

Dr Jørgen Randers

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Speaker on Sustainability, Population & the World in 2052



A global environmentalist and one of the most respected names in the field of climate change

Professional experience

- Based in the Oslo, Dr Randers is Professor Emeritus, Climate Strategy, Department of Law and Governance, BI Norwegian Business School.
- Most famously, he is one of the authors of “*Limits to Growth*” (1972), the most widely-read book ever published on global climate change, which sold more than 30 million copies, in 30 languages. This research report marked a turning-point in thinking about the environment.
- Jorgen is also the newly-appointed Director of Peking University’s Centre for Ecological Civilization, in their Institute for Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.
- Jorgen has been a Full Member of the Club of Rome for many years, and is a former member of its Executive Committee.
- Jorgen Randers has spent a third of his life in academia, a third in business and a third in NGOs. In the commercial world, he has been chairman of three banks and today is a non-executive member of several corporate boards in Norway, including the state-owned Postal Service. He also sits on the sustainability council of Dow Chemical in the US, and Astra Zeneca in the UK.
- He was President of the Norwegian Business School BI 1981 – 89, and Deputy Director General of WWF International (World Wide Fund for Nature) in Switzerland 1994 – 99. He chaired the Commission on Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions who reported in 2006 to the Norwegian cabinet on how Norway can cut its climate gas emissions by two thirds by 2050.
- He is an advisor to various corporate and governmental institutions and lectures widely on sustainable development issues – particularly on the future and climate change – for all types of audiences.
- He has received many prizes and awards, including an honorary doctorate from the Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge UK, Honorary Professor, Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Science, Shanghai. In 2018, he was appointed as Honorary Researcher, School of Marxism, Peking University, Beijing.

Books and Published Papers

- He is best known as author of the book *Limits to Growth*, 1972, and its sequels in 1992 and 2004. He co-wrote the book for the Club of Rome to study the economic growth and resource constraints and environmental implications for humanity. This sold more than 30 million copies worldwide in 36 languages.
- More recently he wrote *2052 - A Global Forecast for the next 40 years*, in which he makes predictions for the outcome of the world and offers proposals for our response to this scenario. This is available in 8 languages and has sold more than 150.000 copies.
- Together with Graeme Maxton also wrote *Reinventing Prosperity: Managing Economic Growth to Reduce Unemployment, Inequality and Climate Change*, published in 2016.
- He has written numerous scientific papers on climate issues, scenario planning and system dynamics, especially on the topics of sustainable development, climate change and global warming mitigation.

Sample assignments

- Professor Randers is a highly sought-after speaker, engaging in over 65 engagements a year all over the world, as an expert in field of climate change and sustainability, demographics and forecasting our future and the challenges facing humanity.
- He has worked with the boards of numerous international corporations including BT, Dow Chemical, Allianz Asset Management, Shell International, Arup, Munich Re, BHP Billiton, KPMG and many others.

Sample presentation topics

- The Future of the World – 2052
- Why our Planet will not reach 9 billion
- The Green Economy of the Future
- Global Megatrends
- The Limits to Growth – a 50-Year Perspective

Jørgen Randers - Personal bio-data

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- Author of several well-respected books, Limits to Growth, 2052, Reinventing Prosperity
- Sits on the sustainability council of The Dow Chemical Company in the US and Astra Zeneca in the UK
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- President of the BI Norwegian Business School from 1981-1989
- Deputy Director of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) 1994-1999
- Ministry of Long-Term Planning, Norway
- Director, Resource Policy Group, Oslo
- Various senior business positions in Norwegian corporations
- Degree from Oslo University and PhD (1973) at the MIT Sloan School of Management

