *The smaller the circumference, the more accurately we can gauge the results of our actions, and (the) more conscientiously shall we be able to fulfill our obligations as trustees."* [From "Why the Village Movement?" by J.C. Kumarappa (an economist who worked with Gandhi)]
b) "… media programming can be regarded as a text that reflects, reinforces, and shapes the attitudes, values, behaviors, preoccupations, and myths that define a culture." [From "International Communications: A Media Literacy Approach" by Art Silverblatt and Nikolai Zlobin M.E. Sharpe July, 2004 (most content accessible at Google Books—use search term "media programming"]

It would not take local collaborative problem solving and community education very long (relatively) to sort out centuries of misguided value judgements, **if** we valued the judgement of people who are well respected in their fields, have been working in highly regarded positive tipping point organizations or institutions for many years, and are willing to provide us with 5-10 page overviews of our circumstances so that people at the community level can decide what their most serious challenges are, and what their preferred local specific solutions are, based on very closely vetted information.

With local collaborative problem solving and community education reinforced by thousands of 5-10 page overviews from thousands of positive tipping point organizations, and reinforced by survey responses from hundreds of key local leaders (see #5 in Accelerating Local Action "17 Point Thread"), we can have well informed citizens deciding both to downsize their appetite for consuming material goods and services, AND which businesses they will make the purchases they need to make, so that they support Zero Carbon--and other kinds of socially responsible--supply chains.

In summary, the challenges of our times are not something the experts will resolve while the rest of us are doing something else. Creating the knowledge base and skill sets necessary to resolve the challenges of our times will require encouraging as much formal and informal meetings as possible between neighbors—and people living in the same local community. Carrying out local Community Visioning, and creating many Neighborhood Learning Centers can provide places--in local neighborhoods--for discussion, information sharing, mutual support and encouragement, fellowship and friendship—so that the exchanging of information and resources will also include the building of a close-knit community of people with a healthy appreciation for each other's strengths.

Through workshops and other informal education (and associated local learning networks), citizens can gain greater awareness of how all the "little events" in everyday community life have a positive and cumulative effect on the challenges-solutions-investment-training-employment sequence… and thus how all the investments of time, energy, and money (the "votes") each of us make in our everyday circumstances become the larger economy. Citizens from every variety of circumstances can learn how to wisely cast such "votes". Wisely directed, such "votes" can result in countless ways of earning a living which contribute to the peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts necessary to drastically reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and minimize other related challenges. As the ancient Chinese proverb says: "Many hands make much work light."

"… there are truths which none can be free to ignore, if one is to have that wisdom thru which life can become useful. These are the truths concerning the structures of the good life, and the factual conditions by which it may be achieved…."
[From "General Education in a Free Society" (The Harvard Committee, 1945)]

We can learn about the truths concerning the structures of the good life, and the factual conditions by which it may be achieved… and we all can contribute to making the good life accessible for a highly significant majority of people now living on Planet Earth… even though the convergence of challenges we now face may seem overwhelming. We can learn to value this kind of outcome, and we can learn how to make it happen.

Comments, questions, suggestions, and recommendations relating to the two lists mentioned here are welcome, and can be directed to me (Stefan Pasti) via Twitter (@StefanPasti), or by email (stefanpasti@gmx.com).

30 Categories of Positive Tipping Point Organizations
(which can be added to, modified, etc.)

Alleviating Water Issues; Alleviating Hunger; Alleviating Poverty

Climate Finance; Green Finance

Climate Mitigation/Sustainability--Business/Commerce Related

Climate Mitigation--News, Analysis

Climate Mitigation--Research; Education; Action

Crowdfunding

Elder Care

Emergency Humanitarian Response

Environment; Sustainability; Protecting Biodiversity

Green Party

Health Care

Housing/Shelter Assistance

Human Rights

Indigenous People; Native People; First Nations

Impact Investing; Socially Responsible Investing

International Financial Institutions

Journalism, News Sources

Land Rights

Local Economies; Local Currency

Peacebuilding

Philanthropy

Publishers, Sustainability

Questionnaires and Surveys

Religious; Spiritual; Interfaith

Stakeholder Engagement

Sustainable Communities; Ecovillages; Permaculture

Sustainable Food Systems

Universities, Colleges; Education

United Nations Organizations

Women's Organizations

(shortened list of 231 organizations and institutions, from original "Appendix 10" list of 616)
[in "Brainstorming Zero Carbon ASAP Campaign" (157 pages; June, 2019)

Alleviating Water Issues; Alleviating Hunger; Alleviating Poverty

CARE (care.org)
Water.org
The Hunger Project
InterAction
FINCA International
WhyHunger
D-Lab (at Massachusetts Institute for Technology—MIT)

Climate Finance; Green Finance

Ceres
ClimateWorks Foundation
Climate Action 100+
Green Bank Network
Climate Justice Resilience Fund

Climate Mitigation/Sustainability--Business/Commerce Related

CDP Global
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
We Mean Business

Climate Mitigation--News, Analysis

Carbon Brief
Climate Home News

Climate Mitigation--Research; Education; Action

Climate Reality
350.org
Extinction Rebellion
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
GreenBiz
CleanTechnica
C40 Cities
International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
DiCaprio Foundation
Union of Concerned Scientists
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
Global Call for Climate Action (GCCA)
MIT ClimateCoLab
Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
FridaysForFuture
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
Transition Network
Worldwatch Institute
Climate Action Network-International (CAN)
Project Drawdown
Centre for Alternative Technology
REN21
Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO)
Energy Storage Association
Climate Mobilization
Divest Invest

Crowdfunding

Kickstarter
Indiegogo
StartSomeGood

Elder Care

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Emergency Humanitarian Response

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Center for Disease Control (CDC)
International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Refugees International
Mercy Corps
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
Médecins Sans Frontières   (MSF International) (Doctors Without Borders)
Catholic Relief Services
Islamic Relief
Save the Children

Environment; Sustainability; Protecting Biodiversity

World Wildlife Fund
Greenpeace
The Nature Conservancy
Natural Resources Defense Council
Planet Green
Rainforest Alliance
Environmental Defense Fund
World Resources Institute
Conservation International
International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Circular Ecology
World Agroforestry (ICRAF)
Ellen MacArthur Foundation
Fairtrade International
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Friends of the Earth
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Zero Waste Scotland
Bioneers
Sustainia
Circular Economy
Footprint Network
Green America
ACT Alliance
Right Livelihood Award
Northeast Organic Farming Association (Northeast USA)

Green Party

Bundnis90/Die Grunen (Germany)
The Green Party (UK)

Health Care

World Health Organization (WHO)
American Medical Association (AMA)
The Lancet
World Medical Association (WMA)
Doctors for Climate

Housing/Shelter Assistance

Habitat for Humanity
World Habitat

Human Rights

Human Rights Watch
Amnesty International

Indigenous People; Native People; First Nations

Amazon Watch
Survival International
Cultural Survival

Impact Investing; Socially Responsible Investing

Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
Calvert Impact Capital
ImpactAssets
Wharton Social Impact

International Financial Institutions

World Bank
International Monetary Fund
European Investment Bank

Journalism, News Sources

Vox
Mother Jones
Guardian Environment
grist
EcoWatch
Yale Environment 360
European Federation of Journalists (EFJ)
Global Editors Network (GEN)

Land Rights

Landesa
Forest Peoples Programme
Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)
Rights and Resources Initiative

Local Economies; Local Currency

Local Harvest
Edible Schoolyard
Bristol Pound
Local First
Grassroots International
Homesteader Supply
Clean Coalition
Schumacher Center for a New Economics
Lehmans (non-electric)
US Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA)
Community Micro Lending
TimeBanks USA
BerkShares, Inc

Peacebuilding

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Search for Common Ground
Peace Direct
International Alert
Alliance for Peacebuilding
Conciliation Resources
Interpeace
Sister Cities International
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies (University of Notre Dame)
Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (Eastern Mennonite University)

Philanthropy

The Chronicle of Philanthropy
Council on Foundations
Global Philanthropy Group
Global Greengrants
Small Grants Programme (GEF)
Environmental Grantmakers Association

Publishers, Sustainability

Chelsea Green
New Society Publishers
Green Books

Questionnaires and Surveys

Pew Research Global
Gallup
RTI International

Religious; Spiritual; Interfaith

Catholic News Service
World Council of Churches (WCC)
Interfaith Youth Core
Parliament of the World's Religions (POWR)
Religions for Peace
United Religions Initiative

Stakeholder Engagement

CitizenLab
United States Public Interest Research Group   (PIRG)
involveUK
Stakeholder Forum
IAP2
Delaney and Associates

Sustainable Communities; Ecovillages; Permaculture

Permaculture Magazine
Clean Cooking Alliance
Lighting Africa
Energy Storage North America
Permaculture Research Institute (PRI--Australia)
National Community Land Trust Network (UK)
Mini-Grids Partnership
Gaia Education
Global Ecovillage Network
Lowimpact.org (LILI)
Solar Cookers International
Village Earth
European Network for Community-led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability (Ecolise)
Futurepump

Sustainable Food Systems

Food Tank
Food Democracy Now!
Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
Slow Food
Food First
Eating Locally

La Via Campesina
Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Food Climate Research Network
Landworkers' Alliance
World Farmers' Organisation
International Food Security Network (IFSN)
Food Solutions New England
Asia GROW Campaign (Oxfam)

United Nations Organizations

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
World Food Programme
UN Environment Programme
UN Foundation
UN Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR)
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

Universities, Colleges; Education

(Note: many of these listings are located in the United States, due to what sources this writer is familiar with)

edutopia
Chronicle of Higher Education
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
National Education Association (NEA)
American Council on Education (ACE)
American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
Institute of International Education (IIE)
Ashoka U
Teachers without Borders
Association of American Universities (AAU)
Center for Green Schools
American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)
Green Schools Alliance
Barefoot College

Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)
College Media Association
Second Nature
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU)
Campus Compact
Gaia University
Eco-Schools
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU)
Global Education Innovation Initiative (Harvard University)
Talloires Network
Intentional Endowments Network

Women's Organizations

Global Fund for Women
Women's Funding Network
International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF)
World Pulse
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)
Women's Earth Alliance (WEA)