ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-2020
The Global Challenges Forum (GCF) Foundation

1. The Foundation held in September 2019 a major conference at UN Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland for the inaugural meeting of the GCF One Million 2030 Youth initiative. It kicked off with a panel of youth leaders from around the world speaking to youth leadership projects for sustainable development. Consequently, a new GCF Youth Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Taylor was appointed, and a series of four major 1M2030 Webinar activities involving hundreds of participants in each were established and conducted throughout 2020, despite the difficulties imposed by COVID 19 restrictions.

2. In fulfillment of the 2015 *Geneva Declaration* mandate to establish a Global Resilience Readiness Initiative, and implementing the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the GCF Board approved the establishment of a Global Resilience Consortium as a membership organization and affiliate of the GCF Foundation. To this end:

   A. Establishment of a Governance process for the Global Resilience Consortium includes transitioning the Association for Strategic Research and Action (ASRA) under new management with a new name to carry out the supporting activities for the "One Million Youth Leaders for Sustainable Development beyond 2030." (www.1M2030.org) established under the GCF *Delhi Proclamation*.

   B. The GCF Governing Board decided to enlarge its membership to provide greater global and gender representation and invited nine new Board members to join from China (x2), India, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Palestine, the United States and Switzerland.

   C. The GCF Chairman, Dr. Walter Christman, finalized the writing of a 280-page book for publication as a manifesto to guide the global implementation of the Global Resilience Readiness Initiative that is entitled, *"Building Global Resilience: Action Learning for Global Citizens."*

   D. Executive Director, Dr. Beatrice Bressan, produced and gained Board approval for a Strategic Plan to guide the next ten-years of Foundation activity in collaboration with the Global Resilience Consortium.

   E. The Global Challenges Forum celebrates its tenth anniversary through activities building to its 1M2030 Global Partnership Summit on 16 November 2020. This event will inaugurate the Global Resilience Consortium as the membership affiliate of the Foundation in support of 1M2030 and execution of the Strategic Plan.

   F. An overview briefing of activities to accompany this report is attached.



Approved by GCF Foundation Chairman, Dr. Walter L. Christman