

THE *CHAMPIONS OF THE EARTH* UNEP AWARD HAVE ANNOUNCED THE FIVE WINNERS OF THE 2022 EDITION

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) have announced the 2022 [Champions of the Earth](#), honoring individuals and organizations whose actions have a transformative impact on the environment.

Since its inception in 2005, the annual Champions of the Earth award has been bringing visibility and validation to some of the world's most dynamic environmental leaders, from pioneering scientists and captains of industry to heads of state and community activists. The awards celebrate inspirational and motivational examples of the potential of individual and collective action to change the world.

Following the launch of the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) (2021-2030), the 2022 edition of the award was focused on efforts to prevent, halt and reverse ecosystem degradation globally, looking for inspirational leaders that are leading the charge in action for:

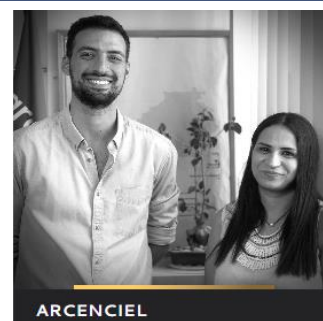
- Climate - Strengthening ecosystem resilience and halting emissions.
- Nature - Protecting what we have and restoring what we have lost.
- Pollution - Tackling waste and pollutants threatening human and ecosystem health.

The following five UNEP's [Champions of the Earth 2022](#) have been selected by a team of UNEP staff and experts from a record 2,200 nominations received from around the world:

- [Arcenciel](#) (Lebanon), a leading environmental enterprise whose work to create a cleaner, healthier environment has laid the foundation for the country's national waste management strategy. Today, Arcenciel recycles more than 80 per cent of Lebanon's potentially infectious hospital waste every year.
- [Constantino Auca Chutas](#) (Peru), an environmental leader who has pioneered a reforestation model driven by local and Indigenous communities, which has led to three million trees being planted in the country. He is also leading ambitious reforestation efforts in other Andean countries.
- [Sir Partha Dasgupta](#) (United Kingdom), an eminent economist whose landmark review on the economics of biodiversity calls for a fundamental rethink of humanity's relationship with the natural world to prevent critical ecosystems from reaching dangerous tipping points.
- [Dr Purnima Devi Barman](#) (India), a wildlife biologist who leads the "Hargila Army", an all-female grassroots conservation movement dedicated to protecting the Greater Adjutant Stork from extinction. The women create and sell textiles with motifs of the bird, helping to raise awareness about the species while building their own financial independence.



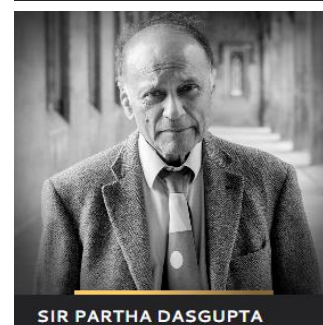
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- [Cécile Bibiane Ndjebet](#) (Cameroon), a tireless advocate for the rights of women in Africa to secure land tenure, which is essential if they are to play a role in restoring ecosystems, fighting poverty and mitigating climate change. She is also leading efforts to influence policy on gender equality in forest management across 20 African countries.

The Champions of the Earth award will celebrate visionaries in the following categories: [Inspiration and action](#); [Entrepreneurial vision](#); [Science and Innovation and policy leadership](#).

On the website, all the winners for these categories of the annual editions are presented with articles, which let readers know their relevant initiatives.

Since its inception in 2005, the *Champions of the Earth* awards have recognized 111 laureates: 26 world leaders, 69 individuals and 16 organizations.

To know more

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