

Lions Policy Statement on the Human Environment

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To achieve this environmental goal will demand the acceptance of responsibility by citizens and communities and by enterprises and institutions at every level, all sharing equitably in common efforts. Individuals in all walks of life, as well as organizations in many fields, by their values and the sum of their actions, will shape the world environment of the future. Local and national governments will bear the burden for large-scale environmental policy and action within their jurisdictions. A growing class of environmental problems, because they are regional or global in extent, or because they affect the common international realm, will require extensive cooperation among nations and action by international organizations in the common interest.

Lionism is one of those international organizations that should join efforts for the preservation and improvement of the human environment, for the benefit of all the people for their posterity.

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