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Re: AVAAZ ... The World in Action



Avaaz was founded in 2007 and means 'Voice'. Its mission is to organize citizens from across all nations to close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want!

Avaaz is not just an environmental movement – although it does campaign on climate change, marine reserve creation, pesticide use and misuse and forests and logging for example – but a social justice movement, that includes broader social and political issues, such as opposing Rupert Murdoch's media empire, anti-corruption efforts fighting for a free and open internet, aid and humanitarian assistance and refugees.

Some of their environmental actions include:

- Organising the People's Climate Marches in 2014 and 2015, with post-march lobbying, which ultimately lead to The Paris Climate Accord;
- Lobbying that has enabled the creation of marine reserves around the Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument;
- Crowdsourcing \$1million to fund a global seed bank to protect seed genetic diversity;
- Ongoing efforts to have glyphosate – which the WHO considers a 'probably carcinogen' – banned.
- Campaigning the EU to ban dangerous neonicotinoid pesticides that have been shown to adversely affect pollinator species.

To find out more, visit: www.secure.avaaz.org/page/en/.

To start your own petition, go to secure.avaaz.org/community_petitions/en/start_a_petition/.

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