

A White Paper Calling in Collaboration,

To build a Transnational Political Party,

Dedicated to Establishing Global Governance,

Sourced in Earth's awakening through humanity,

And all kingdoms of nature,

By 2050

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## Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this white paper is to share the vision for Singularity in a way that can attract in team members, collaborators, partners, advisors, and funders.

Much of its content is deliberately kept at essence-level in the interest of brevity. Much more could and will need to be explored on the topics covered here.

If what is explored here resonates with you and you feel you might have something to offer to the collective work of taking Singularity forward, email: <a href="mailto:jonathan@synergyforum.org">jonathan@synergyforum.org</a>

Context: The Global Meta-Crisis

Today a complex web of crises increasingly affects the entirety of humanity and the Earth. From the pandemic to global economic instability, rising inflation, international wars, the ecological crisis, geo-political conflicts, exponential tech, culture wars, and the coming water crisis, the interconnected nature of these challenges has led some to describe what we face today as the global meta-crisis.

## Our position is that this crisis represents a global initiation or rite of passage for humanity.

Those who have taken the journey deeper into their own authentic being know that it is often crisis that initiates us onto our path. Such crisis engulfs our life in a way that makes continuing with business as usual impossible. These times bring us to our knees and fiercely invite our surrender. That surrender then becomes a portal to a deeper, more aligned phase of our journey. This is the situation that is building now for humanity.

The shifting terrain of the global crisis is bringing both breakdown and breakthrough in several areas. Disintegration and Evolution are simultaneously present. Our societies from one angle seem to be imploding, and from another something new is beginning to rise.

#### Everywhere humanity is being asked to make a choice:

Continue to operate in a way that is disconnected and violent to the wider system of the Earth we are realising ourselves as a part of – an option that is already clearly leading to our own destruction.

Or stop, accept that the roots of our systems – political, social, economic – contain certain fundamental issues that need to be addressed at a root level, and then connect to the purpose, heart, and genius of the human spirit to innovate new systems sourced in a radically different reality – the living Whole that we are all a part of.

Singularity is an offering to the latter of these choices in the domain of new politics and whole Earth system governance.

#### A Paradigmatic Shift

Singularity is a transnational political party dedicated to catalysing global governance sourced in the Earth's awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature by 2050.

That's a big thing to say.

What do we mean, "the Earth's awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature"?

Is that to say we see the Earth as alive?

Answer: Yes.

In Singularity we perceive that humanity is on the verge of an incredible realisation.

#### That the Earth is alive.

While this was a standard teaching of ancient traditions, and the theory's discussion in science goes back to the 1800's, it was first proposed within the domain of modern science by James Lovelock in the 70s.

His theory was then largely rejected, but with the advancement of the life sciences and astrobiology, more and more scientists are today taking it very seriously.

We sense that humanity is on the verge of a tipping point around this realisation.

And that it is one that will result in a paradigmatic shift of our sense of place in the world.

One where we will start to realise that rather than humanity existing at the summit of an inanimate planet over which it has dominion, we are actually an expression of the Earth's life, in company with its other kingdoms.

And more than that, in Singularity we sense that humanity's realisation of this is itself an expression of the Earth awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature.

And that the current global crisis represents a collective rite of passage for us into the next phase of our evolution as a species, where we take our rightful place in harmony with and service to the Earth's community of kingdoms.

This has massive implication for our systems of power, politics, and governance.

Singularity is dedicated to pioneering new forms of these sourced in this dawning revelation.

### What is Singularity?

Singularity is a transnational political party working towards global governance sourced in the Earth's awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature by 2050.

Our political systems are broken.

Despite the noble vision and energy many human beings have poured into them, and the evolutionary breakthroughs they have at times served, the root of today's politics is based in materialism, tribalism, and the perceived scarcity of power.

Humanity is seen to exist at the evolutionary summit of an inanimate planet.

Individuals fight to climb the political ladder. Polarised groups fight tribal battles against other polarised groups. And all to win a power that some have and others don't by virtue of their victory in a zero-sum game.

And this is in the face of a rising global crisis that increasingly affects the entirety of humanity and the Earth. One that spans the pandemic, to global economic instability, rising inflation, international wars, the ecological crisis, geo-political conflicts, exponential tech, and pervasive culture wars.

In Singularity we believe that nothing less than a fundamental shift at the root level is needed to birth a new politics that can genuinely serve humanity and the Earth's thriving.

We start with a radical premise: that the Earth itself is in a process of awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature.

We sense that the current global crisis represents a collective rite of passage for humanity into the next phase of our evolution as a species, where we take our rightful place in harmony with and service to the Earth's community of kingdoms.

And rather than power only being located in positions of formal authority, we see the true source of power as the invincible spirit in the core of every heart, ready to inspire service and creative action towards our collective evolution.

## This has huge ramifications for our systems of governance, leadership and politics.

Singularity is a transnational political party that applies this approach to new forms of politics, leadership and governance.

#### To get there, we're focussing on:

- **Governance:** pioneering new forms of governance that start with how the Earth wants to express through humanity
- **Policy:** developing policy positions on the major issues of our time that translate the needs of the planet as a whole into political, social, economic and environmental policies that can be implemented across nations

- **Leadership:** developing a global body of representatives in different nations who will participate in political elections according to how the one humanity and one Earth want to be served in their nation
- **Movement building:** building a global network of Singularity cells in different nations, filled with people who are passionate to live from the radically different paradigm of putting the health of the whole first, that Singularity stands for

## Singularity's Political Position

Singularity sources its approach in the Earth's awakening through humanity and all the kingdoms of nature.

As such, we are not partisan.

We are not democrat, republican, labour, liberal, socialist, or conservative.

We recognise the important truths held by each of these positions and the current of evolutionary purpose that is seeking to express through all of them.

We are not globalist, nationalist or localist.

We start with the Earth as a whole, and from there recognise the need for healthy structures of identity, values and avenues for change at the international, national and local level.

Our work is not based in any one religion, philosophy or spiritual tradition, but rather in the universal principles that have revealed themselves as the essential root of all religions, philosophies and traditions through time.

Our movement is not against any other political party, movement or individual.

It is for the health and flourishing of the Earth as a whole, inclusive of humanity and all its kingdoms of nature.

We are mindful of the tendency movements dedicated to the unity of humanity can have to trample over the unique perspectives, stories and traditions of diverse cultures and communities on the planet.

And we perceive that the true source of that diversity is the single Life of the whole that beats in every heart, soul, and culture, and that is rising now to express its power through our diversity to meet the challenges of our time.

Our approach to change is both bottom-up and top-down.

We are dedicated to catalysing a grassroots wave of human beings to open to the power of the One Earth as it seeks to express through their hearts so as to show up as empowered agents in our global, national and local community.

And we are innovating new approaches to governance and leadership to bring together some of the most impactful changemakers of our time to collaborate on this political movement.

### Singularity Policies

Singularity international policies are yet to be fully delineated, but here are some examples of policies that we currently align with and want to advance on international, national, and local scales.

These policies build on and go beyond the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **International Relations**

- Institutionalisation of global governance structures sourced in the Earth's awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature
- Global governance dedicated to aligning with the evolutionary purpose of humanity and Earth
- National purpose work to support nations to access and align with their unique purpose in service of the planet
- Global purpose program to support individuals globally to live lives of meaning and purpose (will be increasingly crucial as more and more jobs are automated and universal basic income comes in)
- Building cultures of international relations based in cooperation and tolerance
- Continued military funding and alliances where needed to protect human beings whilst also all arms control and demilitarisation possible

## Legal reform

• Prison reform to implement new trauma and adult development informed approaches to rehabilitation

#### Education and lifelong human development

- Lifelong adult development research and implementation
- Instituting pathways of initiation to support lifelong development
- Soul-based education globally
- Psychedelic research and decriminalisation (with public education programs around responsible usage)
- Projects dedicated to healing collective and individual trauma (from war, colonialism, natural disasters, abuse, violence, etc.)

#### Economics, Business and Resource Allocation

- Transition from unsustainable capitalism to regenerative economics
- Universal basic income
- Economic incentivisation of pro-social and pro-planet behaviours
- Global resource sharing to offset extreme poverty
- Reducing the typical working week from 5 days to 4 days

#### **Global Conflict Resolution**

- Reformation of the UN, particularly the Security Council, to resolve the tendency toward deadlocks of power on issues critical to the wellbeing of humanity
- International and cross-cultural mediation and peace work in places of conflict

## Global Rights Issues

- Extending human rights, women's rights and children's rights to all areas of the planet where they are not yet recognised
- Restoring the rights of indigenous peoples
- Recognising the rights of the Earth and natural environments for protection and care
- Instituting laws recognising the dignity and right to respectful treatment of animals

#### The Arts

 Promoting arts, music and drama that transmit the unity and diversity of humanity and Earth

## Science, Technology and Innovation

- Automation of labour in certain sectors
- Establishing ethical oversight of exponential tech development (AI / Crisper / quantum computing)
- Fastest transition possible to fully sustainable energy sources

#### Health and Medicine

- Focusing on preventative holistic health care (diet and nutrition, healthy living, mindfulness practices, exercise)
- Global sex positive campaigns on healthy sexuality and fulfilment
- Instituting universal health care
- Ending the advertising rights of pharmacological companies and systemically incentivising their ethical operation

#### Religions

• Celebrating religious unity and diversity

#### **Environment and Climate**

- Global legislation that protects the environment and climate
- Ecosystem conservation
- Greening cities
- Shifting from industrial farming practices to regenerative, soil preserving, sustainable, health sensitive agriculture
- Legal recognition of Earth's resources as part of the Commons, rather than to be privatised and commodified

### Singularity's Purpose and Pathway to Power

# Singularity is essentially a vehicle toward global governance sourced in a radically different foundation to conventional politics today.

The pathway to this global level of power is envisioned to be through Singularity representatives being elected across more and more nations over the next 25 years, to the point where Singularity represents the major political power on the planet.

This would not need to be through every nation, but rather a critical number of them, particularly in blocks of nations whose interests are already interconnected, and nations that are major stakeholders of global political power.

This would radically cut through the separation present in the rising multipolar balance of power in the world.

# In terms of why more and more human beings would vote for Singularity representatives:

- Purpose alignment: we envision that some will vote out of a sense of Singularity representing our collective purpose and potential
- Heart alignment: some because it stands for a more compassionate and loving relationship with the Earth and each other as human beings
- Survival: we imagine the majority would eventually back a party like Singularity because it will stand for the only solutions that can sustainably resolve the survival fears that will rise in billions of human beings with the collective upheaval that we perceive is coming solutions sourced in starting with the whole rather than the separate parts

We are aware that many nations across the world do not currently have open democratic elections, and so it would be almost impossible to imagine Singularity representatives being elected into power there.

Our sense is that major political, social, economic, resource-based and ecological upheaval is likely to continue over the next years, which may have significant impact on the current state, form and distribution of how political power works across nations.

Singularity is an effort toward establishing radically different political, leadership and governance structures now, so that they will be available then, to provide a pathway into effective global power and governance when it will be most needed in a way that becomes clearly recognised by humanity owing to the crises that are coming.

### The Singularity Organism

To embody the new principles Singularity stands for, it will operate through a organisational structure anchored in three main pillars:<sup>1</sup>

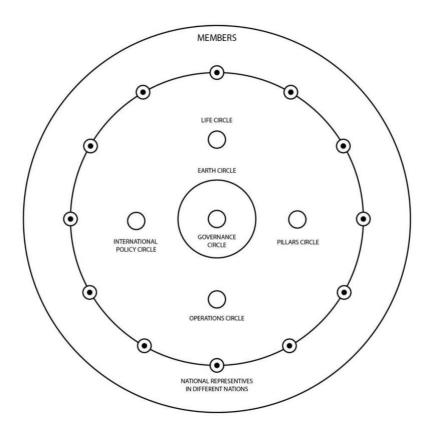
- Evolutionary purpose
- Wholeness
- Distributed power

**Evolutionary purpose** refers to there being a core purpose at the heart of Singularity that is dedicated to evolutionary service of humanity and the Earth: to establish global governance sourced in the Earth's awakening through humanity and all kingdoms of nature by 2050.

**Wholeness** refers to Singularity being dedicated to a culture of human connection, synergy, conscious communication, and inclusion, in which the whole human being of each person working on the party is welcome.

**Distributed power** refers to an organisational structure of decentralised power, where the national sub-divisions of Singularity have freedom to innovate and create initiatives in their various nations that express and are in alignment with the core global purpose of Singularity.

Singularity will operate through several circles that make up the party. The architecture of these levels can be seen below.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Our approach to organisational structure is influenced by approaches such as Holacracy, Teal organisations, and purpose-driven organisations.

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#### **International and National Levels of the Party**

Note in the image the circles within the ring of national representatives. These are the international circles. Each of them will serve Singularity's international focus.

According to the decentralised structure Singularity operates through, none of the international circles have managerial authority over other circles of levels of Singularity. This is except for the Earth Circle, which can intervene in the case of the Governance Circle or Singularity leaders being seen to operate out of alignment with the core purpose and note of the party, and the Governance Circle also has the possibility to veto creative endeavours from other circles and levels of the party if needed.

Singularity will maintain coherence between its different circles and levels through teal management practices that are beyond the scope of this paper to go into.

#### **Earth Circle**

The role of this circle is oversight of the integrity and accountability of the other circles, particularly the Governance Circle. Just as a board of directors makes sure a company is accountable to its stakeholders, the Earth Circle will make sure the work of Singularity remains accountable to truly representing the Earth as a whole, inclusive of all its various kingdoms and life spheres.

It will be composed of 12 individuals (6 women and 6 men) who are seen to represent humanity and the Earth. They will come from different backgrounds, cultures, and generations.

Their role will also be to assess and oversee the appointment of leaders in Singularity, including national representatives and the party leader every 7 years.

Only leaders who are recognised as truly representing the Earth as a whole, and who exemplify deep purpose, embodiment, integrity, and who have engaged extensive personal healing, shadow, and trauma work, will hold such positions of leadership in Singularity.

#### **Governance Circle**

The Governance Circle will be composed of the Singularity core lead (currently Jon Eden Khan) as well as the leads from the Life Circle, the International Policy Circle, the Pillars Circle, and the Operations Circle.

Their role will be:

- To coordinate operations across the party internationally and nationally
- To maintain the coherence of the collective field of the party
- To hold the context of Singularity's global purpose for the whole of the Singularity field
- To embody the principles it stands for

## Life Circle

This group will be composed of individuals that hold the anchor point for the core Life of Singularity, which is sourced in identification with the One Life of the Earth.

Members of this group will come together as the right connections are made. Entry into this group is by invitation only by the Life Circle.

Examples of people we are exploring approaching around forming part of this circle for Singularity include:

- Advashanti: spiritual teacher with a background in Zen and Vedanta
- A. H. Almaas: author, spiritual teacher and founder of the Ridhwan School
- <u>Tenzin Palmo</u>: author, teacher and founder of the Dongyu Gatsal Ling Nunnery in Himachal Pradesh, India
- <u>Annette Kaiser</u>: spiritual teacher, author and founder of Villa Unspunnen
- <u>Swami Sarvapriyananda</u>: Head of the Vedanta Society of New York
- <u>Bruce Lyon</u>: spiritual teacher, author and founder of Highden Temple
- <u>Lynne Twist</u>: author and co-founder of The Pachamama Alliance, and founder of The Soul of Money Institute

## **International Policy Circle**

The International Policy Council will translate identification with the One Life of the Earth into policy positions for the needs and health of the whole Earth-system across all the major domains of human activity, which can then be drawn on by the rest of the party, at international and national levels.

The International Policy Circle will be composed of individuals who demonstrate the following criteria:

- Expertise in a major field of human activity
- World-centric perspective
- Demonstrated service to humanity
- Demonstrated ability to truly represent humanity
- No outstanding issues of integrity

Examples of individuals we may approach to form part of the International Policy Circle include:

**Politics and International Relations** 

- <u>Tim Kelly</u>: Speaker, author and purpose consultant to companies and nations
- <u>María Fernanda</u>: Academic, diplomat and politician with experience in the academy, non-governmental and international organizations, and leadership positions within the Government of Ecuador
- <u>Anda Filip</u>: Director for Member Parliaments and External Relations at the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Education and Lifelong Human Development

- <u>Dustin DiPerna</u>: Author and expert in world religions as pathways of human development
- <u>Thomas Hubl</u>: Spiritual teacher, author, and founder of the Academy of Inner Science
- <u>Carolyn Lee</u>: Author and co-founder of the Global Cooperative Trust
- <u>Dr. Gabor Mate</u>: Author, speaker and expert in trauma and addiction
- <u>Dr. Robert Kegan</u>: Professor of Adult Human Development at Harvard Graduate School of Education

#### **Economics and Resource Allocation**

- <u>Helmy Abouleish</u>: CEO of the SEKEM Initiative in Egypt that produces, processes and markets organic and biodynamic foodstuff, textiles and herbal medicine in Egypt, Arabia and internationally
- Wanjira Mathai: Former VP & Regional Director for Africa, Co-chair of World Resource Institute's Global Restoration Council and a Senior Advisor to the Global Restoration Initiative
- <u>Charles Eisenstein</u>: Author and speaker known for his work around new paradigms of economics and culture
- <u>Christian Felber</u>: Alternative economist, speaker, author, university lecturer and initiator of Economy for the Common Good
- <u>Dr. Maude Barlow</u>: Chairperson, The Council of Canadians; Former Senior Advisor to the UN on water issues
- <u>John Fullerton</u>: Founder and president of Capital Institute
- <u>Sandrine Dixson-Declève</u>: Current co-president of the Club of Rome and international and European climate, energy, sustainable development, sustainable finance, complex systems thought leader
- Robert Costanza: Ecological economist, Chair of Public Policy at Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University, former Distinguished University Professor of Sustainability at Portland State University, and founding director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont

### Global Rights Issues

- <u>Dr. Nkatha Murungi</u>: Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights focussing on women's rights, disability, and children's rights
- <u>Victoria Tauli-Corpuz</u>: Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
- <u>Kehkashan Basu</u>: Founder-President of Green Hope Foundation, United Nations Human Rights Champion, Winner of the 2016 International Children's Peace Prize & Winner of the First-Ever Voices Youth Gorbachev-Shultz Legacy Award for Nuclear Disarmament

#### The Arts

- <u>Dr Rama Mani</u>: Peacebuilder, Poet and Performance Artist, Specialist in Global Security and Transformative Leadership
- Alex Grey: Visionary artist and co-founder of the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors

- <u>Tristan Harris</u>: Technology ethisist and founder and director of the Centre for Humane Technology
- <u>Daniel Schmachtenberger</u>: Founding member of The Consilience Project aimed at improving public sensemaking and dialogue
- Maja Göpel: Co-founder of Scientists for the Future Initiative

#### Environment, Sustainability, and Food

- <u>Luc Gnacadja</u>: Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Charlotte Aubin-Kalaidjian: Founder and CEO, GreenWish Partners
- <u>Dr. Naoko Ishii</u>: Professor and executive vice president at the University of Tokyo, and director for the Center for Global Commons

#### **Pillars Circle**

This circle will be composed of those who hold point for the financial support for Singularity internationally.

They will be women and men who are called to channel wealth into the transformational shifts that must happen on the planet, that have access to wealth, and who feel called to facilitate its generation in support of Singularity.

Rather, their role is to generate money for the work, which can then be distributed according to need in the Singularity field.

#### **Operations Circle**

This circle will be responsible for marketing, outreach, party visibility, and creative output. Their role is to maximise Singularity's presence in the public sphere in a way people can feel and find their connection to the work.

## **National Representatives**

National representatives will represent Singularity by standing in political elections in their respective nations. They will be how Singularity moves into an actual position of transnational power in the world.

They are where the major field of Singularity activity focusses itself. The national representatives are free to innovate and create political campaigns and projects of political engagement in their respective nations, which align with Singularity's core global purpose the principles of its culture and approach to distributed power, as they wish.

To be a National Representative of Singularity the candidate must be recognised by the Singularity Pillars Circle to fulfil the following criteria:

- The individual must be felt to truly represent the Earth and humanity
- They must be dedicated to addressing current global, national and local issues from that perspective

- They must be recognised as having a clear alignment with the soul and journey of their nation
- They must demonstrate the emotional, communication and social maturity to be able to synergistically collaborate with others
- They must demonstrate adequate integration of mind and body, masculine and feminine within themself
- They must be felt as trustable in their eros
- They must have taken responsibility for their shadows and traumas
- They must be fully committed to seeing their role as a national representative all the way through the campaign and election process

#### **Members**

Singularity is dedicated to building a wider and wider field of global members.

Membership of Singularity signals an individual's alignment with the party and their orientation to vote for Singularity representatives in elections in their own nation.

Members of Singularity also represent those who are most able to be mobilised in Singularity campaigns, which involve a decentralised expression of power and leadership where members take creative action on some of the major issues of our time.

Membership of Singularity is free. While for most political parties there is some monthly or yearly membership fee, we feel there cannot be trade and exchange dynamics involved in Singularity membership. Donations to support the party and its work are welcome, and membership is freely available to all.

Here are ways people can currently engage with our work and movement:

- Singularity on social media: connect to our posts on our <u>Instagram page</u>, <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Telegram channel</u> to stay connected to our work and receive info about Singularity events
- **Singularity email list** (sign up at the bottom of this page): receive monthly updates on the evolution of our work
- **Singularity National Cells:** on Telegram we have groups for Singularity's work in a growing number of nations, currently including Singularity Cells in:
  - o Germany
  - o UK
  - o USA
  - o France

### New Power, The Rise of Mass Movements and Singularity Campaigns

"New power operates differently, like a current. It is made by many. It is open, participatory, and peer driven. It uploads and it distributes. Like water or electricity, it is most forceful when it surges. The goal with new power is not to hoard it but to channel it."

— Jeremy Heimans' and Henry Timms, New Power

## A major aspect of Singularity's work will be harnessing what has been learned over the last couple of decades about the rise of mass movements.

Jeremy Heimans' and Henry Timms' book, *New Power*, details the specific principles that are revealing themselves as common factors present in the rise of mass movements, as an offering to those attempting to build movements for positive social change.

## Singularity will draw on this increasing knowledge base to catalyse collective action on international, national, and local scales.

Mass movements have seen a significant rise in the last two decades, whether in form of the Arab Spring, Occupy, the Ice Bucket Challenge, the rise of Islamic State, or the elections of Barack Obama and later Donald Trump.

As the diversity of these examples demonstrates, mass movements don't always result in outcomes that we'd agree are good, but we in Singularity see their rise as an expression of human beings starting to respond to the world process as a single entity and fuelled by the basic drive in every human being to participate in something greater than themselves.

#### In Heimans and Timms' words:

"The future will be a battle over mobilization. The everyday people, leaders, and organizations who flourish will be those best able to channel the participatory energy of those around them – for the good, for the bad, and for the trivial."

Heimans and Timms' point out that movements with the greatest virality – that is, the highest tendency to spread quickly through our societies in a way that produces largescale participation and action – have three characteristics. They are:

- **Actionable**: the idea is designed to make you do something something more than just admire, remember or consume. It has a call to action at its heart, beginning with sharing, but often going much further
- Connected: The idea promotes peer connection with people you care about or share values with. Connected ideas bring you closer to other people and make you (feel) part of a like-minded community. This sets off a network effect that spreads the idea further
- Extensible: The idea can be easily customised, remixed, and shaped by the participant. It is structured with a common stem that encourages its communities to alter and extend it

One area of Singularity's work into which this knowledge will be applied is our campaigns.

Singularity campaigns will be dedicated to the mobilisation of human beings on the major issues of our time – the ecological crisis, the Russia-Ukraine war, unsustainable capitalism, economic instability, cultural polarisation, etc.

Many people feel overwhelmed and apathetic about the great challenges humanity faces. They tune them out because of a fear that to be present and conscious about them would be overwhelming and cause them to inwardly collapse.

Singularity campaigns will be dedicated to supporting human beings to open to and face these issues, but in a way that is empowering, connecting, and enlivening.

At the core of this is our position that leadership and power are states of being available to everyone who is willing to open themselves to the power of the Whole that is present in their heart and core, rather than just being found in formal positions of authority.

Our campaigns will invite each person who participates to:

- Connect to the theme of the campaign, which will be one of the major issues of our time
- Open their heart to feel its impact on them and the emotions that rise when they do
- Open themselves to how the Life present in their heart wants to empower their service and creative action around the theme in question, and then do that
- Share what they have done on social media and name three friends whose leadership they want to see more of in the world and nominate them to do the same

Operating in this way will allow us to build a collective movement around that campaign online by connecting people all over the world who are stepping up to respond to it in different ways, within their own communities, cultures and nations.

This will allow the movement to feel and see itself as one on wider and wider scales.

#### Nation-States: To Transcend or Evolve?

"In our finest hours, though, the soul of the country manifests itself in an inclination to open our arms rather than to clench our fists..."

#### — Jon Meacham

There are several visionary ideas circulating today that present alternatives to the nation-state model.

From bioregions to city states to transnational unions such as to the EU to digitally connected network state, these models see the current nation-state model as an outcome of capitalistically driven, nature-disconnected humans, with nation-states now being past their use by date and no longer fit for purpose.

And they've got good reason to believe this.

Our world is beset with seemingly intractable problems on local, national, and international scales – from the ecological crisis to the pandemic to trade wars and international conflicts – that our nation-states, at least until now, seem unable to provide lasting solutions for.

These alternative approaches suggest that many of the major issues of our time could be more easily addressed by changing the model to, for example, one of the abovenamed alternatives.

As much as each of these alternative approaches, and many others, have important strengths, they also have their own significant issues.

Bioregions reconnect humans with respect for the wider ecosystems we are a part of but don't consider the vast history of particular groups and cultures being united across them and the impact switching to bioregions would have on those communities.

The city states solution is to simply individuate from the struggles of the nation they exist within but remains agnostic on how to navigate the same international challenges of humanity's global interconnectivity that nation-states face.

Transnational unions such as the EU have the potential to unite people on wider and wider scales, but unless that process occurs on the foundation of each community and nation's coherent sense of self, what occurs is a fusion that results in the loss of cultural diversity and identity with consequent negative effects on society.

Network states provide the opportunity for values-aligned individuals to escape the conventional world to congregate across geographical distances and form new groups and cultures. But it fails to provide real solutions to the major issues of our world that nation-states are grappling with, and despite their promise to bring real change, they inherently require the blessing of nation-states to even exist.

What I want to offer here is the position that rather than attempting to transcend nation-states, a more effective approach is for us to evolve them.

More specifically: to call in their soul.

In Singularity, we perceive each nation as a collective being, on its own journey of evolution, through which the Earth is seeking to express a unique gift in contribution to the whole.

We agree with such great leaders and thinkers as Plato, Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, Rudolf Steiner, Fyodor Dostoevsky, and Vaclav Havel that at the root, every nation has a unique soul expression that wants to be expressed in service.

And we'd add that as a counterpoint to this, every nation also has its own ego structure, complete with patterns, habits, shadows, and traumas.

Starting to look at the field of international relations through this lens is powerfully illuminating.

Our sense is that the major issues of our world are expressions of the patterns, historical habits, shadows, and traumas of our different nations playing out on the global stage, and that switching to an alternative model while not addressing the need for their collective evolution is not going to resolve the issues at hand.

Rather, we believe that what is needed is for wider and wider groups of people in our various nations to start to attune to what unique service and contribution wants to come through their nation as an expression of the One Life of the Earth as a whole.

By doing so, the way our different nations are showing up on the global stage can evolve, from preoccupation with their own self-interests to service and contribution as an expression of the Whole.

This the basis upon which our different nations can take their place as units of global governance sourced in the living Earth as a whole.

This is why in Singularity part of our work is building cells in different nations of people attuning to the contribution their nation can make in this context.

## Harnessing Breakthrough Technology for Global Governance

Part of humanity collectively waking up as an expression of the Earth's awakening will be our collective engagement on the major issues and challenges of our time, on international, national, and local scales.

One breakthrough technology that has the potential to make this possible through voting protocols is Distributed Ledger Technology, often known as the blockchain.

Blockchain technology allows us to program, record and make fully transparent all actions and interactions in a system, whether economic, social, or political.

Several applications across different industries (finance, supply chain, corporate governance, etc.) have demonstrated its ability to record data in a secure, unchangeable, and distributed manner as well as to automate and certify certain processes with what are called "self-executing smart contracts".

The advent of this technology, in combination with the rise of what is being called Web3<sup>2</sup> – the next major innovation stage of the internet – as well as the emergence of new systems that can implement these innovations such as Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAO's),<sup>3</sup> the advent of blockchain technology brings an unprecedented opportunity for human beings across the world to start to participate in global governance through global voting protocols.

In Singularity, we envision that this technology will play a crucial role in humanity starting to take collective action on issues relevant to the major challenges of our time.

Part of our focus will be to collaborate with those at the leading edge of developing and ethically distributing this technology, to increasingly roll out a new opportunity for humanity to collectively engage with and make decisions.

<sup>3</sup> See A Beginners Guide to DAOs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See *Making Sense of Web 3*.

### Envisioned Impact: From Today to 2050

The goal of Singularity is to be in power across enough nations that by 2050 it essentially embodies global governance in service of the Earth as a whole and humanity's place within it.

## In terms of the pathway there:

- 2023: Q1 + Q2: Singularity incorporated, and funding secured for the first three years of work (listed in the Needed Resources section)
- 2023: Q3 + Q4: Start to form network of possible Singularity national representatives and amp up global promotion significantly
- 2024: Register Singularity for national elections in at least 3 countries
- 2025: Singularity reps standing in at least 3 national elections
- 2030: Singularity reps standing in at least 25 national elections and winning in at least 5
- 2040: Singularity reps standing in at least 50 national elections and winning in at least 20
- 2050: Singularity-based global governance fully established

#### Are There Similar Initiatives?

There are several transnational political parties in the world.

One example is the Arab Baath Socialist Party, established as an Arab nationalist and socialist party aspiring to a pan-Arab political union.

Another example is Sinn Féin, which has 7 Members of Parliament in the United Kingdom Parliament, and 37 Teachtaí Dála in the Irish Dáil Éireann. Sinn Féin also has 26 MLAs in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

In the EU, there are a small number of pan-European political parties, such as Volt Europa, and the Democracy in Europe Movement 2025.

There are other examples too, which can be read about on the Wikipedia page for transnational political parties <u>here</u>.

Additionally, while there are significant transnational alliances between nations, such as the G7, the G20 or BRICS, for example, to our knowledge there are no other transnational political parties with the same orientation as Singularity – to grow a global body of representatives in different nations representing the living Earth and the health, needs and flourishing of the planet as a single system.

Beyond the political domain, there are of course a vast number of transformational and regenerative projects working toward shifts in all domains of human life to support us to take the needed evolutionary steps.

## What makes Singularity Different?

What makes Singularity unique compared to existing political parties, political movements and campaigns is that we don't know of any such entities that:

- Start with identification with the living Earth as the basis for whole planet governance, health and flourishing
- Are focussed on translating the needs of the whole Earth-system into clear international policy positions that can then be implemented as appropriate by its national representatives
- Are building a body of national representatives who will represent the needs of the Earth as a single living system in their nation
- Are dedicated to a major evolution of the standard of leadership for its representatives that stands on the foundation of the very best integrated approaches to leadership development and assessment
- Are ready to implement cutting edge blockchain and Web3 technologies into governance protocols

### Target Groups and How to Reach Them

The first target groups for making Singularity visible in the world should be people who are:

- Spiritually open
- World-centric
- Aware of the global crisis

Such people can be found in multiple spheres of culture, from those in:

- Contemporary spiritual / self-development culture
- World-centric business and transnational companies
- Regenerative projects and organisations across areas such a politics, economics and systems change
- Prominent individuals and organisations working on climate change and the environmental crisis
- Progressive academics
- World-centric science communities
- Digitally native generations from Gen X through to current teens
- Sustainability-minded conservatives

In terms of how they can be reached:

- Building an email list through the sign-up form on the Singularity website
- Creating a video that will transmit the vision of Singularity in a compelling way that can reach people around the world
- Social media
  - o Facebook (leveraging Facebook ads)
  - Instagram (sponsored posts)
- Linked In
- YouTube
- In-person events, presentations, gatherings and conferences
- Intentional networking

#### **External Partners**

#### **Multipliers and High-Level Endorsement**

It will be important to invite in the support of influencers and public figures from multiple domains of culture who can act as multipliers of the Singularity message across nations and help it reach the hearts and minds of the public in a credible way.

We envision that contact with these people will increasingly open up as Singularity's work gains momentum in the world.

Multipliers and endorsers should be people who:

- Have some background of engagement with issues of progressive change, social justice and the health of our world
- Feel aligned with the work of Singularity
- Have significant reach in their following
- Whose voice has credibility and is trusted among their following
- Who are not significantly polarising figures
- Have no major outstanding issues of integrity

## **Expertise and Advisors**

Singularity will also need to draw on the external expertise and advice of individuals and organisations who have valuable perspectives to share but will not from within the structure of the party.

Examples of individuals we're considering approaching for support in this regard:

- Vitalik Buterin: programmer, writer, and co-founder of Ethereum
- <u>Hafsat Abiola-Costello</u>: president of Women in Africa initiative and councillor at World Future Council
- <u>Jeremy Heimans</u>: co-founder and CEO of Purpose, co-founder of GetUp!, and Avaaz, the world's largest online citizens' movement, now with more than 65 million members
- <u>Dipal Chandra Barua</u>: co-founder of the Grameen Bank, Founder and Chairman of the Bright Green Energy Foundation, President of the South Asian Network for Clean Energy (StANCE)
- <u>Ursula von der Leyen</u>: president of the European Commission
- <u>Vandana Shiva</u>: scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate, ecofeminist and anti-globalisation author
- Bianca Praetorius: co-founder of two pan-European political parties
- <u>Thomas Hubl</u>: spiritual teacher, author and founder of the Academy of Inner Science
- Jacinda Ardern: Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Katrin Jakobsdottir: Prime Minister of Iceland
- <u>Yanis Varoufakis</u>: former Greek finance minister and co-founder of the pan-European political party, DiE25
- <u>Tim Kelly</u>: speaker, author and purpose consultant to companies and nations
- <u>Luc Gnacadja</u> Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

- <u>Kehkashan Basu</u> Founder-President of Green Hope Foundation, United Nations Human Rights Champion, Winner of the 2016 International Children's Peace Prize & Winner of the First-Ever Voices Youth Gorbachev-Shultz Legacy Award for Nuclear Disarmament
- <u>Dr Rama Mani</u> Peacebuilder, Poet and Performance Artist,
   Specialist in Global Security and Transformative Leadership
- <u>Dr. Nkatha Murungi</u> Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights focussing on women's rights, disability, and children's rights
- <u>Victoria Tauli-Corpuz</u> former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
- <u>Helmy Abouleish</u> CEO of the SEKEM Initiative in Egypt that produces, processes and markets organic and biodynamic foodstuff, textiles and herbal medicine in Egypt, Arabia and internationally
- Wanjira Mathai former VP & Regional Director for Africa, Co-chair of World Resource Institute's Global Restoration Council and a Senior Advisor to the Global Restoration Initiative
- <u>Prof. Vanessa Machado de Oliveira</u> co-founder of Gesturing Decolonial Futures Collective and Teia das 5 Curas, an international network of Indigenous communities mostly in Canada and Latin America
- <u>Tristan Harris</u> technology ethisist and founder and director of the Centre for Humane Technology

### **Funding**

Critical for the next stage of expanding the work will be bringing in the necessary funding for project expansion. This will require making connection those who feel such alignment with the mission of Singularity that they are willing to offer in their financial support.

The issue of money and how it flows through political parties will be an important aspect of Singularity representing something new and different in the world.

#### So much of politics has been corrupted by financial interests.

Politicians and parties become intertwined with special interest groups in a way that so regularly compromises their integrity and purpose to serve the people.

Politicians want power. Politics serves the money they think can help them get it. That money serves elites. Those elites jostle for more power while the less fortunate struggle. People then distrust politics and politicians.

### Singularity must represent a radically different approach.

We are dedicated to the integration of power, integrity, transparency, and generating an abundant well of economic resources to support our work and its impact.

We are dedicated to the flourishing of the whole Earth system in a way that channels the flow of money through our political work towards re-aligning humanity with the health of the Earth as a whole.

Singularity must invite people to financially support its work so it can grow and gain the capacity to reach humanity on the widest scales – something that is normally only possible for large, established political parties that are entrenched in the status quo.

In this it must be made fully clear that unlike much of politics, where money flows according to *quid pro quo*, what donors of Singularity will receive in return, apart from annual accounts reports, is simply the satisfaction and sense of alignment in knowing they are financially supporting a political party that is dedicated to a radical shift on the planet, so that the core focus of politics and governance, globally and across nations, is the health and flourishing of the whole Earth system.

#### **Funding Tiers**

To raise grassroots, medium scale and large-scale donations, we have developed the following contribution tiers:

- €1 <€99 p/month Emerald donors
- $\in 100 \in 9,999 \text{ p/month} \text{Sapphire donors}$
- €10,000 <€999,999 p/month Obsidian donors

Currently we already have donations of approx. €1000 p/month coming in and are developing crowdfunding campaigns and are approaching philanthropists.

#### Resources Needed

We're seeking to raise €5 million to support the development of Singularity over the first 3 years of the work.

We will begin with a team of five:

- Core Lead: Jon Eden Khan
- Head of Life Circle
- Head of International Policy Circle
- Head of Pillars Circle
- Head of Operations Circle

We plan to allocate these roles €120k p/year each, with the rest of the budget allocated to project development, content generation, party outreach, and marketing.

#### **Initiator**



Jon Eden Khan is a transformational leader, mentor, and facilitator.

Jon is initiator of Singularity, and founder of AVATARA, which is a field of self-development training dedicated to the journey of what it truly means to be human.

Between 2016-2018 Jon worked as European Director of the Global Purpose Movement, and in 2014, he co-founded Synergy Forum, an initiative focussed on the integration of spiritual awakening, social innovation and systems transformation. Between 2012-2015 he worked as part of the leadership team of Zero Point Six in Interlaken, Switzerland, exploring how a deeper understanding of spiritual awakening can inform efforts toward global transformation.

Jon's path has allowed him to experience a wide spectrum of the human experience, from dropping out of school at age 13 to attend a centre for troubled youths, to a dark night of the soul during 5 years of homelessness and heroin addiction in his early 20's, getting clean alone in a room over 6-months, re-entering education, going on to turn down a PhD at one of the world's foremost universities, dedicating himself fully to self-development, healing his traumas and service, to co-leading international projects dedicated to humanity's collective awakening, new approaches to leadership, power and purpose, embodiment, soul work and healing.

He lives on the edge of Berlin, close to the forest, with his deep soul friend and coparent, Jesslyn, and their son, Leander.

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