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## THE FRENCH PRESIDENT OPENS UP SUMMIT OF CONSCIOUSNESS AT ECONOMIC&SOCIAL COUNCIL

### WHY DO I CARE QUESTION IS RAISED

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**USPA NEWS** - In preparation to the COP 21 Climate Conference, in Paris, the Summit of Conscience launches the "Why do I care?" campaign. Today, leaders, personalities and citizens of all countries of the world and of all faiths "" to respond to this question, based on their own consciousness and their own story.

### A GLOBAL MOBILISATION AROUND THE WHY DO I CARE CAMPAIGN AT CESE PARIS-----

The "Summit of consciences for the climate" was launched today at 9 am with a speech by French President Francois Hollande and Jean-Paul Delevoye, President of the Economic, social and environmental, which hosts the event.

It was then the turn of forty personalities including heads of state, religious leaders, scientists, writers, economists, Nobel Peace Prize artists to express the need and urgency to mobilise consciences face the threat posed by global warming. As Jacques Chirac former French President said at a climate summit: "Our house is burning and we are looking elsewhere" in 2002. This phrase has become famous brand minds and consciences even if there is already off 13 years later against the global warming. (Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, opening speech he made before the plenary of the fourth Earth Summit September, 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa). That was remarkable by taking a strong word and full of awareness so rare from a political leader, and what is more a head of state.

### THE FRENCH PRESIDENT CHAIRS A SUMMIT OF CONSCIOUSNESS BY OPENING THE FORUM FOR CELEBRITIES OF WORDS TAKEN-----

"The misery was unbearable yesterday, that of today is untenable, and that of tomorrow will be ungovernable." said Francois Hollande in opening the consciences summit. The speech of President Hollande that lasted half an hour, stressed the challenge of security and world peace: "This is a challenge also for the security and world peace, dignified life where one is born , not having to leave their country to seek a livelihood, it is a fundamental right "and went on a famous quote from Victor Hugo:"I am not one who believes that we can remove suffering, but those who say we can destroy misery. "

The floor was then given to prestigious guests from sixty countries, including Prince Albert II of Monaco, Kofi Annan, Michael Higgins, , Mohammad Yunus, Laurent Fabius, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Segolene Royal ...

### NICOLAS HULOT SPECIAL ENVOY NAMED BY PRESIDENT HOLLANDE FOR CLIMATE IS THE PROMOTER OF THIS "SUMMIT OF CONSCIOUSNESS"-----

"At five months of the Paris Conference, nothing is gained," says Nicolas Hulot, who denounced the "egoism that endure." So to insist again on the importance of the climate challenge, a summit of conscience was held Tuesday in Paris. "The only thing we lack is a willingness and collective intelligence," said the special envoy of Francois Hollande for the planet, co-organiser of the event, Tuesday, the Economic and Social Council (CESE). Throughout the day, forty moral and religious figures took the floor and answered a question: "Why we should care?" This issue means: "Why should we care climate".

COP 21 will be held in Paris in less than four months. From November 30th to December 11th 2015, the French Government will host the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). At this meeting, 195 States will have to reach a universal, legally binding agreement to limit the global warming to 2 degrees Celsius by 2100. The Consciousness Summit initiated by Nicolas Hulot gathered more than 500 people at the CESE including forty moral and religious personalities who signed a letter to touch the heart, the conscience of every negotiator COP21. A very powerful moment that calls for the best part of each of us to create our future.

### A CALL FOR GLOBAL AWARENESS FOR THE CLIMATE PROTECTION-----

Nicolas Hulot, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic for the protection of the planet, launched the "Summit of Consciences" ("Summit of awareness") meets July 21, 2015 in Paris, the CESE (Economic and Social Council) over forty moral and religious leaders around the world to answer the question "The climate, why do I care? "And together launch a "Call of Consciousness for the

climate."-----

Time is counted. This is no longer just an environmental issue, economic or political. This is the future of humanity that is at stake. Each of us must respond now to the question. Is it important to me that the adventure of mankind on Earth can continue? Is what I am prepared to change today my lifestyle for our children and their children can live in bearable conditions? These are the next questions to be asked and tackled alongside the issues to be solved at all levels of awareness in order to promote the protection of Earth.

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