



Policy plan “Stichting Climates”



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1 Intro and background

In 2021, a group of friends, driven by increasing awareness and impacts of climate change on our environment, decided to expand their individual sustainability initiatives into a joint reforestation project in Spain. The primary mission was to offset their own CO2 emissions by purchasing and reforesting land in the Murcia region of Spain.

Encouraged by enthusiastic responses from friends, family, and unaffiliated individuals, the group of 12 people residing in the Netherlands established a foundation to facilitate participation in the project. The purchased land was included in this foundation.

2 Goals of the institution

Founded in June 2022, the Climates Foundation is committed to achieving global climate objectives through reforestation of suitable and available land and promoting ecologically responsible agriculture, forestry, recreation, and tourism. The Foundation aims to achieve its goals by purchasing, redeveloping, and maintaining land and real estate in and outside the Netherlands for reforestation, fundraising, advocating its objectives, forming partnerships, and participating in international forums relevant to its goals.

3 Activities of the institution

To achieve its objectives, the Climates Foundation organizes various activities and projects, such as planting a variety of trees compatible with local environments and climates, creating and maintaining a food forest, acquiring new land for reforestation, and establishing a donor structure to support the foundation's goals. The foundation develops a sponsorship model offering both financial and non-financial support and involves a wide range of individuals, associations, foundations, and companies in its efforts.

4 Governance and oversight

4.1 Governance

The board of the Climates Foundation comprises Fritz Meijaard (finance), Maurice Stoevenbeld (fundraising), Fleur Rutten (statutes), Gerard Visser (reforestation), Nathalie Bakker (reforestation), and Anne Stoevenbeld (secretary)

4.2 Oversight

Oversight role is at Danielle Boerendans (chair) and Nicolette Coster (member)

5 Financing and Donation Budget

To achieve its goals, the Climates Foundation relies on a yearly budget covering various costs, such as land purchase, land preparation (including digging holes), tree purchase, protective cover purchase, regular maintenance of plots and trees, and general expenses like website, communication, bank charges, annual accounts, and legal fees for land acquisition

6 Management and allocation of funds

The board members of the Climates Foundation work voluntarily and receive no remuneration, though they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in their capacity as board members. The funds received from contributions are used to achieve the foundation's goals, and any surplus is retained in the account for future projects. The foundation is non-profit and maintains only as much capital as reasonably needed for the continuity of its planned activities. The foundation's bank account number is NL10 ABNA 0113 6188 08. At the end of the financial year (January 1 to December 31), the treasurer closes the books, and annual financial statements are prepared.

7 Additional information

The website www.climates.es contains current and relevant information about donations on the "Donating" page (<https://climates.es/donateurs/>)