

Agenda 21

Agenda 21 has its roots in the “Sustainable Development” initiative begun back in the 1980’s by the UN.

In general terms, Sustainable Development encompasses three areas:

- Equity: Using the Law to Restructure Human Nature
- Economy: The International Redistribution of Wealth & the Creation of Public/Private Partnerships
- Environment: Nature Above Man

In 1987, the [World Commission on Environment and Development](#), headed up by the Vice-Chair of the World Socialist Party and Director-General of the WHO, Gro Harlem Brundtland, issued a report titled “[Our Common Future](#)”. In it, for the first time was defined the term “Sustainable Development”. It was stated as being: “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” The United Nations General Assembly asked this commission to “...propose long term Strategies for achieving sustainable development by the year 2000 and beyond...”.

In response, an “earth summit” was convened in 1992 under the auspices of the UN to formulate policies for the world environmental movement. At this meeting, they issued a report titled “Agenda 21”, with the number 21 standing for the 21st century. In his opening speech, the Secretary-General of the summit, Maurice Strong, stated: “Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air conditioning, and suburban housing – are not sustainable.” At the end of the summit, “Agenda 21” was signed by 178 world leaders, including US President George H. W. Bush. Since then, both Presidents Clinton and Obama have signed further agreements and Executive Orders implementing “Agenda 21”.

Environmental Activist and attorney Daniel Sitarz has stated: “Agenda 21 proposes an array of actions which are intended to be implemented by every person on Earth. Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require a profound reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world has ever experienced – a major shift in the priorities of both governments and individuals and an unprecedented redeployment of human and financial resources.”

In June of 1993, President Clinton issued EO #12852, which created the [President’s Council on Sustainable Development \(PCSD\)](#). The purpose of the PCSD was to translate the recommendations set forth in Agenda 21 into public policy, administered by the federal government. This begs the question: What UN mandates are being funneled through the federal government to our local communities?

Without question, Agenda 21 is impinging on the US Constitution and our Bill of Rights. In the UN’s 1996 publication “Global Biodiversity Assessment”, it states: “Property rights are not absolute and unchanging, but rather a complex, dynamic and shifting relationship between two or more parties, over space and time.” An earlier UN report from 1976 stated: “Land, because of its unique nature and the crucial role it plays in human settlements, cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private ownership is also a principle instrument of the accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice; if unchecked, it may become a major obstacle in the planning and implementation of development schemes.”

Agenda 21 calls for the creation of: “National strategies, plans, policies, and processes which are crucial in achieving a sustainable world.” In its 40 chapters, it addresses virtually every aspect of life. Each chapter presents many policy recommendations that member nations are expected to adopt. Some of the more important chapters are:

- Demographics & Sustainability
- Protecting Human Health (i.e. health care for all!)
- Human Settlements (the foundation for “sustainable communities”)
- Planning & Management of Land
- Management of Water
- The role of Business & Industry
- International Mechanisms & Institutions

Since its inception, Agenda 21 has been infiltrating our lives in unseen ways. One notable method to accomplish this has been to provide large-scale training of new government workers to enforce Sustainable Development. Another is the establishment of “stakeholder councils”, where third parties are given a “steak” in the control over property in neighborhoods. The resulting written “consensus statements” from these groups are typically approved by local governments without question. As a result, local citizens then have to submit to these questionable conclusions of a non-elected regional authority that is not accountable to the voters. However, the most insidious way in which Agenda 21 is being promoted is through the indoctrination of our youth. Even a cursory look at the federally-mandated curriculum being taught in classrooms in every government school in America would show that the doctrines of Sustainable Development are finding their way into every subject. French classes are used to teach students to “save the earth”; economics classes feature lectures discouraging individual initiative in the marketplace and decrying private ownership; history classes obscure the importance of America’s founding documents; mandatory “service-learning” programs enlist students to work for government-approved Sustainable Development organizations. The list goes on and on!

So, what types of things does Agenda 21 promote? Here is a partial list:

- Relocating people from rural areas to cities
- Higher gas prices
- Manipulating transportation patterns
- Forbidding human access to land
- Seizure of private property
- Restricting water use
- Additional taxing
- Restricting the amount of waste
- Forced community involvement
- Forced quotas on harvesting

In support of saving the earth, UN affiliates have continued to expand into local communities through programs known as “Local Agenda 21”. The main organization that local governments join to be part of this program is [ICLEI – the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives](#). It was founded in 1990, and its inaugural conference was attended by over 200 local government representatives from 43 countries. ICLEI’s literature states: “ICLEI provides technical consulting, training and information services to build capacity, share knowledge, and support local government in the implementation of sustainable development at the local level.” As of 2012, over 500 local governments in the US were involved with ICLEI.

In Virginia, the following 16 localities are current ICLEI members:

- Abingdon
- Alexandria
- Arlington County
- Blacksburg
- Charlottesville
- Dumfries
- Falls Church
- Harrisonburg
- James City County
- Loudoun County
- Lynchburg
- Norfolk
- Richmond
- Roanoke County
- Roanoke
- Staunton

Of particular note is that three Virginia localities used to be ICLEI members, but have withdrawn their membership. They are:

- Albemarle County
- Augusta County
- Lexington

In closing, I really wish I had better news – that America might now be realizing the nefarious implications of Agenda 21. However, it appears that Agenda 21 is now being superseded by a new initiative called [Agenda 2030](#). In essence, this is Agenda 21 on steroids! Many people believe this is the vehicle by which a world government will be implemented. The White House made the official announcement of Agenda 2030 on its website on September 27th (see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/27/fact-sheet-us-global-development-policy-and-agenda-2030>). On that site, it states: “*Building on Over a Half Century of U.S. Leadership* - 2015 is a pivotal year for global development. World leaders

gathered in New York today to adopt the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (“2030 Agenda”). The adoption of the 2030 Agenda, which sets out a global development vision and priorities for the next 15 years, captures the hopes and ambitions of people around the globe for meaningful change and progress, including here in the United States. Through the adoption of this historic framework, the United States joins with countries around the world in pledging to *leave no one behind* by ending extreme poverty and prioritizing policies and investments that have long-term, transformative impact and are sustainable.”

To put all this in better context, let me leave you with quotes from three of our founders:

George Washington said: “Private property and freedom are inseparable.”

John Adams said: “Property must be secure or liberty cannot exist.”

James Madison said: “I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual silent encroachments of those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

Both Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 are antithetical to Washington’s and Adams’ statements; and each is one of the instances described in Madison’s statement. Therefore, Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 embody “un-American” principles and ideals, and both programs should be rejected at every level of American government!