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## *Keynote Speaker* Dr. David Suzuki

David Suzuki PhD, Co-Founder of the David Suzuki Foundation, is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. David has received consistently high acclaim for his thirty years of award-winning work in broadcasting, explaining the complexities of science in a compelling, easily understood way.

He is well known to millions as the host of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's popular science television series, *The Nature of Things with David Suzuki*. His eight-part series, *A Planet for the Taking*, won an award from the United Nations.

His eight-part PBS series, *The Secret of Life* was praised internationally, as was his five-part series, *The Brain*, for the Discovery Channel. For CBC Radio he founded the long running radio series *Quirks and Quarks*, and has presented two influential documentary series on the environment, *From Naked Ape to Superspecies* and *It's a Matter of Survival*.

An internationally respected geneticist, David was a full Professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver from 1969 until his retirement in 2001. He is professor emeritus with UBC's Sustainable Development Research Institute. From 1969 to 1972 he was the recipient of the prestigious E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship Award for the "Outstanding Canadian Research Scientist Under the Age of 35".

David has received numerous awards for his work, including a UNESCO prize for science, a United Nations Environment Program medal and is a Companion to the Order of Canada. He has 26 honorary doctorates from universities in Canada, the US and Australia. For his work in support of Canada's First Nations people, David has received many tributes and has been honoured with seven names and formal adoption by two tribes.

David was born in Vancouver, BC in 1936. During World War II, at the age of six, he was interned with his family in a camp in BC. After the war, he went to high school in London, Ontario. He graduated with Honours from Amherst College in 1958 and went on to earn his PhD in Zoology from the University of Chicago in 1961. The author of 52 books, David Suzuki is recognized as a world leader in sustainable ecology.