



# Global Greens News

## September 2015

### To Paris and beyond



Momentum is building towards the global climate summit (COP21) in Paris from 30 November to 12 December. Greens everywhere are urged to join the fight for a safe climate and a better future. On 27-29 November, hours before the COP starts, people's climate marches will be held in cities large and small around the Earth - join in and help create the largest mobilisation the world has ever seen. [Read more](#) (French, Spanish, English).

## GLOBAL

### Green Parties, Green Future



A new book by Per Gahrton, Swedish author, sociologist and politician, about the rise of Green parties worldwide with a foreword by UK Greens MP Caroline Lucas. The book aims to give an overview of the growing global Green political movement, its thinking, ideology, world view, basic values, organisational structure and political strength. It tells the story of how Green parties are playing an increasing role at all levels of political decision-making. [Read more](#)

### Vale Louise Crossley



Dr Louise Crossley will be known to many as the author and chief negotiator of the Global Greens Charter adopted at the first Global Greens Congress in 2001. She was an intelligent, courageous and generous friend and a global citizen who contributed to Green thinking, was an election candidate, convened the Australian Greens and has the unique distinction of getting from Australia to Sao Paulo Brazil for GG2008 by land and sea, keeping her feet on the ground all the way. Louise died in Hobart Australia on 30 June 2015. [Read more](#)

## AMERICAS

### Alianza Verde desafía el Plan de Desarrollo de Colombia



El pasado 5 de agosto, el partido verde de Colombia, la Alianza Verde, presentó una demanda ante la Corte Constitucional contra 28 artículos del Plan Nacional de Desarrollo, alegando que contiene cinco de los llamados "errores ambientales" que vulneran el medio ambiente. || Alianza Verde are challenging the Colombian National Development Plan in the Constitutional Court because of its threat to water and life. [Read more](#) (Spanish).

### Brasil: Dilma no teatro do absurdo



Dilma Rousseff's government is in turmoil, soon to be compounded by the Chinese slowdown and fires and floods caused by El Niño. || Quando Dilma assumiu pela segunda vez, alguns analistas afirmaram que enfrentaria uma tempestade perfeita, tal a configuração de fatores negativos que a cercavam. Esses analistas não contavam ainda com a desaceleração chinesa nem com El Niño, que deve ser intenso este ano. [Read more](#) (Portuguese)

## FPVA Congress - Dominican Republic 13-18 November



The annual meeting of the Federation of the Green Parties of the Americas will be hosted by Partido Socialiste Verde (PASOVE) on 13-18 November 2015. The Dominican Republic will have elections in May 2016 for the President and the legislature which PASOVE will be contesting. Contact [Antolin Polanco](#) for more information.

## ASIA / PACIFIC

### Climate change and Tongan creation mythologies



Climate change is already a lived reality in the Pacific but for many Pacific Island people living in New Zealand this thought has yet to sink in. Trish Tupou, co-convenor of the Pasifika Greens Network, joined the Pacific Leaders Climate Tour of New Zealand in August and reflected on the way creation mythologies connect Tongan people with the environment and how that may serve as a bridge to understanding. [Read more](#)

### UKPP giving new direction to society



UKPP (Uttarakhand Parivartan Party), India's only Green party, held its third biennial convention in July. The Party adopted comprehensive resolutions on the changes needed in the political, socio-economic and ecological spheres of the state of Uttarakhand and elected office bearers in preparation for elections early in 2017. Separately, a climate change resolution warns of the ecological threats to the Himalayas caused by climate change. [Read more](#)

### Greens Japan protest relaunch of Sendai nuclear power plant



On 11 August the Sendai Nuclear Plant became the first reactivated nuclear generator in Japan since the Fukushima nuclear accident in 2011. The relaunch was approved under new rules governing the Japanese nuclear sector and is proceeding despite local and national protests. Greens Japan are strongly voicing disapproval of the relaunch and advocating for a complete phase out of all nuclear reactors. Read more: [English](#) | [Japanese](#)

## EUROPE

### Swedish Greens in government



Since October 2014 Greens have been part of the Swedish government for the first time ever. And it's making a difference -- through investing in climate smart affordable housing, new nature reserves, giving all pupils an honest chance to learn to read, write and count, legal migration channels into the European Union, and a feminist foreign policy for sustainable development. [Read more](#)



## Impressions from the Serbian-Macedonian border

Thousands of refugees are gathering at the Serbian border with Macedonia trying to travel further into wealthy war-free Europe, fleeing war, terrorism and hunger. Co-chair of the European Greens Reinhard Buetikofer and Committee member Maria Petelinaki visited the border in August to see the situation with their own eyes.

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## AFRICA

### Conference on elections and campaigns



In August the African Greens held their first International Conference on Elections and Campaigns in Burkina Faso, preceded by a training program for West African Greens on Green ideology and the environment. Participants came from Zambia, Rwanda, Niger, Senegal, Mali, Togo, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso.

[Read more](#) (including a full report in French)

## ELECTIONS

### Ram Ouedraogo running for President of Burkina Faso



General elections and presidential elections will be held in Burkina Faso on 11 October 2015. Ram Ouedraogo, leader of Rassemblement des Écologistes du Burkina Faso (RDEB), is the Greens candidate for President and the party is running candidates in the general election also. Ram is a pioneer of Green politics in Africa and this will be his fourth tilt at the presidency. [Read more](#)

### Elections galore



National level elections will be contested by Greens in September and October in: Portugal, Switzerland, Egypt, Canada, Poland and Argentina as well as Burkina Faso. Greens elsewhere can help with these elections by encouraging eligible non-resident voters to vote (and vote Green!) and by assisting with the campaign where this is permitted. Joel Dignan from the Australian Greens volunteered in the UK elections in May. [Read his story](#)

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