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Education:

Educated at Westminster School (King's Scholar); and Christ Church, Oxford (Hinchliffe & Hon Scholar); 1st Class Honours Modern History; Gladstone Memorial Exhibitioner

Sir Crispin Tickell is the former Chancellor of the University of Kent and currently serves as Director of the Policy Foresight Programme at the James Martin Institute for Science and Civilization. He is associated with several British and U.S. universities. His main interests are the fields of environment and international affairs.

Most of his career was in the Diplomatic Service. He was Chef de Cabinet to the President of the European Commission (1977-80), Ambassador to Mexico (1981-83), Permanent Secretary of the Overseas Development Administration (now DFID) (1984-87), and British Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1987-90). He then became Warden of Green College, Oxford (1990-97), and Director of the Green College Centre for Environmental Policy and Understanding (1992-2006). He was President of the Royal Geographical Society (1990-93); Chairman of the Board of the Climate Institute of Washington D.C. (1990-2002); President of the Marine Biological Association (1990-2001); Chairman of the International Institute for Environment and Development (1990-94); Chairman of the Government's Advisory Committee on the Darwin Initiative (1992-99); President of the National Society for Clean Air (1997-99); Convenor of the Government Panel on Sustainable Development (1994-2000); a Trustee of the Natural History Museum (1992-2001); Inaugural Senior Visiting Fellow at the Harvard University Center for the Environment (2002-2004); and Advisor At Large to the President of Arizona State University (2004 -present).

He is author of *Climate Change and World Affairs* (1977 and 1986) and *Mary Anning of Lyme Regis* (1996). He has contributed to many books on environmental issues (including human population problems and conservation of biodiversity). He was a member of two Government Task Forces: one on Urban Regeneration, the other on Potentially Hazardous Near Earth Objects. He has received many honors and distinctions. His interests go wide: they range from business and charities to climate, pre-Colombian art and the early history of the Earth.

