

Jane Goodall Institute

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY SCRIPT

I am so pleased to have the honor of introducing world-renowned ethologist and conservationist, Dr. Jane Goodall. Over 60 years ago, Jane Goodall first set foot onto the shores of what is today Tanzania's Gombe National Park to begin her pioneering chimpanzee behavioral studies. In the last six decades, this research has transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and the rest of the animal kingdom. Today, Jane's mission has evolved into a quest to empower every individual to make the world a better place for people, other animals, and the planet we share.

In 1977, Dr. Goodall established the Jane Goodall Institute, a global leader in chimpanzee and habitat protection through Jane's innovative community-led 'Tacare' conservation approach. JGI operates through 24 global offices supporting groundbreaking science at Gombe, the home of the world's longest running wild chimpanzee study. In addition, JGI leads the way in trailblazing science-driven programs, advocacy, animal welfare at its sanctuaries and beyond, as well as youth empowerment through Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots program now in over 60 countries worldwide. Roots & Shoots celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Goodall had been traveling nearly 300 days a year on a perpetual world speaking tour. In response to pandemic related travel restrictions, Jane and JGI created 'Virtual Jane' - a way to connect with audiences virtually from her family home in Bournemouth, England, where she grew up, through remote lectures, media interviews, countless recordings, and her popular podcast, the "Jane Goodall Hopecast."

Jane is a United Nations Messenger of Peace and Dame of the British Empire. Her many awards and honors are simply too numerous to list, most recently becoming the 2021 Templeton Prize Laureate. A prolific author, Jane's newest book, "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times," was recently published during the fall of 2021. It brings me great pleasure to welcome to the virtual stage a true global icon, Dr. Jane Goodall.