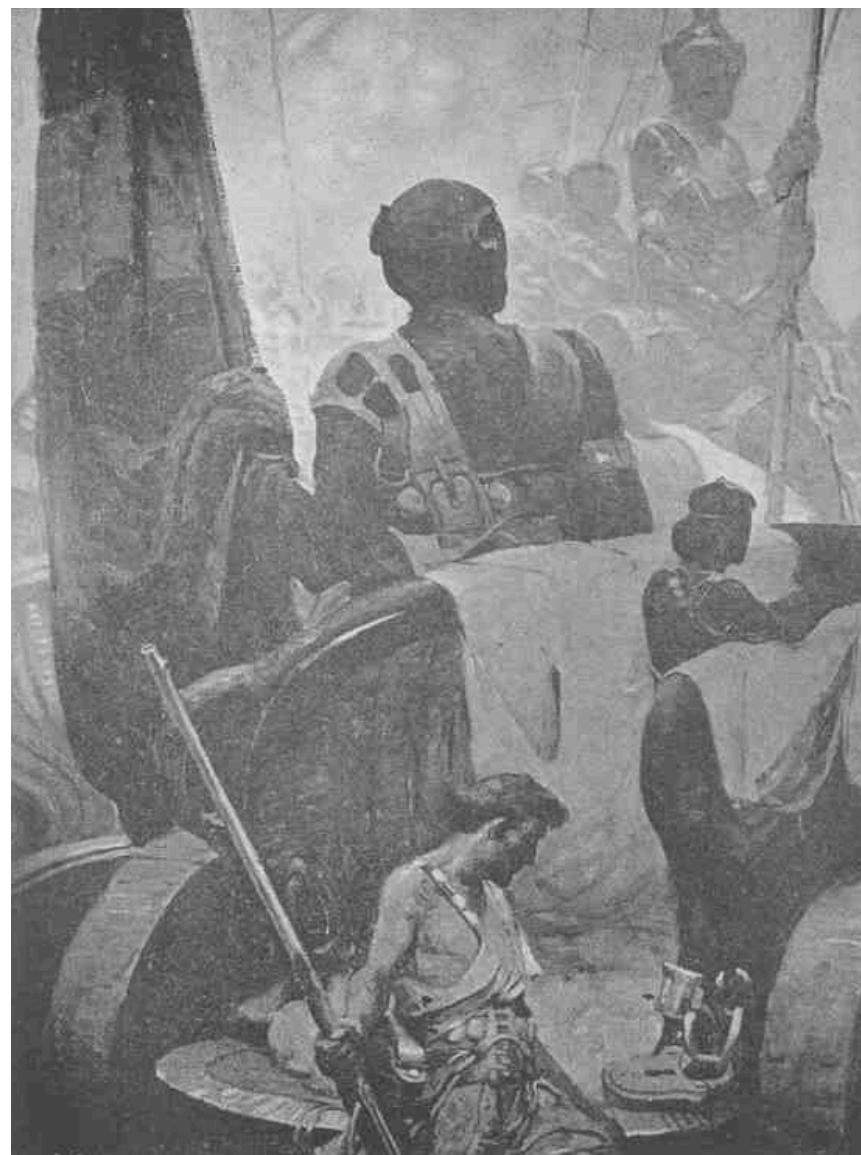


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The Starry Night, 1889, Vincent van Gogh. Image credits (2): Wikipedia



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Art from the 1st book publication (1917) of Burrough's 1912 *A Princess of Mars*. "The novel was illustrated by Frank E. Schoonover, who carefully read the descriptive passages on the costumes and weapons of Barsoom and developed an overall concept for the artwork, even ensuring that John's Carter's pistol and belt in his cover illustration reflected their origins in Green Martian craftsmanship." [Wikipedia]

## Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan



2021-2023

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A 21-minute aerospace presentation by Svetlana Hanson, host and creator of this weekly AIAA Houston Section event, SpaceGeekSpeak.

Diversity

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan Archived on our Houston Section Server

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

# Goals and Objectives

**GOAL 1: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE AIAA COMMUNITY AS ESSENTIAL TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE INSTITUTE.**

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Increase awareness within the AIAA community of the importance of diversity and inclusion.

LGBTQ

## New York AG Letitia James threatens 'decisive legal action' over county's transgender athlete ban

BY BROOKE MIGDON - 03/01/24 4:31 PM ET

## Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan

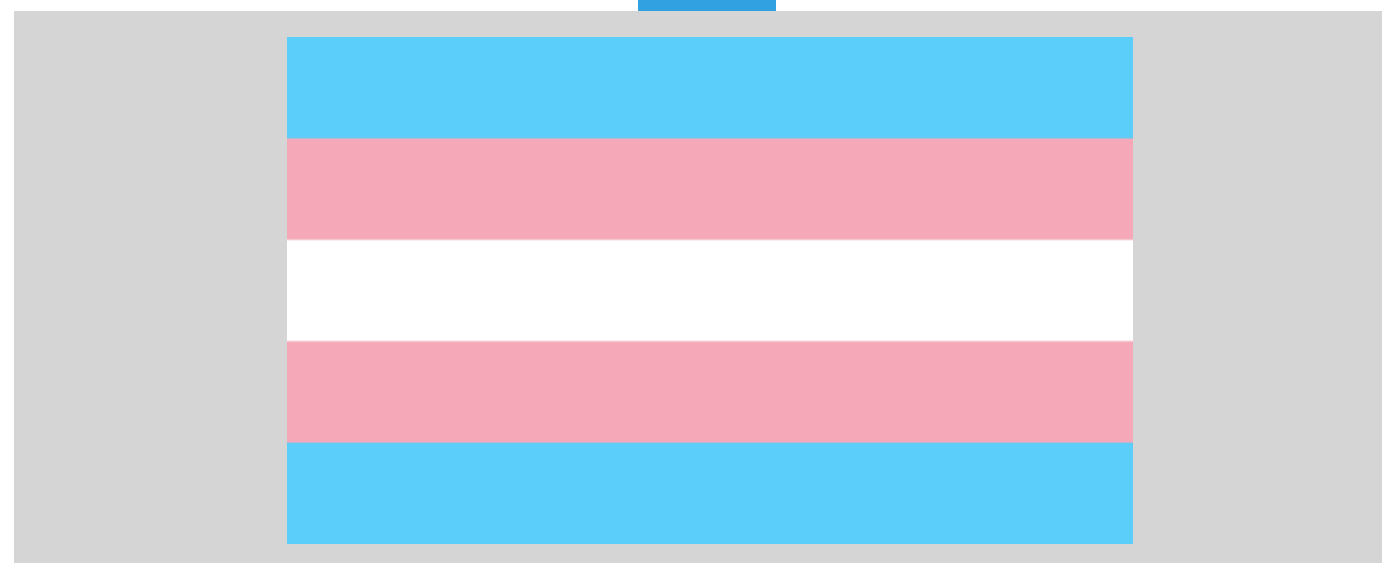
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Florida

## University of Florida terminating all diversity, equity and inclusion positions

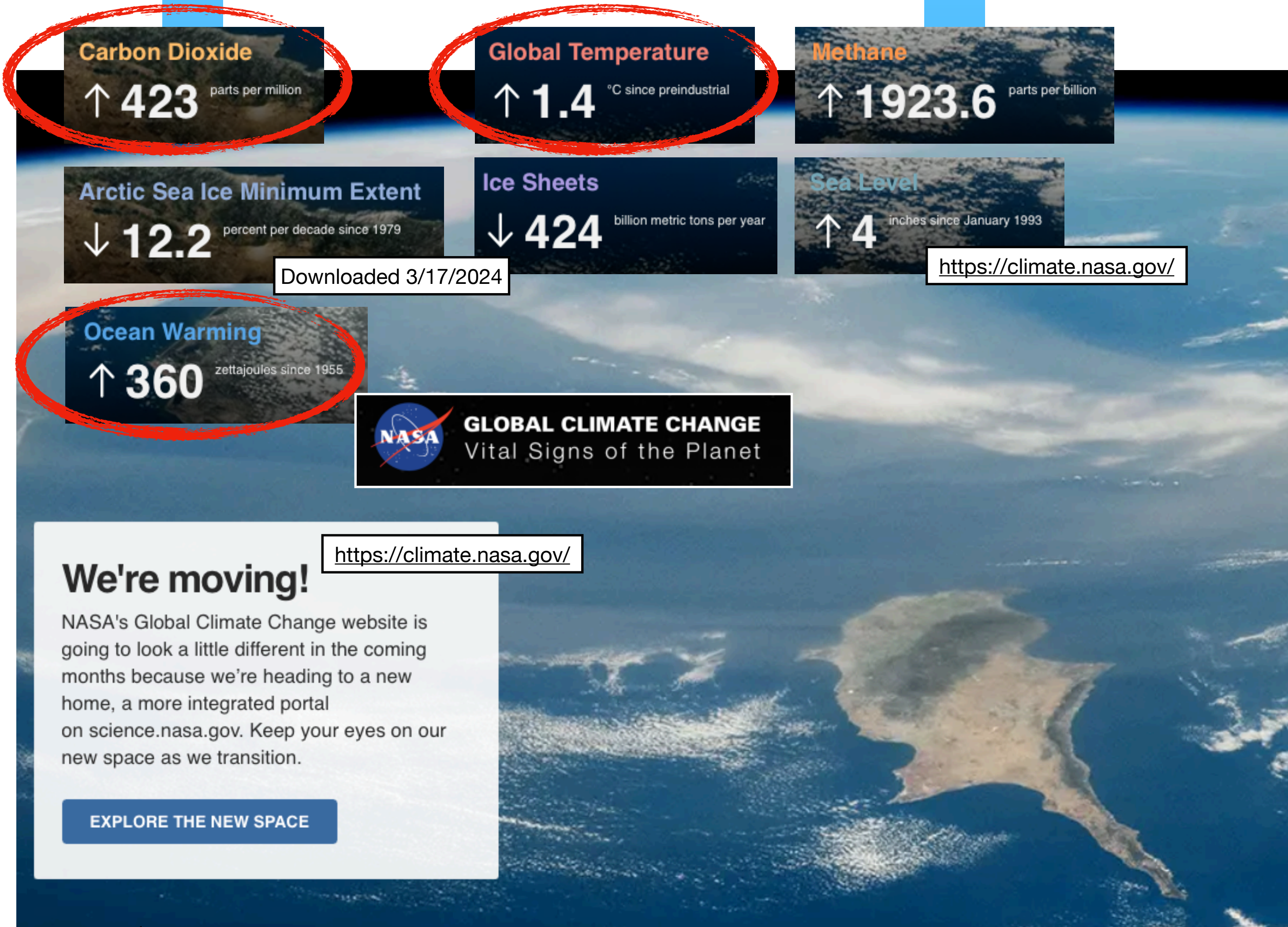


Move is to comply with state law passed by Governor Ron DeSantis that prohibits public funding of DEI programs



Climate

“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”



The NASA Global Climate Change website URL is moving from [climate.nasa.gov](https://climate.nasa.gov) to [science.nasa.gov](https://science.nasa.gov). I noticed this on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

This change has a big impact. Well-funded climate science denial used to say, per Naomi Oreskes in her 2019 book, “The Earth is not warming, even if it is, the warming is not human-induced, and anyway, we can always just adapt.”

Climate science denial might have changed its message by now, but they are as loud as ever on Fox News channel and Fox Business channel, for example. Here in Houston, I currently monitor weekday shows at 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Fox Business channel.

We fought well-funded climate science denial by saying, “Look at [climate.nasa.gov](https://climate.nasa.gov),” but soon we might say, “Look at [science.nasa.gov](https://science.nasa.gov).”

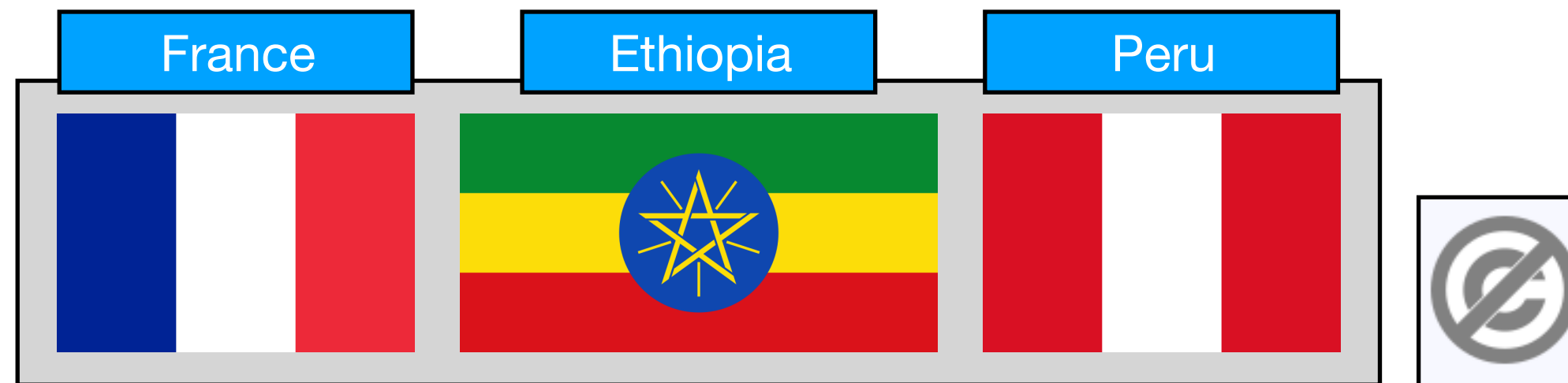
The interconnected stakes are high, but the beautiful struggle continues. [Douglas Yazell, douglas.yazell@me.com, 3/17/2024]

**We're moving!** <https://climate.nasa.gov/>

NASA's Global Climate Change website is going to look a little different in the coming months because we're heading to a new home, a more integrated portal on [science.nasa.gov](https://science.nasa.gov). Keep your eyes on our new space as we transition.

[EXPLORE THE NEW SPACE](#)

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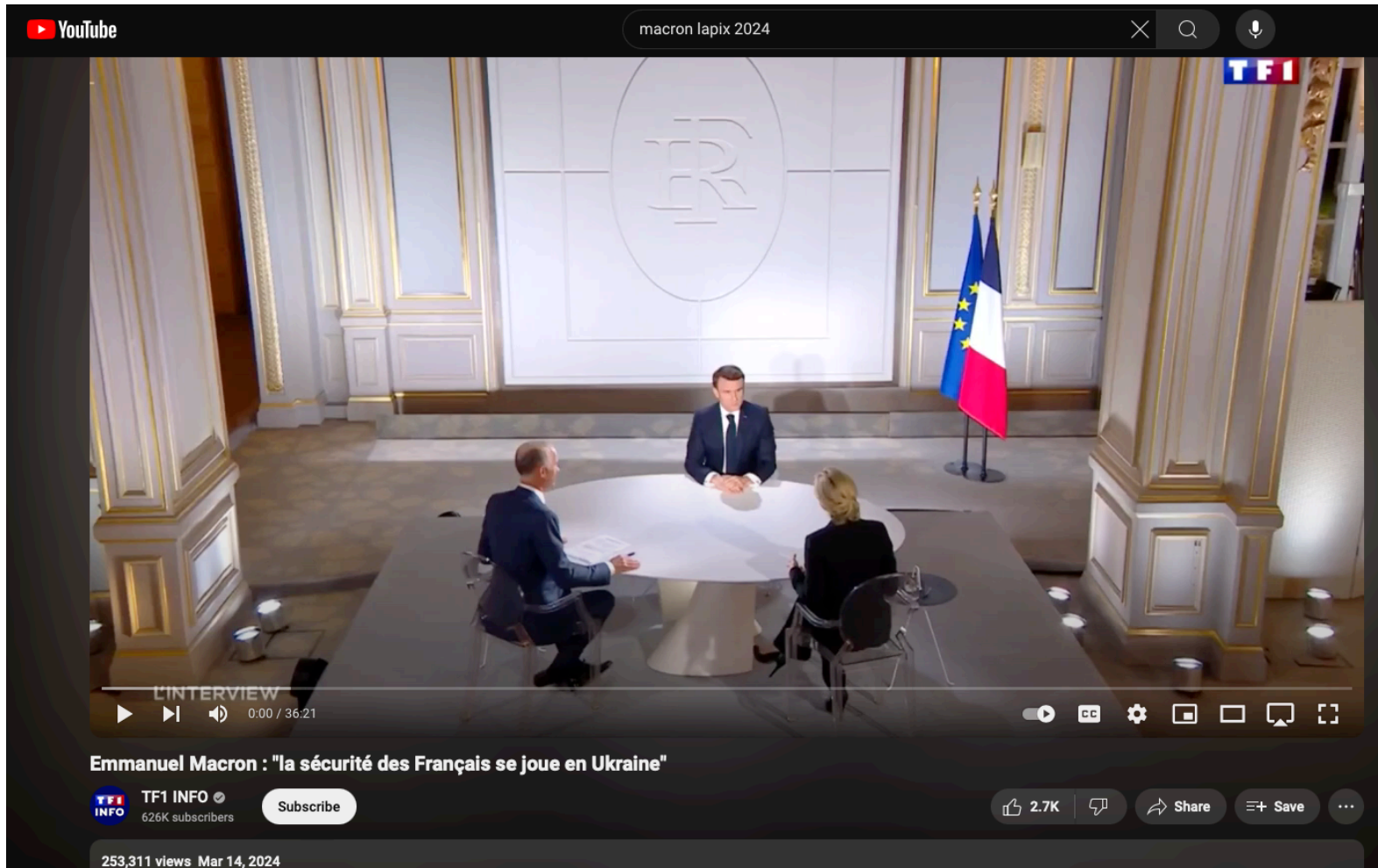
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France



President Emmanuel Macron answers questions from Gilles Bouleau for TF1 and Anne-Sophie Lapix for France 2, Thursday March 14, 2024. The Head of State speaks about France's support for Ukraine, after the adoption of the security agreement with Kyiv and his declarations where he said he "does not exclude" the sending of ground troops.

Emmanuel Macron: "The security of the French is at stake in Ukraine."

**The Guardian**

Germany

### German, French and Polish leaders make joint show of unity over Ukraine

**Military powers agree to step up purchase of ammunition for Kyiv in effort to dampen mutual tensions over Russia stance**

**Patrick Wintour** *Diplomatic editor*

Fri 15 Mar 2024 14.20 EDT

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U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France

246th Independence Day  
Remarks by Ambassador Denise Bauer

The Consul General

VALÉRIE BARABAN  
Consul General of France in Houston

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in France

Denise Bauer : U.S Ambassador to France and Monaco [VIDEO]  
From journalist to U.S. ambassador to France: Denise Bauer, President Biden's ambassador to France, talks about her career and her priorities... and also introduces you to her foster dog Daisy, who sometimes comes to work with her at the embassy.

Globe image: Wikipedia.

# Ethiopia

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Boeing Boeing 777 9x Ethiopian Airlines

## Ethiopian orders 8 Boeing 777-9 with 12 options

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**The Guardian**

Global development

## French journalist arrested in Ethiopia accused of 'conspiracy to create chaos'

Antoine Galindo is accused of conspiring with rebels, but press freedom groups say no evidence has been found and call for his immediate release

*Guardian reporter*  
Mon 26 Feb 2024 08.03 EST

**The Guardian**

Colonialism

## Westminster Abbey agrees 'in principle' to return sacred tablet to Ethiopia

Carved wooden tabot has been at Abbey since British forces looted it at Battle of Maqdala in 1868

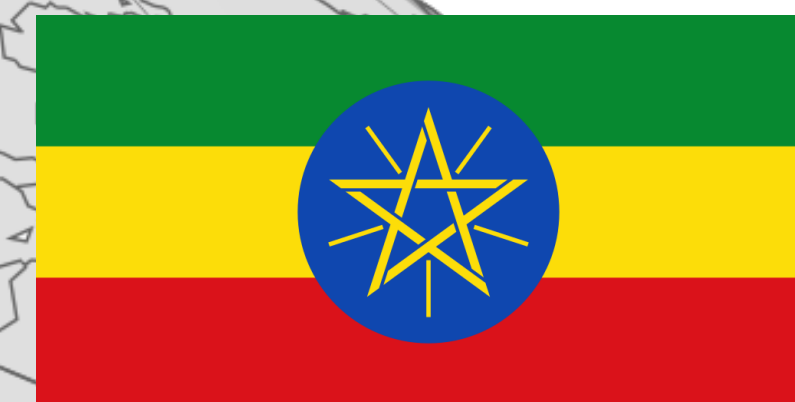
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Head of mission: Mr Gezahegn Kebede, Honorary Consul  
Consular services: No information available  
Supervising authority: Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C.

Ethiopian Honorary Consulate in Houston, United States



U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia

Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson



Deputy Chief of Mission Fiona Evans



Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, arrived in Addis Ababa on February 25, 2022 to begin her assignment as Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia. She previously served as Ambassador to Kosovo, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Ambassador Jacobson's earlier overseas assignments include Seoul, Moscow, Nassau, and Riga. Her domestic assignments include serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, Deputy Director of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, and Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Security Council at the White House. Ambassador Jacobson is joined in Ethiopia by her husband, David Baugh, a retired member of the British Diplomatic Service.

Globe image: Wikipedia.



Above: Chancellor Javier González-Olaeche hosted a meeting with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Antony Blinken.

From Flickr, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Perú. "Since 1821, we formulate, carry out, and evaluate the country's foreign policy."

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Peru

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Peruvian Consulate General in Houston, United States

Head of mission

Mr Rodolfo Enrique Coronado Molina, Consul General

Consular services

No information available

Supervising authority

Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C.



Coat of Arms

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/peru>



U.S. EMBASSY IN PERU



Lisa Kenna

Ambassador

Ambassador Lisa Kenna is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister Counselor. She served most recently as the Executive Secretary of the Department of State.



The Guardian

Brazil

## Floods submerge cities in central South America after extreme rainfall - video

Bolivia, Brazil and Peru have been badly affected by severe floods that have displaced citizens, destroyed buildings and isolated entire cities.

Drone video shows water swamping the ground floor of city buildings and submerging roads and railway tracks, with boats escorting people to safety.

The mayor of Machu Picchu said this kind of disaster had not been seen before, and Brasília's mayor said it was the second-worst flood the city had ever seen

Source: Reuters

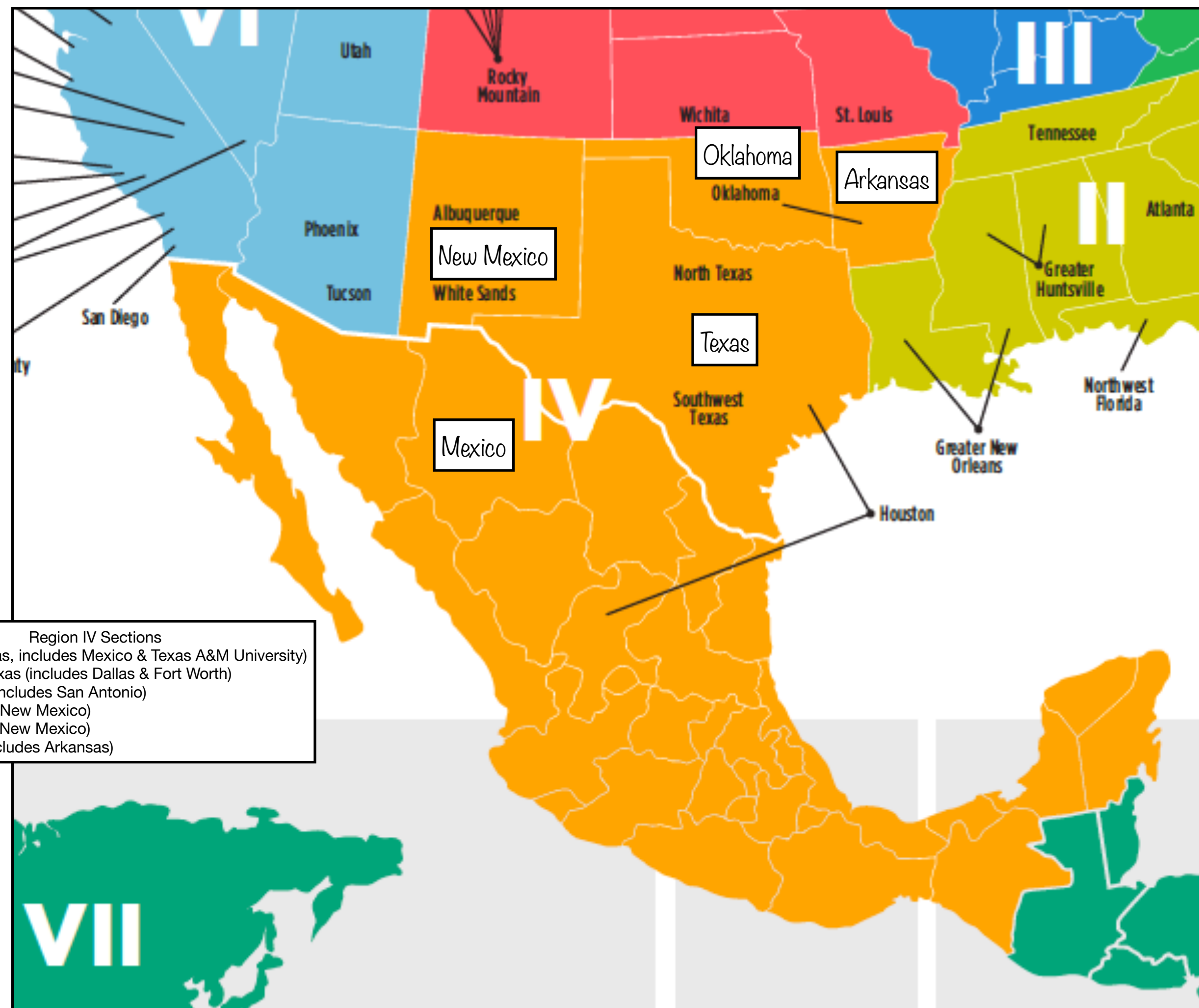
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Mexico



AIAA Houston Section: Mexico and the Section's territory in Texas  
AIAA Region VII (International) and Region IV (Mexico and four states of the USA)



- Region IV Sections
1. Houston (Texas, includes Mexico & Texas A&M University)
  2. Southwest Texas (includes Dallas & Fort Worth)
  3. North Texas (includes San Antonio)
  4. Albuquerque (New Mexico)
  5. White Sands (New Mexico)
  6. Oklahoma (includes Arkansas)



Mexico



Nina Lakhani climate justice reporter

Thu 29 Feb 2024 06.15 EST

Climate crisis

# People displaced by climate crisis to testify in first-of-its-kind hearing in US

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will hear how climate is driving forced migration across the Americas

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/mexico>



Globe image: Wikipedia.



Maanvi Singh

Thu 15 Feb 2024 14.17 EST

Pollution

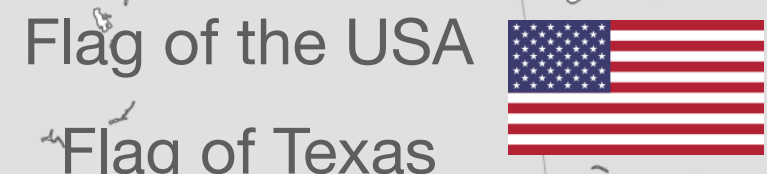
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# Heavy metals and E coli: raw sewage at US-Mexico border a 'public health crisis'

The Tijuana River flows through Mexico and empties off California, carrying pathogens and chemicals and threatening public health

U.S. EMBASSY & CONSULATES IN MEXICO

Head of mission	Alicia G. Kerber Palma, Consul General
Consular services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Visa applications accepted</li> <li>✓ Passport services available</li> <li>✓ Legalization services available</li> </ul>
Supervising authority	Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C.



Mexican Consulate General in Houston, United States

Mon 12 Feb 2024 10.00 EST



Arthur Neslen

Seascope: the state of our oceans Environment

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# 'Litigation terrorism': the obscure tool that corporations are using against green laws

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO – KEN SALAZAR



Ken Salazar was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Mexico on September 2, 2021.

In 2009, President Obama nominated Mr. Salazar to serve as Secretary of Interior where he had a lead role on the Obama-Biden agenda on energy and climate, the nation's conservation agenda including America's Great Outdoors, and Indian Country. Ambassador Salazar has been a lifelong fighter for civil rights and the inclusion of Latinos in the American dream.

In 1998, Mr. Salazar was elected as Colorado Attorney General and became the first Latino ever elected to statewide office in Colorado. He was reelected as Attorney General in 2002. In 2004, Attorney General Salazar was elected to the United States Senate for Colorado becoming the first Latino democrat to be elected to the United States Senate since 1972.

Ambassador Salazar has been admitted to practice law in state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

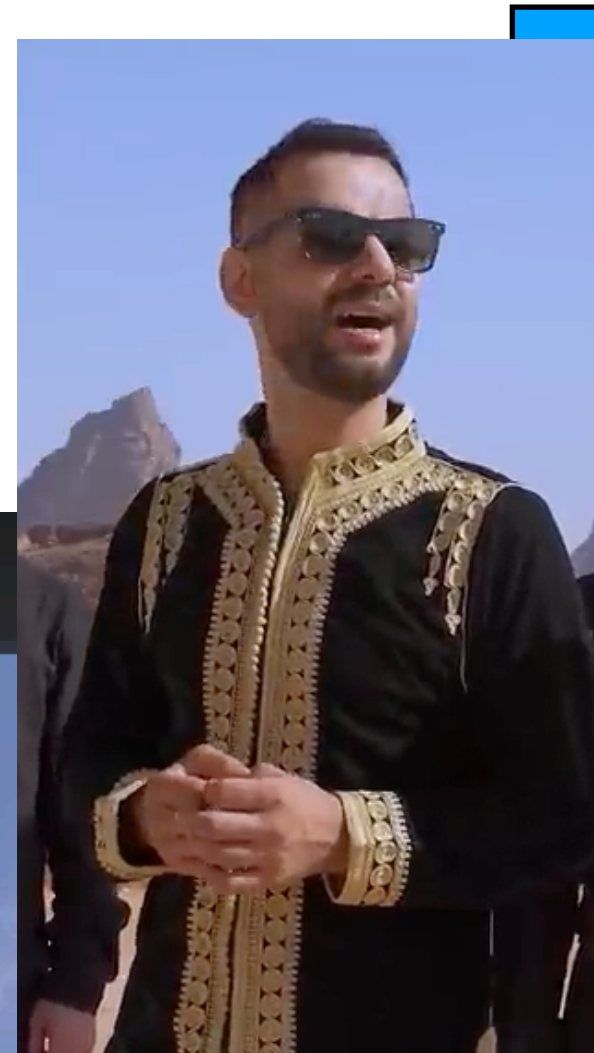
Ambassador Salazar and his family have farmed along the banks of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico and Colorado for more than four centuries.

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AIAA Houston Section History Technical Committee Chair-Douglas Yazell

“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”

History



769,463 views Premiered Nov 23, 2023  
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**Playing For Change has partnered with COP28 [UAE], the United Nations Climate Change Conference**, to bring together talents and voices from diverse corners of the globe, in the awe-inspiring Song Around The World, "Waiting on the World to Change." This remarkable musical endeavor aims to champion the causes of climate change and humanity, fostering a sense of global unity and encouraging action for a better future.  
**"Waiting on the World to Change"** Song Around The World, is a poignant anthem, featuring 100 musicians and dancers from 18 countries, collaborating to shine a spotlight on the critical issue of climate change and inspire individuals, communities, and leaders to take meaningful steps towards a sustainable future, while emphasizing the importance of humanity and coming together to support one another.  
 "The time is now; to unite as a human race. Together we can change the world." – Mark Johnson (Playing For Change Co-Founder)  
**Written by John Mayer**  
 Special thank you to The Fridge Entertainment for their artist support in the United Arab Emirates and Rebal Alkhodari and Eduardo Serrano for their support with the Amaan Choir in Jordan and Orpheus Choir in Germany.

YouTube



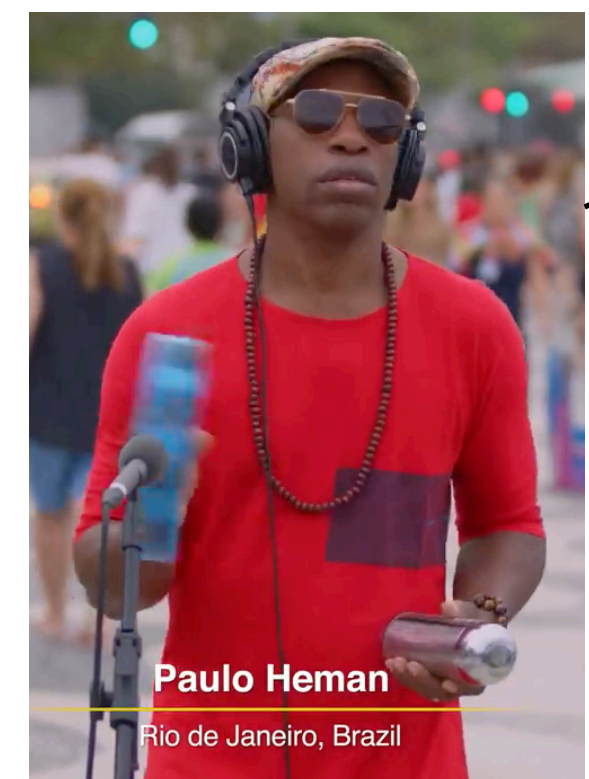
Amaan Choir

Wadi Rum Village, Jordan

- FEATURING**
- Lisbon, Portugal - Acácio Barbosa- Portuguese Guitar
  - Paraty, Brazil - Alana Alberg- Bass
  - Wadi Rum Village, Jordan - Amaan Choir- Vocals
  - Dubai, UAE - Arqam- Vocals
  - Dakar, Senegal - Baaba Maal- Vocals
  - Dakar, Senegal - Baboulaye Sissokho- Kora
  - Toubab Dialaw, Senegal - Domou Grand Dakar- Dancers
  - Havana, Cuba - Gema 4- Vocals
  - Veracruz, Mexico - Gwendolyne Gudiño- Jarana
  - Saitamo, Japan - Hiro Hayashida- Drums
  - Don Hai Sok, Thailand - Isaan Dance Group- Dancers
  - Punjab, India - Jas Ahluwalia- Tablas
  - Lukala, DR Congo - Jason Tamba- Guitar
  - Lanzhou, China - Jie Ma- Pipa
  - Los Angeles, California USA - John Ryan- Vocals
  - Cartagena, Colombia - Julian Mojica- Accordion
  - Punjab, India - Kamaljeet Ahluwalia- Santoor
  - Veracruz, Mexico - Kátsica Mayoral- Percussion
  - Galicia, Spain - Macarena Montesinos- Cello
  - Palenque, Colombia - Manuel Perez Salinas- Güiro
  - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Paulo Heman- Percussion
  - Balneário Camboriú, Brazil - Phill Bitencourt- Guitar
  - Dortmund, Germany - Orpheus Choir- Vocals
  - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Soul de Brasileiro- Vocals
  - La Paz, Mexico - Titi Tsira- Vocals
  - La Paz, Mexico - Tula Ben Ari- Vocals
  - Madrid, Spain - Twanguero- Guitar
  - Dubai, UAE - Yamane El Hage- Vocals



Macarena Montesinos  
Galicia, Spain



Paulo Heman  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Context <https://youtu.be/yTU2J2xnkbg?feature=shared>

Climate change  United Nations  
 Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

Waiting on the World to Change | Song Around The World | Playing For Change

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