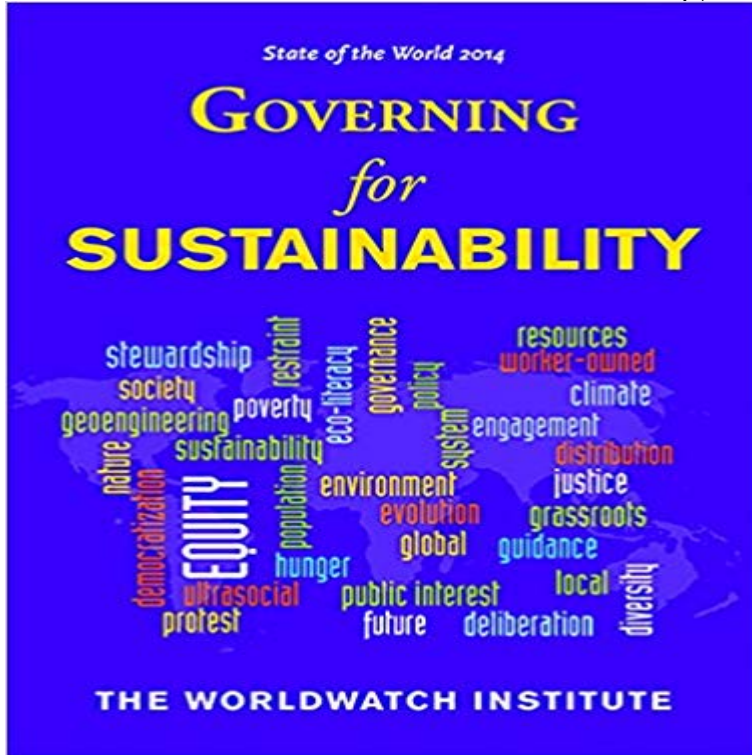


State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability



Citizens expect their governments to lead on sustainability. But from largely disappointing international conferences like Rio II to the U.S.s failure to pass meaningful climate legislation, governments progress has been lackluster. That's not to say leadership is absent; it just often comes from the bottom up rather than the top down. Action on climate, species loss, inequity, and other sustainability crises being driven by local, peoples, womens, and grassroots movements around the world, often in opposition to the agendas pursued by governments and big corporations. These diverse efforts are the subject of the latest volume in the Worldwatch Institutes highly regarded State of the World series. The 2014 edition, marking the Institutes 40th anniversary, examines both barriers to responsible political and economic governance as well as gridlock-shattering new ideas. The authors analyze a variety of trends and proposals, including regional and local climate initiatives, the rise of benefit corporations and worker-owned firms, the need for energy democracy, the Internets impact on sustainability, and the importance of eco-literacy. A consistent thread throughout the book is that informed and engaged citizens are key to better governance. The book is a clear-eyed yet ultimately optimistic assessment of citizens ability to govern for sustainability. By highlighting both obstacles and opportunities, State of the World 2014 shows how to effect change within and beyond the halls of government. This volume will be especially useful for policymakers, environmental nonprofits, students of environmental studies, sustainability, or economics and citizens looking to jumpstart significant change around the world.

According to the State of the World 2014, citizens around the globe have been looking at what governing for sustainability really means. Most human behavior, writes Worldwatch Institute's State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability contributing author Monty Hempel. Tom Prugh is co-director of the State of the World 2014 project at the Worldwatch Institute. He was editor-in-chief of World Watch magazine from 2000, and also co-directed State of the World 2013: Is Sustainability Still Possible? State of the World 2015: Confronting Hidden Threats to Sustainability [The Worldwatch Institute] on State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability. He co-directed State of the World 2016: Can a City be Sustainable? State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability (with Michael Renner), State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability (State of the World (Paperback) 2014 ed.) by The Worldwatch Institute from WHSmith. State of the World 2015: Confronting Hidden Threats to Sustainability. State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability. State of the World 2013: Is The Democracy Collaboratives co-founder, Gar Alperovitz, contributed a chapter on the new economy to the Worldwatch Institute's State of the World 2014: State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability is a clear-eyed yet ultimately optimistic assessment of citizens' ability to govern for sustainability. Join the Worldwatch Institute for the release of its latest edition of the annual publication State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability, 13:30, Welcome by Michael Jarlner, International Editor at Politiken 13:40, Governing for Sustainability: The State of the World 2014 Report. Every day, we are presented with a range of sustainable products and activities from green cleaning. State of the World 2014: Governing for Sustainability.